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Tax Collector Relocating North Tampa office

Tampa, FL (July 26, 2011) – The Hillsborough County Tax Collector’s North Tampa office will soon have a new home.

The Tax Collector’s Office will close its office at the corner of Busch Boulevard and Florida Avenue in the Floriland Business Center at noon on Thursday, July 28, and relocate to a new space just off 30th Street behind Busch Gardens. The new office, located at 3011 University Center Drive, will open at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 3.

Customers who need Tax Collector services during those days can visit any of the agency’s six other offices. These offices’ hours and locations are on the web at www.hillstax.org. Customers can also call the agency at 813-635-5200.

Tax Collector Doug Belden said the move will mean more parking and customer service counters to serve the public. But the relocation is also due to 2010 law passed by the Florida Legislature that mandated the closing of most State Department of Motor Vehicles offices statewide in the coming years.

Belden said county Tax Collector offices will assume many of those duties as the state offices close. Those responsibilities include issuing driver licenses, which requires more space for the equipment and testing, Belden said.

“While we have issued driver licenses in three of our offices for some time now, our customers will eventually be able to get driver licenses in most, if not all, of our offices,” Belden said.

The Hillsborough Tax Collector has offered driver license services at its Brandon, West County and South County offices for several years. It recently added driver license services at Plant City this past spring and plans to offer it at the new North Tampa office this fall.