

## Birth & Death

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| <b>Certified Copy Birth Certificate</b> | <b>\$23.00</b>  |
| <b>Certified Copy Death Certificate</b> | <b>\$21.00 1<sup>st</sup> + \$4.00/ each additional</b> |

**Birth Records are closed for 75 years from the date of birth.**

Only a qualified applicant can request a birth within 75 years. Records older than 75 years can be obtained by anyone.

**Death Records are closed for 25 years from the date of death.**

Only a qualified applicant can request a death record within the 25 years. Records older than 25 years can be obtained by anyone.

**Who can obtain a Birth or Death Record?**

To obtain a Certified copy of a closed birth or death record you must be **immediate family** to the person on record to be considered a qualified applicant.

A qualified applicant will have to provide proper identification to obtain a certified copy.

**(See the Requirements link on the County Clerk's home page for more information.)**

**Who can we issue Birth and Death Records too?**

Individuals born in Lavaca County and Individuals who died in Lavaca County would have records filed in this office.

The only exception would be **individuals who were born or died in the Yoakum city limits after 1947**. These records are located in the Yoakum City Clerk's office. If you are looking for a record around 1947 it is always best to check with both the Yoakum City Clerk's office and the Lavaca County Clerk's office before making special arrangements.

The remote site access begins in 1926. Anyone needing a birth certificate prior to 1926 must contact the county of birth. Remote access is not available for those having a Delayed Birth Certificate. If you need a birth certificate to obtain a passport, you must contact the vital records office in the county of your birth who will issue a "long form birth certificate".

**How can I request a Certified Copy of a Birth or Death Certificate?**

Certified Copies of a Birth or Death Certificate can be obtained in our office or by printing a mail in application from our website and signing in front of a notary and sending in the proper identification to **Lavaca County Clerk, P.O. Box 326, Hallettsville, TX 77964**

Please make all checks and money orders payable to **LAVACA COUNTY CLERK**.  
**(See the Lavaca County Clerk's Homepage for more forms and helpful links.)**