

# Mercer County Connection

## Notary Public Service

**Mercer County Connection** ("Connection") offers Notary Public Services for the benefit of the residents of Mercer County. The following guidelines will be followed in the provision of Notary Service:

- Notaries are available **Monday through Friday** during the Connection's hours of operation. Notary service is not available one hour or (60) minutes prior to the time of closing.
- Customers seeking Notary service must call the Connection prior to their visit to ensure that a Notary is available.
- Notary service is provided on a first-come, first served basis.
- Valid photo identification is required of any customer seeking Notary service.
- Notary service is limited to three documents per person, per visit.
- The Connection will not provide witnesses and witnesses may not be solicited from customers using the Connection. In order to serve as a witness, the witness must personally know the person whose document is being notarized and must be in possession of valid photo identification.
- New Jersey law requires that a Notary must be able to read the documents to be notarized. Connection Notaries cannot notarize documents written in languages unfamiliar to them.
- New Jersey law requires that a Notary and the customer seeking notarization must be able to communicate directly with each other. Connection Notaries are not permitted to make use of a translator to communicate with a Notary service customer.
- **Notary service is not available** for uncontested Divorce, Real Estate, Mortgage documents, Form I-9, (POA) Power of Attorney, Deeds, Wills, Living Wills, Living Trusts, Codicils, or Depositions, as these types of documents can require technical or legal knowledge and is beyond the scope of this free service.
- Although the notary cannot attest to true copies of passports, driver's licenses, etc., the notary will issue a notarized Affidavit of True Copy which places the responsibility on the person making the copy. Please be aware should you require a true copy of a birth, death, or marriage certificate with a raised seal, these official copies must come from the appropriate agency.
- In accordance with New Jersey Notarial Law, Notaries will not provide service if the customer, document or circumstances of the request for Notary service raises any issue of authenticity, ambiguity, doubt or uncertainty for the Connection. In this event, the Connection Notary may, at his/her sole discretion, decline to provide Notary Service.
- If you are seeking Notary Service in languages other than English, or for more complex documents, these websites may be helpful to you:

<http://www.themobilenotary.com/>

<http://www.notaryrotary.com/default.asp>

<http://www.usanotaries.com/notarystates.html>