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**REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-RESIDENTS TO MARRY IN MICHIGAN**

**\*\*Please note if you are an out of State resident and applying for a license in Allegan County – the ceremony must take place ONLY in Allegan County to be valid. Please call our office to verify the address is in Allegan County.**

Please find enclosed:

1. One (1) Affidavit for License to Marry
2. “Getting Married in Michigan? What You Need to Know” (back side of Affidavit)
3. Educational materials regarding sexually transmitted diseases

The Affidavit for License to Marry must be completed in full. It must be **typed or printed legibly**. It is important for you, as the applicants, to provide the complete first, middle and last name for both applicants and their parents (no initials in place of a name, please). Note: Both the city and state of birth are needed for the applicants. Only the state is needed for parents’ birthplace.

The applicants’ signatures on the Affidavit must be witnessed by a notary public no more than 33 days before the wedding and no less than 3 days before the ceremony. Please be aware we are only open Monday through Friday; we are not open on weekends for marriage license pickups.

There is a three (3) day waiting period for the license – Once the form is notarized that starts the three (3) day waiting period. The ceremony must take place within 33 days from the date the Affidavit is witnessed by the notary. Please be sure to note in the appropriate place on the Affidavit whether you would like us to mail the license to you and at what address or if you plan to pick it up.

Return to our office at Allegan County Clerk, 113 Chestnut St., Allegan MI 49010:

1. The completed, signed and notarized Affidavit
2. \$30.00 application fee (make check or money order payable to **Allegan County Clerk**)
3. Photocopy of driver’s license or state I.D. for both of the applicants

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at any time Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at (269) 673-0450.

Sincerely,

Allegan County Clerk’s Office  
Vital Records Division

# AFFIDAVIT FOR LICENSE TO MARRY

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to pick you your license?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No, Mail to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Undersigned, being duly sworn, depose(s) and say(s) that: \_\_\_\_\_

COUPLE	_____ and _____	
	FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last) <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last) <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
	SURNAME ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE, IF DIFFERENT	SURNAME ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE, IF DIFFERENT
	PRESENT AGE      DATE OF BIRTH	PRESENT AGE      DATE OF BIRTH
	BIRTHPLACE – CITY AND STATE	BIRTHPLACE – CITY AND STATE
	RESIDENCE NO.      STREET	RESIDENCE NO.      STREET
CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE		
RESIDENCE COUNTY      TIMES PREVIOUSLY MARRIED		
PARENTS	FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)	
	SURNAME AT BIRTH      BIRTHPLACE	SURNAME AT BIRTH      BIRTHPLACE
	FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)	
	SURNAME AT BIRTH      BIRTHPLACE	SURNAME AT BIRTH      BIRTHPLACE

**DAYTIME PHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF WEDDING** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed to before me a Notary Public of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Acting in \_\_\_\_\_  
County, and whose commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_; ;  
And sworn on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Ceremony:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Who can marry....

To be able to marry you must not be married to someone else. (MCL 551.105) *If you have been married before, you may be asked to document that the earlier marriage has ended due to death or divorce.*

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)

If 16 or 17 years of age, a person can apply for a license but must have parental consent or consent of their legal guardian to marry. If custody of a person applying for a license under the age of 18 has been awarded by the court, the consent must be from a custodial parent. (MCL 551.51 and 551.103)

## 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 555.101)

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, a Michigan license is **not valid outside the state of Michigan.***

## Who can you marry....

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

A man cannot marry his mother, sister, grandmother, daughter, granddaughter, stepmother, grandfather's wife, son's wife, grandson's wife, wife's mother, wife's grandmother, wife's daughter, wife's granddaughter, brother's daughter, sister's daughter, father's sister, mother's sister, or cousin of the first degree.

A woman cannot marry her father, brother, grandfather, son, grandson, stepfather, grandmother's husband, daughter's husband, granddaughter's husband, husband's father, husband's grandfather, husband's son, husband's grandson, brother's son, sister's son, father's brother, mother's brother, 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)

## 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)*