

MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION

Marriage licenses can be purchased at the following location, Monday-Thursday from 7:30 am-5:00 pm for \$30.00. The license may be used immediately and is valid for 35 days from the date of issuance and is **only valid in the State of Colorado**.

➤ **Clerk & Recorder-Recording Office** 100 Jefferson County Parkway, #2560 Golden, CO 80419

**To expedite the process, fill out our online application prior to coming into the office! Visit www.jeffco.us/recording and click on Marriage Licenses for the online application link.

Identification

One of the following valid (not expired), legal identification for proof of age is required. Please note the name on the marriage license will appear exactly as it is on the ID you provide.

- Driver's License
- Military ID
- Passport
- State Issued ID
- Government Issued Foreign ID (accompanied by certified translation when applicable)

Apply in person

Both parties should be present to apply for the license. If this is not possible, one party must appear with a completed, notarized absentee affidavit (provided by the Jefferson County Clerk's office) as well as a copy of the ID that was presented to the notary for the absent party. Applicants for a marriage license need not be Colorado residents.

Required information

- Last four digits of Social Security number (per C.R.S. 14-2-105). If an applicant does not have a social security number, an affidavit provided by the Jefferson County Clerk's office must be signed.
- Place of Birth (City and State/Country).
- Parents names and current address.
- Divorce information (date, place, and court where granted).
- Colorado does not require a blood test.

Age requirements

Legal age is 18 for both persons. If age 16 or 17 judicial approval from juvenile court is required.

Prohibitions

- Persons under 16 years of age.
- One of the parties is still married to or in a civil union with another person.
- Brother and sister, uncle and niece, aunt and nephew, whether by half or whole blood.
- Marriage between cousins is permitted in Colorado.

Solemnization

Per C.R.S.14-2-109, Marriages may ONLY be solemnized by:

- Judges, Retired Judges, Magistrates, Public Officials authorized to perform marriages (Civil)
- Clergy-must be ordained/recognized to lawfully perform marriages (Religious)
- Indian Tribe Officials (Religious)
- The Couple Themselves (Self)

Only those listed above are authorized to sign the marriage certificate as the officiant. A friend or relative may not solemnize the marriage unless they are authorized to perform marriages. Also, please note "officiant" is not a title, if there is no identifiable title (Pastor, Minister, Judge, Magistrate, etc.) it will be considered a self-solemnization.

The marriage certificate must also include the County, date, and location where the marriage took place, and both party's signatures as they appear on the license (witnesses are not required). The completed marriage certificate must be forwarded to the Jefferson County Clerk's office within 63 days after the marriage; failure to do so may result in late fees.

Marriage copies

- Copies of marriage licenses are \$0.25, or \$1.25 for a certified copy. If purchasing certified copies when returning your marriage license, please include your check for \$1.25 per copy **and** a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Mail requests to: Jefferson County Clerk & Recorder
100 Jefferson County Pkwy #2560
Golden, CO 80419
- Copies of certified marriage applications are \$2.25. Per C.R.S. copies of marriage applications are to be made available only to the parties themselves or an immediate family member. A completed & notarized request form, provided by the Jefferson County Clerk's office, is required.

Name change

Your marriage license must be returned and recorded before any name changes can be made. If you are planning on changing your name, it is recommended you change your social security card *first*, as the social security office requires your marriage license (original or certified copy) **and** ID in your old name (such as a Driver's License). Please visit the following websites for more information:

www.ssa.gov (Social Security)

www.colorado.gov (Driver's License)

Ceremony/Reception Sites

- **Courthouse**-Judges and Magistrates are available to conduct weddings at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Golden at 12:00 noon (check in at 11:45 am at magistrate clerks lobby, 2nd floor of courthouse) and 5:00 pm (check in at 4:30 pm at courtroom 1b, 1st floor of courthouse) Monday-Friday. Judicial officers charge a fee of **\$60 cash**; exact change is appreciated. For additional information please call 720-772-2560.
- **Boettcher Mansion**-for information please call 720-497-7633.