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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### ***Clerk's payment kiosk now available in Largo Tax Collector's Office***

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – August 7, 2007 -Largo, Florida** - The collaboration of two Pinellas County Constitutional Officers has resulted in a one-stop “shopping” kiosk for traffic offenders, Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court, and Diane Nelson, Tax Collector, announced today.

As part of a pilot program initiated by the Clerk's Office, one of the Clerk's payment kiosks has been placed at the Mid County Tax Collector's Office, located at 13025 Starkey Road, Largo, Florida. Now, Tax Collector customers may pay fines using their debit or credit card or by using their checking account numbers to pay by electronic check, according to Burke and Nelson.

“Customers often come into [the Tax Collector's] office to reinstate their driver's license without realizing they have outstanding tickets that must be paid to the Clerk's Office before they can do so,” said Diane Nelson. “When that happens, they have to leave our office, go to the Clerk's to pay their fines and get their D6 [driver's license reinstatement] clearance, then come back to our office to get their license reinstated.”

The Clerk's Office had the kiosk reprogrammed for use in the Tax Collector's Office. Customers can both pay fines and print out any necessary paperwork, such as a driver's license clearance, according to Burke.

“We have many options to enable customers more convenient ways to pay their fines. But, these methods of payment do not help customers if they are already at the Tax Collector's Office when they realize they need to make payments to the Clerk's Office, said Burke. The automated phone line and online payment options are great if they are used prior to coming into the Tax Collector's Office to get a driver's license reinstated.”

Although the telephone, mail, drop box and internet options are available around the clock, seven-days-a-week, Burke cautions that you cannot print out a D6 clearance using these options. Customers will still need to come into or contact the Clerk's Office to obtain official copies.

The Clerk's kiosk in the Tax Collector's Starkey Road office may also be used to make payments of fines for misdemeanor and felony cases, municipal and county ordinances, and boating and traffic citations.

The payment is processed by Link2Gov Corporation, the same company that processes the Clerk's online and telephone-automated citation payments. Link2Gov's standard 3.5% service fee

applies at the kiosks. The payments are processed within 24 hours using any of the alternatives, according to Burke.

For information about this or other Clerk's Office and/or Tax Collector's Office services, visit the websites at [www.pinellasclerk.org](http://www.pinellasclerk.org) or [www.taxcollect.com](http://www.taxcollect.com).

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### **ABOUT THE CLERK'S OFFICE**

The Clerk of the Circuit Court was established as a public trustee by the Florida Constitution in 1838. The Clerk of the Circuit Court serves as the Clerk of Courts, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Auditor, Recorder and Custodian of all County Funds.