

Online Marriage License Application Process
After the online application is completed
Both Parties must appear together in the Recorder's Office
Monday through Friday 8:30am – 4pm.

- Missouri law bars the marriage of individuals **21 or older to anyone younger than 18.**
- If either party has been married before they must know the month & year that the previous marriage ended.
- Present a **valid, picture ID issued by the United States of America** and provide Social Security number.
- Pay fee of **\$60.00** cash (NO \$100 dollar bills) or **\$62.00** if paid with Credit/Debit card.
- Give the license to the person performing the ceremony **before the wedding.**
- Have a ceremony performed within 30 days from the date of issuance in the State of Missouri.
- NOT be related to each other through and including first cousins.

If either party is younger than 18, a custodial parent/legal guardian must be present to give consent to the application. The parent/legal guardian must provide a valid ID. *(\$1.00 additional fee to be paid at the time of application for each parental consent). **A birth certificate or court document naming the custodial parent or legal guardian must be presented at the time application is made.** If both parents have custodial custody both parents must be present. Missouri law prohibits marriage licenses being issued if either party is younger than **16**.

Return and Record of Marriage

The person performing the ceremony is required by law to return the completed license to the Pettis County Recorder of Deeds office within 15 days of the ceremony. A certified copy of your Marriage License will be mailed to the address you provided as soon as the original marriage license is returned to the Recorder's Office.

Unused Marriage License

If the license is not used, the marriage license must be returned to the Recorder's office. If the marriage license is lost or destroyed before the marriage ceremony you must reapply.

You are not officially married until you appear in front of a Person who is qualified to perform Marriage Ceremonies in the State of Missouri.

A certified copy of your marriage license will be mailed to your address when the original marriage license, filled out correctly and signed, is returned to the Recorder's Office.

For questions concerning the Marriage License Application Process call 826-5000 ext 422

**For information concerning a Courthouse Marriage
call 826-5000 ext 469 or ext 924**