

## MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION

**Before** coming to the Recorder's office:

- YOU must fill out your application online at <https://mojefferson.fidlar.com/MOJefferson/Apex.WebPortal/>  
(if you do not have a computer, we have access available at the Recorder's Office)
- CALL and schedule an appointment- 636-797-5415  
(if you cannot make your appointment time, please call, and reschedule)

**The day of your appointment:**

- BOTH parties must come together to receive the license. Original signatures are required from both parties. You both must also bring valid state-issued photo IDs. Copies will be made and retained by the Recorder's Office.
- YOU will have to provide your Social Security Number (card does not need to be provided). If you do not have a Social Security Number, you will be given an affidavit to sign stating you do not have a number. Said affidavit will be retained by the Recorder's Office.
- PREVIOUSLY married applicants **must** provide the **exact date** their last marriage ended (no document is required; just dates).
- THERE is no longer a waiting period for a marriage license. The marriage license is valid for only 30 days from the date of issuance and can be used anywhere in the state of Missouri except for civil ceremonies in St. Louis City and St. Louis County.
- BLOOD tests are not required.

Applicants are responsible for delivering the license to the person who officiates the marriage.

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**After your ceremony**, the officiate must complete the license, have two witnesses sign it (witnesses must be 18 years of age or older) and return it to the Recorder's office within 15 days of the ceremony. Once received back in the Recorder's office, the license is recorded, scanned, and remains on file permanently in the Recorder's office.

Certified copies of the license can then be purchased for changing names or marital status on all personal matters.

### **NO RECORDER SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE:**

- Authorizing the marriage of any male or female under the age of 18 years. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**August 28, 2025** – The Recorders Association of Missouri issued the following statement regarding the recent signing of HB 737 and SB 43 by Governor Mike Kehoe. These legislative changes will impact the issuance of marriage licenses across the state.

HB 737 and SB 43 raise the minimum age for marriage in Missouri to 18 years old and prohibit Recorders from issuing a marriage license to any person under the age of 18.

Recorders of Deeds across Missouri will update their office policies to comply with the statutory changes, which will take effect August 28, 2025.

<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>FEE</u></b>	<b><u>COMMENTS</u></b>
Standard License	\$51	Cash or credit card due at time of application
Certified Copy	\$9 w/sase* or walk in \$9.55 without sase*	Required for changing names on Social Security, Drivers' licenses etc.
Regular copy	\$2	Genealogy or Keepsake

**\*sase = Self-addressed stamped envelope**