



State of Missouri Marriage License Instructions

For a legally recognized wedding ceremony, couples must obtain a State of Missouri Marriage License and present it at their Tie The Knot ceremony. Please plan ahead and get your license in advance!

Licenses are issued at any State of Missouri, County Court House. The closest to the City Market are the Jackson County Courthouse Downtown and the Jackson County Courthouse in Independence, but it doesn't matter which County in Missouri issues the license. You do not have to be Missouri Residents to apply for a marriage license.

Here's the link to Jackson County:

<http://www.jacksongov.org/278/Marriage-Licenses>

The License is issued on the day of application and is valid for 30 days. So a couple may apply anytime from the January 15, 2019, until the morning of February 14, 2019,* for a valid license.

*Please don't wait until the last minute. Valentine's Day can be a very busy day at the courthouse.

WHEN TO APPLY

Both offices are open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except for legal holidays.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Both parties must appear together at the Recorder of Deeds office.
- 2) Both must be at least 18 years old to marry without parental consent.
- 3) Both must provide their Social Security numbers.
- 4) Both must have proper identification.
- 5) Note: If either applicant is divorced or widowed, applicant(s) must provide the month/year the last marriage ended.

FEES

The fee for a marriage license is \$50.00 and may be paid by cash or credit/debit cards except American Express at the time of the application. If there will be a name change after the wedding ceremony, a certified copy of the marriage license may be purchased for an additional \$10.00. The certified copy is needed to present to agencies such as the Drivers License Bureau and Social Security Administration to effect a name change.