



Marriage License Department
Room 127, City Hall, 1200 Market Street
Saint Louis, Missouri 63103
314.622.3257 - marriage@stlouis-mo.gov

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

Applicant Requirements	
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
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?	
• 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	

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	
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

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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