

OBTAINING A MARRIAGE LICENSE

You may obtain a marriage license from the Town Clerk's office at the following address:

Town Clerk's Office
Tyngsborough Town Hall
25 Bryants Lane
Tyngsborough, MA 01879
(978) 649-2300 extension 129
www.jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov

The Town Clerk's Office accepts marriage license applications during regular office hours.

The fee is \$15.00 for a marriage license. The Town accepts checks, money orders or cash. All checks should be made payable to the Town of Tyngsborough.

General Information:

1. A Divorce Decree is not necessary when filing an intention, but divorce must be finalized at the time of filing the application.
2. In addition, you may not marry certain relatives, as follows: no man shall marry his mother, grandmother, daughter, granddaughter, sister, stepmother, grandfather's wife, grandson's wife wife's mother, wife's grandmother, wife's daughter, wife's granddaughter, brother's daughter, sister's daughter, father's sister or mother's sister, and no woman shall marry her father, grandfather, son, grandson, brother, stepfather, grandmother's husband, daughter's husband, granddaughter's husband, husband's grandfather, husband's son, husband's grandson, brother's son, sister's son, father's brother or mother's brother.
3. Blood tests are no longer required.
4. No intention can be filed for parties who do not plan to reside in Massachusetts if the marriage will be considered illegal in their state of residence.

To apply for a marriage license, both parties must appear together at the Town Clerk's office and bring the following:

- a photo ID
- a Court Marriage of Minor Order for any applicant under the age of 18 (This is obtained from the probate or district court where the minor resides.)
- a certified birth record for any applicant under the age of 18

Once the intention is complete, there is a three day waiting period as follows:

intention filed on	Monday	available on	Thursday
	Tuesday		Friday
	Wednesday		Monday
	Thursday		Monday
	Friday		Monday

In order to waive the three day waiting period, you must bring an approved Court Order for a Marriage Without Delay showing a judge's permission to waive the waiting period.

The Lowell District Court is one court that issues these Orders, for a fee, and is located at 41 Hurd Street, Lowell, 978-459-4101.

The marriage license is valid for sixty days from the date the intention was filed. It can be used in any city or town within the Commonwealth but is invalid in any other state.

A priest, minister, rabbi or justice of the peace may perform the ceremony. A justice of the peace will not require witnesses to the ceremony.

Out of state clergy or justices of the peace may perform the ceremony in Massachusetts if an authorization has been obtained prior to the ceremony from the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office (617-727-2836). This office will issue a one day solemnization to officiate at the ceremony.

After the ceremony, the officiant must complete and sign the license in **black ink only** and return it to the town clerk's office.