Marriage License

How to Apply

Contact the Stone County Recorder's Office at 417-357-6362 for an appointment and log on to marriage.icounty.com to fill out our pre marriage application

Both parties must appear in person at the Recorder's office with valid photo ID and social security number.

We accept applicants by appointment only Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 2:45 pm (except holidays). The license fee of $62.00 must be paid by cash or card at the time of application. (convenience fee for card use) No refunds.

It is a misdemeanor for anyone to perform a marriage ceremony if a license is not presented prior to the ceremony (451.120 RSMo.). **The marriage is invalid if the ceremony takes place before the license is picked up or if it is not used in the state of Missouri.**

Marriage License Checklist

- $62 for license and one certified copy. Cash or Card (convenience fee for card use)
- Valid U.S. photo I.D.
- Social Security Number
- Proof of Age (451.090 RSMo)

When to pick up License

If you are getting married within 30 days from application, you may take your license the same day you apply. You can apply up to three months in advance and pick up your license at the appropriate time.

License must be picked up before the ceremony can be performed (see above note). Anyone previously designated may pick up the license. The marriage license is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance and may be used anywhere within the State of Missouri.

What to do with the License

You are responsible for delivering the license to the person who solemnizes your marriage. The person performing the ceremony must complete the left portion of the license, have two witnesses sign it, and return it to the Recorder's office within 15 days after the wedding. The license becomes a permanent record. (The right portion is the Marriage Certificate that is filled out by the minister and retained by the parties as evidence of the marriage)

Proof of age Identification (451.090 RSMo)

Identification and proof of age is required of ALL persons. The following proof of age documents will be accepted. **Age 18 and over:**.

- Valid U.S. government issued photo I.D.(a certified copy of the Birth Certificate may be required if proof of age is in question).
- Valid Passport

Qualifications

Blood relatives, down to and including first cousins, **may not** marry under the laws of the State of Missouri. No distinction is made between resident and non-resident individuals.

Applicants must be 18 years of age to marry.

Previously married applicants must give the end date of the last marriage.

After your Marriage

Name Change and Marital Status

A certified copy of your Stone County issued marriage license is required by Social Security to change your name. You can obtain a certified copy of your license in the following ways:

How do I obtain a copy of my Stone County marriage license?

1. As soon as the license is returned to us, we will mail you the certified copy included in this application fee.
2. After your marriage and after your license is returned to us, you may pick up additional copies in our office for $9 (cash/card).
3. You may call and pay for additional copies using a card (convenience fee applies) and we can mail a certified copy to you.
4. Send a written request, enclose the names of the parties, a self-addressed stamped envelope and a $9 payment to: Recorder of Deeds 108A East Fourth Street PO Box 186 Galena MO 65656. A certified copy will be mailed to you upon receipt.

You should contact the following agencies to change your name and notify them of your marital status:

- **Any Drivers License Office:**
- **Voter Registration:**
- **Social Security Administration** 1570 W Battlefield Springfield MO 65807. It is possible to request a name change online at www.ssa.gov/myaccount

Marriage License Fee Distribution:

Children's Trust Fund of Missouri	$15.00
Shelter Fund for Abused Women	$10.00
Stone County General Revenue	$15.00
State & County User Fee	$6.00
County Employees Retirement System	$7.00
Certified Copy	9.00

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