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Altura Plaza Driver's License Office will close permanently Nov. 30 *Closure will free up employees to serve growing demands at County's busiest motor vehicle office*

LITTLETON, CO— The limited-service driver's license office at Arapahoe County Altura Plaza, 15400 E. 14th Place in Aurora will permanently close Nov. 30.

After this date, citizens can continue to access driver's license and ID card services in Aurora at the Colorado Department of Revenue's full-service office at 14391 E. 4th Ave., located just two miles southwest.

The Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder's Office has operated the limited-service driver's license office at Altura Plaza on a voluntary basis on behalf of the State since 2010. This office served approximately 60 citizens per day with driver's license renewals, ID cards and motor vehicle records. The County will close this location in order to free up its four employees to help meet the growing demand for motor vehicle title and registration services at its Aurora Motor Vehicle Office at 490 S. Chambers Road. This move will increase the Aurora branch workforce from 26 to 30 employees.

"Arapahoe County is experiencing record-high car registrations and renewals in a strong economy," said Clerk and Recorder Matt Crane. "By law, our top priority is to help County residents title and register their vehicles, whereas driver's license services are an optional service. Therefore, we made the difficult decision to close our Altura Plaza driver's license office and focus our limited resources at our Aurora Branch Office, where we hope to reduce wait times and improve service levels for our citizens."

Arapahoe County's Motor Vehicle Division processed 85,000 more transactions than any other Colorado county in 2014, and is on-target to pass this mark in 2015. Similar growth is expected in 2016. The Clerk and Recorder's Office has requested 12 new Motor Vehicle positions in the 2016 budget process overseen by the Board of County Commissioners, but early projections show that only three positions will be funded.

This Aurora Branch office will not offer driver's license services; however, the Clerk and Recorder's Office will continue to offer limited driver's license and ID card services at its Littleton and Centennial branches. Arapahoe is one of just two metro-area counties that offers these services on behalf of the State.

Citizens are encouraged to renew their driver's license, ID card online and motor vehicle registration online at www.arapahoegov.com/dmv. By renewing online, you can save time and avoid a wait in line, and your documents will arrive by mail. For more information on the County's motor vehicle and limited driver's license services, please call 303-795-4500 or visit the website.

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