

**APPLYING FOR YOUR
MARRIAGE LICENSE
IN
LIVINGSTON COUNTY**



**LIVINGSTON COUNTY
CLERK'S OFFICE
112 WEST MADISON STREET
P. O. Box 618
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS 61764
815-844-2006**

WHERE TO APPLY

Office of Kristy A. Masching, County Clerk
112 West Madison Street, Pontiac, Illinois,
in the Historic Courthouse.

HOW TO APPLY

Please call the County Clerk's Office for an appointment at 815-844-2006. The County Clerk's Office hours for processing Marriage Licenses are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. A valid form of photo identification **is required**. If you are under 18 years of age, you must present an unaltered birth certificate (see additional requirements below). It will take fifteen to twenty minutes to process your application. After the processing period, both applicants must review the information and provide signatures. Saturday morning appointments are also available.

ON-LINE APPLICATION

The application for marriage or civil union is online at

FEE

The fee for a marriage license is \$50.00, **CASH ONLY**, non-refundable.

AGE REQUIREMENT

In order to be married in Illinois without parental consent, you **MUST** be at least 18 years of age at the time of application. If applicants are 16 or 17 years of age, **BOTH** legal guardians must sign a parental consent form in the County Clerk's office at the time you apply for the license. If guardians are unable to sign before the County Clerk in the county where you are being married, then they may sign before the County Clerk in the county where they reside. If a parent is deceased, a death certificate, proof of guardianship, or court order waiving consent must be presented. By state law, persons under 16 years of age may not be issued a license.

RESTRICTIONS

Blood relatives down to and including first cousins **MAY NOT** marry under the laws of the State of Illinois unless they are both over 50 years of age. A marriage between first cousins may only be issued if either party submits a certificate signed by a physician stating that the party is permanently and irreversibly sterile.

NON-RESIDENTS

Non-Illinois residents **CANNOT** obtain a marriage license if the marriage would be void in the applicants' state.

IMPORTANT

Persons obtaining a marriage license in Livingston County **MAY NOT** use the license in any other county. The license must be obtained at least one day prior to being used and will be valid for 60 days. The ceremony must be performed by a practitioner in a "religious denomination," a judge of the Court of Claims, a public official whose powers include solemnization of marriages, or in accordance with the prescriptions of any religious denomination; Indian Nation or Tribe or Native Group, provided that when such prescriptions require an officiant, the officiant be in good standing with his religious denomination, Indian Nation or Tribe or Native Group. If this is a second or more marriage for either party, a copy of the last divorce decree must be available for review at the time of application.

MARRIAGE BY A JUDGE

If you wish to be married by a Judge, arrangements may be made by calling 815-844-5171 or 815-844-5172.

RETURN OF THE LICENSE

The license must be returned to the County Clerk's Office by the officiant of the ceremony within ten (10) days after the marriage date.

OBTAINING A CERTIFIED COPY

A certified copy of a marriage license issued in Livingston County may be obtained from the County Clerk's office. The person obtaining a certified copy must either present photo identification or mail us a copy along with a written request for their certified license. A fee of \$16.00 for the first copy and \$8.00 each for additional copies must accompany the request.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Social Security forms are available in the County Clerk's office for a name change.

***CONGRATULATIONS!
FROM THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY CLERK***