

Marriage License Information

Bastrop County

Bastrop County Marriage License Office:

Bastrop County Clerk
803 Pine Street, Room #112
Bastrop, TX 78602
(512) 332-7234
Austin Metro # (512) 581-7134

Licenses issued Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m. You must arrive by 4:30 p.m. to purchase a marriage license.

This office is closed for holidays observed by Bastrop County.

ID Requirement:

In Texas, you will need one valid form of Photo Identification such as driver's license, military I. D. card, Passport, or other documents listed in Family Code Sec. 2.005 and your Social Security number.
matricula consular is not an acceptable form of ID

Residency Requirement:

Neither of you have to be a resident of Texas to purchase a license in Bastrop County. If you buy it here, it must be returned here, and this is the place where you will obtain all future copies.

Pre-marital Education:

In Texas, couples are encouraged to attend a premarital education course that is eight hours duration. It must be finished during the year preceding applying for a marriage license. If you provide the certificate from an accredited class, \$60.00 will be waived from the filing fee and you will pay a \$22.00 fee. Contact the following website for more information: www.twogetherintexas.com

Previous Marriage:

If you are divorced, the divorce must have been final for longer than 30 days to apply for a new license. Bring your divorce decree stating the 30 day waiting period has been waived if that applies.

Waiting Period in Texas:

There is a 72 hour waiting period in Texas from the time the license is issued until you can get married. This waiting period is automatically waived for active duty military personnel and can be waived by a Judge with family law jurisdiction or other official as listed in Family Code Sec. 2.204(c).

Expiration of License:

If a marriage ceremony has not been conducted before the **91st** day after the date the license is issued, the marriage license expires and a new one must be purchased before the couple can marry.

Fees:

Formal Marriage License: \$82.00
Informal Marriage License: \$47.00

Personal checks are **NOT** accepted for a Marriage License. You can pay with cash or use a Debit or Credit card with an additional \$3.00 convenience fee charged by the company we do business with.

Declaration and Registration of an Informal Marriage:

A couple can personally appear in front of an employee of the County Clerk's office to purchase an Informal Marriage License. The couple must swear under oath to the following statement:

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that we, the undersigned, are married to each other by virtue of the following facts: On or about (date you give) we agreed to be married, and after that date we lived together as husband and wife and in this state we represented to others that we were married. Since the date of marriage to the other party, I have not been married to any other person. This declaration is true and the information in it which I have given is correct."

Individuals under the age of 18 may not enter into an informal marriage.

Proxy Marriages:

In Texas, any adult person can apply on behalf of an applicant who is unable to appear personally before the County Clerk. An Affidavit of Absent Applicant must be provided as filled out by the absent applicant. The party who appears must bring an original form of identification for the absent applicant in addition to the completed, notarized form. This form must be presented within 90 days of the date it is signed and notarized. Effective 9-1-2013, the law changed to state that if a party is unable to attend the wedding ceremony, a license cannot be issued unless said party is a member of the Armed Forces.

Officiants:

Pursuant to Sec. 2.202 of the Family Code, persons authorized to perform weddings in Texas include licensed or ordained Christian ministers, priests, Jewish rabbis, officers authorized by religious organizations, justices of the supreme court, judges of the court of criminal appeals, justices of the courts of appeals, judges of the district, county, and probate courts, judges of the county courts at law, judges of the courts of domestic relations, judges of the juvenile courts, retired justices or judges, justices of the peace, retired justices of the peace, judge of a municipal court, or judges or magistrates of a federal court of Texas. For the purposes of this section, a retired judge or justice is a former judge or justice who is vested in the Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan One or Plan Two or who has an aggregate of at least 12 years of service as judge or justice of any type listed in Subsection (a)(4).

Miscellaneous:

In the State of Texas, first cousins are NOT permitted to apply for a marriage license and neither are same-sex couples. We also cannot issue a marriage license to a current or former stepchild and stepparent.

If you have any questions that are not addressed above, please call our office!!