

Marriage License Application Requirements

Both Parties must appear together

- Visit our office **together** to apply for a marriage license.
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Present a valid, government-issued picture ID and provide Social Security number.
- Pay fee of **\$60.00** * cash or credit/debit card** (**+\$2 convenience charge for use of credit/debit card) at the time of application.
- Provide name and phone number of the person performing the ceremony.
- Give the license to the person performing the ceremony **before the wedding**.
- Have a ceremony performed within 30 days from the date of issuance in the State of Missouri
- NOT be related to each other through and including first cousins.

If either party is younger than 18, a custodial parent/legal guardian must be present to give consent to the application. * \$2.00 additional fee to be paid at the time of application for each parental consent. Missouri law prohibits marriage licenses from being issued if either party is younger than **16**. Missouri law bars the marriage of individuals **21 or older to anyone younger than 18**.

Unused Marriage License

If the license is not used, the marriage license must be returned to the Recorder's office. If the marriage license is lost or destroyed the parties must sign an affidavit.

Return and Record of Marriage

The person performing the ceremony is required by law to return the completed license to the Pettis County Recorder of Deeds office within 15 days of the ceremony.

*A birth certificate or court document naming the custodial parent or legal guardian must be presented at the time application is made.