What will be on the card?

The card would include basic identifying information, such as:

- photograph
- name (legal and/or preferred if they differ)
- address
- date of birth
- physical descriptors
- and signature of the cardholder

The card also has potential to include emergency contact and medical information.

In order for our community to have the option of Municipal IDs we need public support. Please contact your local representative and demand Community IDs as an alternative form of identification that can benefit the whole community.

For complete information please visit our Facebook at Border Network for Human Rights or our website at bnhr.org

Who We Are

About Us

The Border Network for Human Rights (BNHR) is one of the leading immigration border reform and human rights advocacy organizations in the United States. Based in El Paso, Texas, BNHR has a membership of more than 700 families, approximately 4,000 individuals through West Texas and Southern New Mexico. It also helps organize other civic-minded groups along the border and is the force behind the Texas-wide Reform Immigration for Texas Alliance.

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Information on Community IDs

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What is a Municipal ID?

A municipal ID is an alternative form of photo identification card aimed to help those marginalized in our community for being homeless, undocumented, transgender, disabled, and others who cannot obtain proper identification.

It is important to note that this card does not grant undocumented persons citizenship. This ID is a form of valid picture identification that can be presented and accepted by local law enforcement.

I am not homeless or undocumented, can I use the card? What are my benefits?

Yes! All El Pasoans can and are encouraged to use the cards. By getting support from the public and local businesses the cards can be used as a Sun Metro card, a library card, receive discounts from local businesses, and other benefits we are currently working on. The more people that use the card the more benefits there will be.

How much will it cost and when do I have to renew it?

A DPS issued Texas State ID card cost is $21. We estimate that the ID cards will cost about as much, or less, depending on how many people use the cards. Other cities with Community IDs have renewals every 3 to 5 years.

What is the age limit?

As local governments workout the Community ID program details they will set the age limit. New Haven’s age limit is currently 14 and over and San Francisco has a 16 and over age limit.

Do other cities have Community/Municipal IDs?

Yes, other cities with IDs include, New Haven, New York City, San Francisco, Oakland, Richmond, CA, and in the past year Newark, NJ and Hartford, CT.

Why are Municipal IDs important in our community?

Identifying one’s self is vitally important in our society. Without proper identification people face barriers using basic services many of us with identification take for granted. This includes but is not limited to:

- requesting legal records such as birth certificates
- picking up your child from school,
- using library services
- receiving help from a clinic or hospital
- calling emergency services (many people without identification fear reporting crimes)
- cashing checks
- opening a bank account and safely saving money
- Visiting persons in jail
- Using public transportation
- Setting up utility services
- Identifying yourself to law enforcement without fearing deportation or arrest, etc.