



Friday, July 7, 2006

Greetings,

REGIS began operating its Data Distribution Center in 2002 and since this time, we have not been able to offer many changes to our distribution process. Today we are happy to announce that many more data layers will be available starting Monday July 10 through the REGIS Data Distribution Center. These include:

- Historic Orthophotography (county wide data collected between 1998 and 2000)
- Subdivisions & Plats
- Soils
- Zoning
- Planned Land Use
- Existing Land Use 1991 and 2003
- School Districts (with parcel level accuracy)

We have also re-evaluated our pricing structure. Again we are happy to announce that **no data layers have gone up in price**. Rather, many layers have come down in price, including high volume orders. It is our hope that this will make the data more accessible. You will also notice that most layers have a minimum unit or dollar amount.

We have made changes to the fees associated with a data purchase. In the past, REGIS staff has always "simplified" our processing charge down to 1 hour for small orders and at most 2 hours for large orders. We did this to benefit you the customer. However, beginning July 10, we will track our time spent by the quarter hour. However, please note that we have dropped the minimum processing charge from \$60 to \$45. Additionally, we will be charging \$15 for every custom boundary. REGIS staff spends a significant amount of time interpreting and creating custom boundaries for most data orders. Custom orders, by definition, are not something we can prepare for in advance as we can with data sold by the PLSS (Public Land Survey System) square mile.

Many of you have been taking advantage of REGIS' FTP site to collect your data. This is a quick and convenient way to distribute data and now we are making it official! If you order data on a regular basis, please talk to someone on the REGIS staff about setting up your own secure account by which to collect your data.

Finally, please note that we have also made it official that REGIS has seven (7) business days to "turn around" a data request. With that said, REGIS staff works diligently to get your data out as quickly as possible. Many times you will get your data within a few days and rarely do we take the full seven business days. However, please try to keep this in mind as you plan. As always, REGIS does offer a RUSH request in which your request will be turned around within one business day.

The REGIS Agency has worked hard to keep the changes to our Data Distribution Center positive for you. REGIS is a not for profit organization. These changes will help insure accuracy of the data and system we maintain. Please visit our website soon at www.gvmc-regis.org for more information on the Data Distribution Center (Changes on the website should be available no later than the 10th). You can also use our website to link to our Public Internet Mapping Service where much of this data is available. You can view and query the data layers anywhere in the REGIS area (Kent and Eastern Ottawa counties).

Attached is the revised Fee Schedule and Ordering Procedures as well as a PDF copy of this message. You will find all of these also at our website, www.gvmc-regis.org. **Please replace your old, outdated form with this new form and begin using it Monday, July 10.**

Thank you again for you patronage and as always feel free to ask us if you have any questions.