

**TO: FUTURE MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICANTS:**

The following is a summary of the marriage laws of Michigan for both residents and non-residents:

1. MICHIGAN RESIDENTS MUST APPLY IN THE COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF ONE OF THE APPLICANTS. NON-RESIDENTS MUST BE MARRIED IN THE COUNTY WHERE THEY MAKE APPLICATION.
2. Both applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Exceptions may be made for applicants 16 and 17 years of age, provided one of his/her parents or legal guardians executes a consent form. If a legal guardian signs, he must show guardianship papers, and in the case of a divorce, the custodial parent must sign the form.
3. On January 1, 2001, Michigan's Premarital Law (Public Act 209 of 2000) went into effect. This law eliminated the requirement for a blood test or premarital counseling of couples applying for a marriage license. Instead, the law requires that couples be provided educational materials on prenatal care, and on the transmission and prevention of venereal disease and HIV infection. This brochure will be given to you at the time of application.
4. One applicant may make application as long as he/she has the necessary information, including identification (with proof of age), for both parties. Cass County will accept either driver's license, birth certificate, Passport or State ID card with picture.
5. After the application has been made, there is a 3-day waiting period. The license may be picked up on or after the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after the application has been made. The license must be used within 33 days from the date of the application. MICHIGAN MARRIAGE LICENSES MUST BE USED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ONLY.
6. The license fee is \$20.00 for Michigan residents and \$30.00 for out-of-state residents. The fee may be paid with cash or money order.
7. The Cass County Clerk's Office, Room 123, is located on the ground floor of the Historical Courthouse, 120 North Broadway, Cassopolis, Michigan. The office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

**ATTENTION**

**Information that will be needed at the time of application is printed on the reverse side. Please be prepared to give this information when you come to the County Clerk's Office to apply for the license. Thank you.**

**Cass County Clerk/Register's Office  
Historical Courthouse  
120 N. Broadway  
P.O. Box 355  
Cassopolis, Michigan 49031**

**MARRIAGE LICENSE WORKSHEET  
PLEASE PRINT**

**MALE**

**FEMALE**

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FULL NAME OF MALE (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

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FULL NAME OF FEMALE (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

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LAST NAME BEFORE FIRST MARRIAGE, IF DIFFERENT

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PRESENT AGE

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DATE OF BIRTH

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PRESENT AGE

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DATE OF BIRTH

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BIRTHPLACE – CITY AND STATE

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FATHER'S FULL NAME

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MOTHER'S FULL NAME BEFORE 1<sup>ST</sup> MARRIED

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MOTHER'S FULL NAME BEFORE 1<sup>ST</sup> MARRIED

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MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE

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DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER

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DATE OF MARRIAGE

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PUT IN NEWSPAPER? YES OR NO

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