

## Information Page — Fax Application for Copy of Death Certificate

### General Instructions

- **Do not** use this application to submit your request *by mail*.
- Use this application if you are the spouse, parent or child of the deceased.
- If you are **not** the spouse, parent or child of the deceased, then you must submit with this application a copy of documentation establishing a lawful right or claim (see below).
- Use this application only if the death occurred in New York State *outside* of New York City. **Do not** use this application if the death occurred in any of the five (5) boroughs of New York City.
- **Do not** use this application for *genealogy requests*.
- **Use only your own credit card:** The applicant's address, i.e., the place where the certificate copy will be mailed, *must* match the address on file with the credit card company.
- Print a copy of this application, complete and sign.
- **Fax** application along with a copy of any required documentation to **1-877-854-4607**.  
If you must verify receipt of the fax, please call VitalChek at 1-877-854-4481.

### What is a lawful right or claim?

- If the applicant is not the spouse, parent or child of the decedent, a lawful right or claim must be documented. An example of a lawful right or claim would be a death record needed by the applicant to claim a benefit.
- Documentation would consist of a copy of a court order or an official letter verifying that a copy of the requested death record is required from the applicant in order to process a claim.

**Fees:** If no record is on file, a **No Record Certification** will be issued and the fee is **not** refunded.

- **Priority Handling:** Faxed requests are given priority handling. The \$45.00 per copy fee includes a \$15.00 priority handling fee. The \$11.95 VitalChek processing fee and the optional \$13.00 FedEx return delivery fee are per transaction.
- **Example:** The fee is \$45.00 per copy + \$11.95 VitalChek processing fee + \$13.00 Federal Express return delivery (optional) – Total for one (1) copy is \$69.95; Total for two (2) copies is \$114.95; etc.

**Note:** The FedEx fee for USA mainland delivery is \$13.00. Call VitalChek at 1-877-854-4481 for rates to other destinations.

### Processing Time

Requests submitted by fax are given priority handling and will be processed within two (2) weeks of receipt.

### Completing the Form

- If you are using Acrobat Reader<sup>®</sup> 5.0 (available as a free download from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)) you can fill in the form directly in Acrobat Reader by clicking on the appropriate space and entering the information (use the TAB key to move to the next field, shift-TAB to move backwards). Print the completed form and sign.
- You can print out a blank copy of the form and then **type or print** the required information.
- You must give credit card information and it must be **your own card**.
- The form must be **signed** and faxed along with a copy of the documentation of a lawful right or claim, if required (see above.)

