Notary Information

All notary applications are processed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Please visit their website at http://commonwealth.virginia.gov/official-documents/notary-commissions/ or contact them by telephone at (804)786-2441 for more information. The Fairfax Circuit Court does not accept or process notary applications.

If you have applied with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to obtain your notary commission and you will be picking up your commission at the Fairfax Circuit Court, follow the directions below:

1. Approximately two to three weeks after you have submitted your Application for Appointment as a Notary Public to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, you will receive a letter or email from their office stating that your notary commission has been processed.

2. Upon receipt of this letter, please wait three business days and then call the Fairfax Circuit Court to confirm that we have received your commission. The telephone number is (703) 691-7320 press 3, 4, 0.

3. After receiving this confirmation, come to the Public Service Division of the Fairfax Circuit Court to take your oath and receive your notary commission.

   a. You will be required to present valid photo identification such as a valid driver’s license, passport or military identification. The name on your identification must match the name on your commission.

   b. The fee to obtain your commission is ten dollars ($10.00). Cash, credit card (Visa/MasterCard only with a 4% processing fee) and check made payable to Clerk of the Court are accepted.

   c. The Public Service Division of the Fairfax Circuit Court is located at:

      Fairfax Circuit Court - Public Service Division
      4110 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 116
      Fairfax, Virginia 22030
      Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Note: Virginia notaries are not required to post a bond in order to obtain their commission; however, due to changes made in the civil liability of notaries by the Virginia Notary Act of 1980, notaries may wish to consider liability insurance for their own protection. Notaries who perform notarial duties in connection with their employment should consult their employer to determine whether they are covered or could be covered by the employer’s policy.