Instructions For Obtaining a Marriage License

A Marriage License may be purchased anywhere in New York State and the Ceremony may take place anywhere in New York State. You do not have to purchase your License in the Town, City or Village where the ceremony will take place or where you live.

- 1. Complete the Marriage Worksheet. The worksheet is available at the Clerk's Office and also online.
- Return the Worksheet with <u>Certified Birth Certificates</u> and any of the following that may apply: Certified copies of all prior divorce papers Certified copies of Death Certificates for prior marriages
- 3. After receipt of the required documentation the Marriage License will be typed for your signatures and an appointment to sign can be made.
- 4. Bring unexpired Driver's License or other unexpired Government Issued photo I.D. at the time of signing
- 5. The cost for the Marriage License is \$40.00 and due at the time of signing. We are not accepting debit or credit card at this time. Both individuals do not have to come in to sign at the same time if that is not convenient. The last person to sign will pay the \$40.00 fee and take the License with them.
- 6. The Marriage License must be signed by both individuals at least 24 hours before the ceremony and is good for 60 days.

AND SUPPLEMENTAL FILE BRIDE/GROOM/SPOUSE 11. A. CURRENT FIRST NAME CURRENT MIDDLE NAME
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11. A. CURRENT FIRST NAME
CURRENT MIDDLE NAME
CURRENT SURNAME
B. BIRTH SURNAME, IF DIFFERENT
* CHANGING MIDDLE AND/OR SURNAME UPON MARRIAGE IS OPTIONAL, SEE BACK FOR INFORMA
*C. MIDDLE NAME AFTER MARRIAGE (IF CHANGING)
* D. SURNAME AFTER
MARRIAGE (IF CHANGING)
12. RESIDENCE A. B.
(STATE) (COUNTY)
C. CHECK ONE CITY TOWN VILLAGE
AND SPECIFY
D. STREET ADDRESS ZIP
E, IS RESIDENCE WITHIN LIMITS OF CITY OR INCORPORATED VILLAGE? YES NO
13. A. AGE B. DATE OF BIRTH C. SEX (OPTIONAL)
14. EMPLOYMENT MM/DD/YYYY
USUAL OCCUPATION
15. PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY, STATE or COUNTRY, IF NOT USA)
16. FATHER OR PARENT
A. NAME (ON CURRENT BIRTH CERTIFICATE)
B. COUNTRY OF BIRTH
17. MOTHER OR PARENT
A. NAME (ON CURRENT BIRTH CERTIFICATE)
B. COUNTRY OF BIRTH
18. NUMBER OF 19. A. NUMBER OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES ENDED BY
THIS MARRIAGE: DIVORCE: CIVIL ANNULMENT: DEATH:
19. B. HOW DID LAST MARRIAGE END? DIVORCE (3) ANNULMENT (3) DEATH (2)
C. DATE LAST MARRIAGE ENDED?
MM/DD/YYY
D. ARE ANY FORMER SPOUSE(S) ALIVE? YES NO
20. IF PREVIOUSLY DIVORCED OR ANNULLED, PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
DATE OF DECREE PLACE ISSUED AGAINST W (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) (CITY/COUNTY, STATE or COUNTRY, IF NOT USA) SELF SP
1ST
2ND
3RD
4TH

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS of the bride and groom are mandatory. They are required by Section 466(a) of 42.U.S.C. 666(a) and may be used for child support enforcement purposes.

Town Clerk's Office, Newfane, New York

Attention:

Applicants

Social Security Numbers

Social Security Numbers of the applicants are mandatory. They are required by New York State Domestic Relations Law Section 15 and 42 U.S.C. 666(a). They may be used for child support enforcement purposes.

Notice:

If either or both parties wish to change the middle and/or surname by which he or she is known after marriage, please review the information below. Complete item 1C and/or 11C on the front side of this record to change middle name. Complete item 1D and/or 11D on the front side of this record to change surname.

- (1) Every person has the right to adopt any name by which he or she wishes to be known simply by using that name consistently and without intent to defraud.
- (2) A person's last name (surname) does not automatically change upon marriage, and neither party to the marriage must change his or her last name. Parties to a marriage need not have the same last name.
- (3) One or both parties to a marriage may elect to change the surname by which he or she wishes to be known after the solemnization of the marriage by entering the new name in the appropriate space provided in the Affidavit Section of this application. Such entry shall consist of one of the following surnames:
 - (i) the surname of the other spouse; or
 - (ii) any former surname of either spouse; or
 - (iii) a name combining into a single surname all or a segment of the premarriage surname or any former surname of each spouse; or
 - (iv) a combination name separated by a hyphen or space, provided that each part of such combination surname is the premarriage surname, or any former surname, of each of the spouses.
- (4) One or both parties to a marriage may elect to change the middle name by which he or she wishes to be known after the solemnization of the marriage by entering the new name in the appropriate space provided in the Affidavit Section of this application. Such entry shall consist of one of the following options:
 - (i) the current surname of the spouse electing to change his or her name; or
 - (ii) any former surname of the spouse electing to change his or her name; or
 - (iii) the surname of the other spouse.
- (5) The use of this option will have the effect of providing a record of the change of name. The marriage certificate, containing the new name, if any, constitutes proof that the use of the new name, or the retention of the former name, is lawful.
- (6) Neither the use of, nor the failure to use, this option of selecting a new surname or middle name by means of this application abrogates the right of each person to adopt a different name through usage at some future date.

Clerk

- All entries must be typed or printed.
- Applicants must provide all information in the affidavit section.
- Issue original to couple after making a photocopy.
- Retain photocopy until original copy is returned by the officiant.