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MYRTLE BEACH DMV OFFICE RELOCATING

Myrtle Beach, S.C., August 19, 2004 – The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles will temporarily close its Myrtle Beach office on 21st Avenue to make repairs and expand the facility. The DMV office will be closed on Friday, August 27 and will reopen at a temporary location in the Myrtle Square Mall on Monday, August 30.

The roof of the 21st Avenue office must be replaced due to damage caused by a fire retardant that was used in the original construction. If the roof is not replaced, the damage could threaten the structural integrity of the building.

“We’re replacing the roof to ensure the safety of our employees who work in the building and our customers who conduct business there,” said DMV Executive Director Marcia Adams. “Because we also need to expand the size of the Myrtle Beach office, it makes sense to do them both at once.”

DMV plans to replace the roof and construct a new addition, which will eventually replace the modular unit that is currently located behind the building. The renovation, which should be complete by the spring of 2005, will also include additional counter space and an expansion of the lobby area. Once complete, the office will have two service areas, one for vehicle services and one for driver services.

“Myrtle Beach is a fast growing area and the size of the office prevented us from keeping up with that growth. The modular unit is also an eye sore in this area and we’re glad to have the opportunity to address it. The office expansion will improve our ability to serve our customers and greatly improve the appearance of the office,” said Mrs. Adams.

The temporary office relocation to Myrtle Square Mall should not be a major inconvenience for DMV customers. The mall, which is located at 2501 North Kings Highway, is less than one mile from the DMV office on 21st Avenue. Although the square footage of the mall location is less than that of the current location, the temporary office will have nine service windows and adequate space for customers.

Employees in the Myrtle Beach office are ready to make the move. Working back and forth between the current building and the modular has been difficult for employees.

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“I’m excited about the plans,” said Cynthia Brown, Myrtle Beach Office Assistant Manager. “The renovation will really help us improve the way we do business in our office. The additional space will help us accommodate our customers more efficiently and more comfortably. We are all looking forward to the change.”

Signs regarding the temporary office move will be posted in both office locations to remind customers of the change. The Myrtle Square Mall location will offer the same services that are currently available at the 21st Avenue location, with the exception of motorcycle driving tests. During the transition, customers who wish to take the motorcycle skills test should visit the DMV offices in Conway, Georgetown or Marion.

DMV customers also have to option of processing many transactions online at the DMV website www.scdmvonline.com.

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