Marriage Information

In order to obtain a marriage license in North Dakota, both of the applicants must apply together in person at the Logan County Courthouse to complete the application. Applicants <u>do not</u> have to be Logan County residents.

A North Dakota marriage license allows a couple to get married anywhere within the state of North Dakota. Marriage licenses are obtained in the state that you are getting married in, not in the state where you reside.

Hours of operation for issuance of marriage licenses:

Monday - Friday (excluding holidays) 8:30am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:30pm

Important Items

- 1. To obtain a marriage license you must be at least 18 years of age. If applicants are under the age of 18, ages 16 and 17 only, under North Dakota Century Code you must have the written consent of both parents and legal guardians. The parents or legal guardians must be present at the time of the application. Legal guardians must bring with legal proof of guardianship.
- 2. Both parties must bring photo ID with them (most people would use a state issued driver's license or ID card or passport). Both parties must also know their social security number.
- 3. If either applicant has been previously married that applicant must provide a <u>certified</u> <u>copy</u> of the divorce decree or <u>certified copy</u> of the death certificate which will be <u>kept</u> on <u>file permanently with the application for the marriage license. Divorce papers <u>must</u> be a <u>certified copy</u>. <u>They cannot just be a regular copy</u>. A certified copy normally will have a special stamp and a colored or raised seal somewhere on the document which makes them certified.</u>
- 4. The fee for the marriage license is \$65.00. Payment <u>must</u> be made by <u>cash</u>.
- 5. In the state of North Dakota there is no waiting period after you apply for the license before the marriage may take place. The license must be used within 60 days and may be used anywhere in North Dakota. If the license is unused it will be expired and no refunds are available. If the couple still wishes to get married they will have to purchase a new marriage license.
- 6. Certified copies of marriage license may be purchased after the marriage takes place and the license is completed and returned to the Recorder's Office. Certified copy fees are \$5.00 for the first copy and \$2.00 for each additional copy.

Fees for Clerk of Court to perform Wedding Ceremony:

During Courthouse Hours \$30.00 After Courthouse Hours – Please ask Clerk of Court for Price