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AP item about Real ID and Enhanced Drivers Licenses is incomplete

Broome County Clerk Joseph Mihalko is alerting all local media outlets to be aware of a recent Associated Press item concerning Real ID and Enhanced Drivers Licenses.

The Broome County DMV staff feels that the last paragraph of the recent AP item is misleading and incomplete in its wording, specifically: *"The cost to get a Real ID is the same as a standard license or non-driver ID, but an Enhanced license costs an extra \$30 and requires an office visit to prove your identity."*

The Broome County DMV staff instead feels that it is important to communicate that:

- 1) Both a Real ID and Enhanced Driver's License require an office visit to prove your identity. That may not be clear given the wording of the AP item.
- 2) There is no additional charge for a Real ID if it is done at the time of standard renewal. If done outside of the renewal cycle, there is a cost for a Real ID. Outside the renewal cycle, a Real ID would be \$12.50 and an Enhanced Drivers License is \$42.50.

We would respectfully ask if, as a service to the public, that sentence in the AP story could be reworded as a correction or clarification by any local media outlets to offer more complete information. Local media are welcome to source the Broome County Clerk's Office as a citation for any corrections or clarifications to the AP item.

Our office understands that there are a lot of complexities with the multiple options of a standard driver's license, the Real ID, and the Enhanced Driver's License. That's why the Broome County Clerk's Office has developed a short instructional video about the three choices. The video is posted on our official Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/BroomeCountyClerk/> and on our homepage, <http://www.gobroomecounty.com/clerk>. All local media outlets are welcome to share that instructional video.

Broome County Clerk Joe Mihalko would be happy to make himself and his staff available to any local media outlet to discuss this topic in detail, in order to best educate local residents.

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