

MACKINAC COUNTY CLERK

100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781

Phone: (906) 643-7300 Fax: (906) 643-7302

Office hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm with the exception of holidays

Instructions

Fee(s): Mackinac County residents \$20.00

Out of state residents \$30.00

3-day waiver fee \$25.00 *if available

Requirements

- Must be a resident of Mackinac County or an out of state resident. If you are a Michigan resident you must apply in the county you are a resident in.
- Must be 18 years of age or older. Minors 17 years and under must have a parent or guardian consent by signing a notarized affidavit.
- Affidavit must be signed in the presence of a Notary Public.
- There is a 3-day waiting period from the date you have your affidavit notarized (or received) until the license can be issued.
- After your affidavit is notarized, you have 33 days from the date of notarization to be married. **Please wait until you are within 33 days of your marriage date to have your affidavit notarized.**
- **One** of the Marriage applicants must appear in person to file the affidavit or to pick up the marriage license.

Documents needed

- All Applicants must provide a **VALID** Driver's License or State Identification as proof of residency.

AND

- Copy of birth certificate issued by the city, county or state, birth registration/hospital certificate or a Letter of NO RECORD from State of Birth. Must contain parent's full names.
- Unacceptable records Baptismal, military or school records
 - Census reports
 - Hospital birth certificates
 - Any altered documents

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

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 551.101)

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, **the use of a Michigan License is not valid outside the State of Michigan.***

Who can marry....

To be able to marry you must not be married to someone else. (MCL 551.5) *If you have been married before, you may be asked to document that the earlier marriage has ended due to death, divorce or annulment.*

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)

As proof of age, the person who intends to be married, in addition to the statement of age in the application, when requested by the county clerk, shall submit a birth certificate or other proof of age.

Who can you marry....

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

An individual shall not marry the individual's parent, sibling, grandparent, child, grandchild, stepparent, grandparent's spouse, child's spouse, grandchild's spouse, spouse's parent, spouse's grandparent, spouse's child, spouse's grandchild, sibling's child, parent's sibling, 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)

How to sign your name on the marriage license....

Please sign your current legal name on the **Affidavit for License to Marry** form.

If you are planning on changing your name after the marriage ceremony, then you may print and sign your full (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) name the way you plan to use it on the **Certificate of Marriage** at the bottom of the document. Certified marriage certificates may be used as evidence of a name change.

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, affirm(s), depose(s) and say(s) that:

COUPLE	_____ and _____	
	FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐ OTHER	

	SURNAME ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE, IF DIFFERENT	
	PRESENT AGE _____	DATE OF BIRTH _____
	BIRTHPLACE – CITY AND STATE (Country, if not USA) _____	
	RESIDENCE NO. _____	STREET _____
	CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE (Country, if not USA) _____	
	RESIDENCE COUNTY _____	TIMES PREVIOUSLY MARRIED _____
	PARENTS	FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) _____
SURNAME AT BIRTH, IF DIFFERENT _____		BIRTHPLACE (State or Country, if not USA) _____
FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) _____		
SURNAME AT BIRTH, IF DIFFERENT _____		BIRTHPLACE (State or Country, if not USA) _____

intend to marry and that this affidavit is made for the purpose of obtaining a marriage license; that each of the above-named persons are of the age of 18 years or older, required by law, are not related to the other within the degree prohibited by statute and are 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 have been received from the county clerk regarding prenatal care and the transmission and prevention of sexually transmitted infection and HIV infection as well as information on the availability of tests for both these diseases.

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 of Authorized Person _____

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Additional Information

If sent by email then you must bring the original Affidavit when you pick up your license.

Email: **JBrown@mackinacounty.net**

If mailing, send to: Mackinac County Clerk, 100 S. Marley St., St. Ignace, MI 49781

*Pick up date: *Required

*Names: *Required

*Required

*Phone: *Required

Email:

Place of Marriage (City & County):

Date of Marriage:

Witnesses full names:

Name Officiant/Certifier:

Address of Officiant/Certifier:

Is either party taking the last name of the other? ☐

If so which name?

***PLEASE NOTE: AFFIDAVITS MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY WITH NO ABBREVIATIONS AND SIGNATURES NOTORIZED, WE WILL NOT ACCEPT INCOMPLETE FORMS OR FORMS WITH OUT THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**