

Marriage License Information

Both parties must personally appear at the County Recorder's office together. Social security numbers and original signatures are required from both parties.

There is no longer a waiting period for a marriage license. The marriage license is valid for only 30 days from the date of issuance and can be used anywhere in the state of Missouri, except Clayton and St. Louis City. Civil ceremony licenses need to be purchased through their office.

The applicants are responsible for delivering the license to the person who solemnizes your marriage. The Officiate must complete the license, have two witnesses sign it (18 yrs of age or older), and return it to the County Recorder's Office within fifteen days from the ceremony. The license is then recorded, scanned for preservation and remains on file permanently in the County Recorder's office.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age to obtain a license without parental consent, proof of age may be requested.
- Applicants at least 15 years of age may obtain a license with the consent of their custodial parents at the time of application.
- Previously married applicants must provide the date their last marriage ended.
- Blood tests are not required.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Standard License	\$51.00	Cash at time of application and of legal age
Underage	\$1.00	Per parental consenting signature in addition to standard fee
Certificate Copy	\$2.00	Genealogy or Keepsake
Certified Copy	\$9.00 w/ sase* or walk-in pick up \$9.45 with out sase*	As required for name change on Social Security, Drivers license, etc. Payable by cash or check. Applicants may obtain their certified copy after the marriage ceremony by returning to our office or requesting through the mail.

***Self-address stamped envelope = sase**

State Statue 451.22 states that it is the public policy of this state to recognize marriage only between a man and a woman, any purported marriage not between a man and a woman is invalid. No recorder shall issue a marriage license, except to a man and a woman. A marriage between persons of the same sex will not be recognized for any purpose in this state even when valid where contracted.