

TO: FUTURE MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICANTS:

The following is a summary of the marriage laws of Michigan for both residents and non-residents:

1. MICHIGAN RESIDENTS MUST APPLY IN THE COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF ONE OF THE APPLICANTS. NON-RESIDENTS MUST BE MARRIED IN THE COUNTY WHERE THEY MAKE APPLICATION.
2. Both applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Exceptions may be made for applicants 16 and 17 years of age, provided one of his/her parents or legal guardians executes a consent form. If a legal guardian signs, he must show guardianship papers, and in the case of a divorce, the custodial parent must sign the form.
3. On January 1, 2001, Michigan's Premarital Law (Public Act 209 of 2000) went into effect. This law eliminated the requirement for a blood test or premarital counseling of couples applying for a marriage license. Instead, the law requires that couples be provided educational materials on prenatal care, and on the transmission and prevention of venereal disease and HIV infection. This brochure will be given to you at the time of application.
4. One applicant may make application as long as he/she has the necessary information, including identification (with proof of age), for both parties. Cass County will accept either driver's license, birth certificate, Passport or State ID card with picture.
5. After the application has been made, there is a 3-day waiting period. The license may be picked up on or after the 3rd day after the application has been made. The license must be used within 33 days from the date of the application. MICHIGAN MARRIAGE LICENSES MUST BE USED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ONLY.
6. The license fee is \$20.00 for Michigan residents and \$30.00 for out-of-state residents. The fee may be paid with cash or money order. County Clerk Monica McMichael will perform marriage ceremonies by appointment only for a \$40 fee.
7. The Cass County Clerk's Office, Room 123, is located on the ground floor of the Historical Courthouse, 120 North Broadway, Cassopolis, Michigan. The office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

ATTENTION

Information that will be needed at the time of application is printed on the reverse side. Please be prepared to give this information when you come to the County Clerk's Office to apply for the license. Thank you.

**Cass County Clerk/Register's Office
Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register
120 N. Broadway
Cassopolis, Michigan 49031
(269) 445-4464**

You may also apply online at www.casscountymi.org

**MARRIAGE LICENSE WORKSHEET
PLEASE PRINT**

FULL NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) MALE ___ FEMALE ___

FULL NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) MALE ___ FEMALE ___

LAST NAME BEFORE FIRST MARRIAGE, IF DIFFERENT

LAST NAME BEFORE FIRST MARRIAGE, IF DIFFERENT

PRESENT AGE

DATE OF BIRTH

PRESENT AGE

DATE OF BIRTH

RESIDENCE NO.

STREET

RESIDENCE NO.

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

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RESIDENCE COUNTY

TIMES PREVIOUSLY
MARRIED

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MARRIED

BIRTHPLACE – CITY AND STATE

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FATHER'S FULL NAME

FATHER'S FULL NAME

MOTHER'S FULL NAME

MOTHER'S FULL NAME

MOTHER'S NAME BEFORE 1ST MARRIED

MOTHER'S NAME BEFORE 1ST MARRIED

FATHER'S BIRTH STATE

MOTHER'S BIRTH STATE

FATHER'S BIRTH STATE

MOTHER'S BIRTH STATE

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER

DATE OF MARRIAGE

SS# _____

SS# _____