

REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A MARRIAGE LICENSE

- 1 The Marriage license **must be purchased at least 72 hours before the wedding date**, but **no more than 90 days before**. The license expires at the end of the 90 day period immediately following the date the license is issued. (Active Duty Military Personnel are exempt from the 72 hour waiting period)
- 2 Both Applicants shall appear together before the County Clerk.
- 3 Both parties must appear together and submit a valid proof of age and identity: Driver's License State ID Passport Military ID. Almost any picture ID issued by the U.S. Government or any other government will suffice. As long as the correct name and date of birth are shown on the document. **(The Mexican Matricula will NOT be accepted)**
- 4 If an applicant is 17 or under, but no younger than 16, he/she must have parental consent. If parents are divorced a court document is required showing custody, managing conservatorship or legal guardianship. If minor has had a previous marriage parental consent is not needed, but they must provide documents establishing that a prior marriage has been dissolved.
- 5 Each applicant must provide their Social Security number. (only if the applicant has never been issued a number will the information be left blank)
- 6 Applicants cannot be related to each other as ancestor or descendant, by blood or adoption; a brother or sister, of the whole or half blood or by adoption; a parent's brother or sister of the whole or half blood or by adoption; a son or daughter of a brother or sister of the whole or half blood or by adoption. No blood test is required.
- 7 If either party has been divorced from another person within the last 30 days, then a certified copy of the divorce decree must be presented to show the 30 day waiting period has been waived.
8. The fee is **\$72.00** cash, check, or money order.

Couples who participate in premarital counseling through a certified Texas Health and Human Services Commission provider called Twogether in Texas must present their certificate of course completion at the time they apply for the marriage license; the certificate must be used within 1 year of issuance. The cost of the Marriage License to applicants who have attended the above motioned counseling is \$12.00 and the 72 hour waiting period is waived. **PLEASE ALLOW APROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES FOR ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE**

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HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY – FRIDAY
8:00AM – 4:00PM