

Lewiston Consolidates Operations for More User-Friendly Service

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The City of Lewiston is consolidating payment functions at Lewiston City Hall, 27 Pine Street, and as of June 17, 2011, all operations will be a "go." Payments formerly made at Lewiston Public Works will no longer be able to be made there.

To provide one-stop-shopping convenience, a variety of city-related payments may now be made on the second floor of City Hall. Water/sewer/stormwater payments; tax payments; and vehicle, boat, ATV, and snowmobile registrations will all be possible at the Treasurer's Office, second floor of City Hall. As an alternative to waiting in line, a drop box for city-related payments has been installed on that floor, and residents may drop off either a check or submit their credit card information. To apply for, receive, and pay for excavation and occupancy permits, residents may go to the Auditor's Office, also on the second floor of City Hall. A drop box for city-related payments has also been installed by the Park Street entrance of City Hall.

Deputy City Administrator Phil Nadeau notes, ***"We are excited about having a central location to effectively handle the city's payment functions, and we believe this location is a user-friendly site for residents to tend to their business. For those who don't wish to come to City Hall, some online services are also available."***

Indeed, online services for vehicle registration renewals (up to 12,000 pounds) are possible online at www.sosonline.org. Renewals can also be done at that online site for trailers, motorcycles, camper trailers, and motor homes. In order to complete the process online, one will need his/her registration, insurance card, and mileage. Boats, ATVs, and snowmobiles can also be registered online

at www.maine.gov/ifw.

as long as the individual has his/her Maine registration number or serial number.

The City of Lewiston also wishes to inform residents that **due to staff reduction effective July 1, 2011, City Hall will no longer be processing** the completion of private sales on automobiles, trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and trailers; however, **it will continue to process dealer sales for all vehicles**. For private sales, **residents will still need to pay excise tax at the Lewiston Treasurer's Office** and will then need to proceed to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to complete the registration. City Hall will continue to process private sales for the Department of Inland Fisheries, which includes boats, ATV's, and snowmobiles.