



City of Saint Louis
Recorder of Deeds &

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Marriage License Department
Room 127, City Hall, 1200 Market Street
Saint Louis, Missouri 63103
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Same Day Application and License Issuance

Apply for a Marriage License 

at Historic St. Louis City Hall

Don't forget to bring a camera! Add Marriage License Application Day photos to your Wedding Album.

More Marriage License Information @ www.stlouiscityrecorder.org

| Bride and Groom Requirements | |
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| Minimum Age | 18 years of age |
| Proof of Identity | Government-issued Driver's License, State ID Card, Passport |
| Blood Relatives | Prohibited in Missouri, up to and including First Cousins |
| Same Sex Couples | Prohibited in Missouri, Must Be Opposite Sex Couple |
| Divorce Waiting Period | Must Wait 30 Days After Divorce Finalized Before Applying |
| Divorce Information | Must Provide Date of Divorce for Marriage Application |
| Widow/Widower Information | Must Provide Date of Previous Spouse's Death for Marriage Application |
| Marriage Application Requirements | |
| Marriage Application Fee | \$48 Cash Only Nonrefundable ATMs available at City Hall in Room 104 and Room 109 |
| Application Appointment | Not Required in Missouri |
| Blood Test | Not Required in Missouri |
| Missouri Residency | Not Required in Missouri (except county residency for some circuit court civil ceremonies) |
| St. Louis Residency | Not Required (except bride or groom must be City resident for free courthouse civil ceremony) |
| Waiting Period | None in Missouri |

| How Do We Apply? | |
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| • When and Where? | 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Except Holidays and Furlough Days Marriage License Dept., St. Louis Recorder and Registrar, City Hall, Room 127, 1200 Market Street |
| • Couple Must Apply Together | at City Hall Marriage License Office, Marriage by Proxy Prohibited in Missouri |
| • Bring \$48 Cash Nonrefundable Application Fee and Proof of Identity | |
| • Marriage License Clerk will enter Application information on computer | |
| • Couple will pay Application Fee to Recorder and Registrar Cashier in Room 126 and be issued receipts | |
| • Couple will give yellow receipt to Marriage License Clerk | |
| • Couple will inspect and verify Application information | |
| • Marriage License Clerk will make changes to Application if needed | |
| • Couple will sign Application by taking Oath | |

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| When is the Marriage License Issued? | After the Application is completed, you may leave with the License or you may wait and pick up the License later, but no later than 6 months because there is a 6 Month Application Expiration |
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| License Use Requirements | |
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| Ceremony Must Be In Missouri | A Missouri Marriage License must be used for a marriage ceremony in Missouri, in any Missouri county, including St. Louis City |
| 30 Days License Expiration | From the time you pick up your Marriage License, you have 30 days to use the License in a marriage ceremony in Missouri |
| Marriage by Proxy Prohibited | The Couple must appear together at the ceremony |
| How many Witnesses for License? | Two Witnesses to the Ceremony must sign the License |
| Who May Perform Ceremony? | Ceremony must be performed in Missouri and officiated by a U.S. citizen who is a clergy in good standing with a Missouri congregation, or a judge of a court of record, or as otherwise set forth in Missouri Statute. |
| Clergy or Judge Must | Complete License, Sign it, Return it to Marriage License Dept within 15 Days |
| Unused License | Must be returned to Marriage License Office |

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| Free Courthouse Civil Ceremonies | St. Louis City 314.622.3554 (bride or groom must be St. Louis City resident) St. Louis County 314.615.2666 (requires St. Louis County-issued License) |
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| Marriage License Copy | \$12 from Marriage License Department, St. Louis City Recorder and Registrar |
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