

REQUIREMENTS FOR  
MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION  
IN KALKASKA COUNTY

TO RECEIVE A MARRIAGE LICENSE IN KALKASKA COUNTY YOU WILL NEED TO SUPPLY THE COUNTY CLERK WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION:

1. **Certified Birth Certificate** of both applicants – these may be obtained from the county in which you were born, or from the state Office of Vital Records in the state where you were born. This will have a raised seal. The hospital certificate with the footprints or the hospital seal IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.
2. Copy of **driver's license** of both applicants.
3. You will need to know your **parents' full name, middle name included, and the state where they were born.**
4. If there are prior marriages, you will need to provide a copy of the **divorce judgment(s) or death record.**
5. **Social Security numbers** of both applicants are needed.
6. There is a **\$20.00 fee** at the time of application.
7. At least one of the applicants shall be a resident of Kalkaska County in order to apply for license in Kalkaska County. If both parties are **out-of-county** residents, they will have to apply in their county of residence. If both parties are **out-of- state** residents, applicants can apply in Kalkaska County as long as the marriage will be performed in Kalkaska County. There then would be a \$30 application fee.
8. There is a **three (3) day waiting period** after the application. This does not include the day you apply. The license is **valid 30 days** following the 3-day period. (If waiver of the 3-day waiting period is requested, there than would be a \$100 additional fee).
9. Only one of the applicants is required to pick up the license at the County Clerk's Office. The applicant is required to have the information for both parties to be able to proof the license before it is released from the County Clerk's Office.

# GETTING MARRIED IN MICHIGAN? WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW....

## Who can marry....

To be able to marry you must not be married to someone else. (MCL 551.105) *If you have been married before, you may be asked to document that the earlier marriage has ended due to death or divorce.*

To obtain a Michigan marriage license the couple must be 18 years of age or older and be able to enter into legal contracts. (MCL 551.103)

If 16 or 17 years of age, a person can apply for a license but must have parental consent or consent of their legal guardian to marry. If custody of a person applying for a license under the age of 18 has been awarded by the court, the consent must be from a custodial parent. (MCL 551.51 and 551.103)

## Where to apply and where to marry....

If either of the couple are Michigan residents, they must apply with the county clerk where one or both have legal residence. Once the license is issued, Michigan residents can marry anywhere in the state. (MCL 555.101)

If neither of the couple lives in Michigan, they must apply with the county clerk where the marriage ceremony is to be performed. Once issued, the license can be used only in the issuing county. (MCL 551.101)

*In either case, a Michigan license is not valid outside the state of Michigan.*

## Who can you marry....

There are restrictions on who someone can marry. (MCL 551.3 and 551.4)

A man cannot marry his mother, sister, grandmother, daughter, granddaughter, stepmother, grandfather's wife, son's wife, grandson's wife, wife's mother, wife's grandmother, wife's daughter, wife's granddaughter, brother's daughter, sister's daughter, father's sister, mother's sister, or cousin of the first degree.

A woman cannot marry her father, brother, grandfather, son, grandson, stepfather, grandmother's husband, daughter's husband, granddaughter's husband, husband's father, husband's grandfather, husband's son, husband's grandson, brother's son, sister's son, father's brother, mother's brother, or cousin of the first degree.

## The three day waiting period....

Generally, a marriage license is not issued for a period of three days from the date of the application. Applicants can, however, request a waiver of the three day waiting period from the clerk issuing the license. (MCL 551.103a)

## Special notice of perjury....

*Note that the application for a marriage license is a sworn affidavit. Making false statements in the marriage license affidavit is an act of perjury which is a prosecutable offense. (MCL 551.108)*

# AFFIDAVIT FOR LICENSE TO MARRY

No. \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MICHIGAN

County of \_\_\_\_\_

The Undersigned, being duly sworn, depose(s) and say(s) that:

and

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FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)  MALE  FEMALE

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FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)  MALE  FEMALE

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SURNAME ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE, IF DIFFERENT

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PRESENT AGE                      DATE OF BIRTH

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BIRTHPLACE - CITY AND STATE

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intend to marry and that this affidavit is made for the purpose of obtaining a marriage license; that each of the above-named persons is of age required by law, is not related to the other within the degree prohibited by statute and is of sufficient mental capacity to contract marriage; that said persons are acquainted with the laws of the State of Michigan relative to marriage; that there is no legal impediment to said marriage; and that to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned all of the foregoing statements are true.

Educational materials regarding prenatal care and the transmission and prevention of venereal disease and HIV infection as well as information on the availability of tests for these diseases have been received.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed to before me:  the County Clerk:  a Notary Public of \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
acting in \_\_\_\_\_ County, and whose commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_;  
or  other person authorized to administer oaths, and sworn to on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_