

# AFFIDAVIT FOR LICENSE TO MARRY

No. \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MICHIGAN

County of \_\_\_\_\_

The Undersigned, affirm(s), depose(s) and say(s) that:

COUPLE	_____ and _____	
	FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) _____ MALE _____ FEMALE _____ OTHER _____	FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) _____ MALE _____ FEMALE _____ OTHER _____
	_____ SURNAME ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE, IF DIFFERENT	_____ SURNAME ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE, IF DIFFERENT
	PRESENT AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____	PRESENT AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
	_____ BIRTHPLACE – CITY AND STATE (Country, if not USA)	_____ BIRTHPLACE – CITY AND STATE (Country, if not USA)
	RESIDENCE NO. _____ STREET _____	RESIDENCE NO. _____ STREET _____
	_____ CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE (Country, if not USA)	_____ CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE (Country, if not USA)
	RESIDENCE COUNTY _____ TIMES PREVIOUSLY MARRIED _____	RESIDENCE COUNTY _____ TIMES PREVIOUSLY MARRIED _____
	_____ FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)	_____ FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)
	PARENTS	SURNAME AT BIRTH, IF DIFFERENT _____ BIRTHPLACE (State or Country, if not USA) _____
_____ FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)		_____ FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)
SURNAME AT BIRTH, IF DIFFERENT _____ BIRTHPLACE (State or Country, if not USA) _____		SURNAME AT BIRTH, IF DIFFERENT _____ BIRTHPLACE (State or Country, if not USA) _____

intend to marry and that this affidavit is made for the purpose of obtaining a marriage license; that each of the above-named persons are of the age of 18 years or older, required by law, are not related to the other within the degree prohibited by statute and are of sufficient mental capacity to contract marriage; that said persons are acquainted with the laws of the State of Michigan relative to marriage; that there is no legal impediment to said marriage; and that to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned all of the foregoing statements are true.

☐ Educational materials have been received from the county clerk regarding prenatal care and the transmission and prevention of sexually transmitted infection and HIV infection as well as information on the availability of tests for both these diseases.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed to before me: ☐ the County Clerk: ☐ a Notary Public of \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
acting in \_\_\_\_\_ County, and whose commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_;  
or ☐ other person authorized to administer oaths, and sworn to on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Authorized Person \_\_\_\_\_

# GETTING MARRIED IN MICHIGAN? WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW....

## Where to apply and where to marry....

If either of the couple are Michigan residents, they must apply with the county clerk where one or both have legal residence. Once the license is issued, Michigan residents can marry anywhere in the state. (MCL 551.101)

If neither of the couple lives in Michigan, they must apply with the county clerk where the marriage ceremony is to be performed. Once issued, the license can be used only in the issuing county. (MCL 551.101)

*In either case, **the use of a Michigan License is not valid outside the State of Michigan.***

## Who can marry....

To be able to marry you must not be married to someone else. (MCL 551.5) *If you have been married before, you may be asked to document that the earlier marriage has ended due to death, divorce or annulment.*

To obtain a Michigan marriage license the couple must be 18 years of age or older and be able to enter into legal contracts. (MCL 551.103)

As proof of age, the person who intends to be married, in addition to the statement of age in the application, when requested by the county clerk, shall submit a birth certificate or other proof of age.

## Who can you marry....

There are restrictions on who someone can marry. (MCL 551.3 and 551.4)

An individual shall not marry the individual's parent, sibling, grandparent, child, grandchild, stepparent, grandparent's spouse, child's spouse, grandchild's spouse, spouse's parent, spouse's grandparent, spouse's child, spouse's grandchild, sibling's child, parent's sibling, or cousin of the first degree.

## The three day waiting period....

Generally, a marriage license is not issued for a period of three days from the date of the application. Applicants can, however, request a waiver of the three day waiting period from the clerk issuing the license. (MCL 551.103a)

## How to sign your name on the marriage license....

Please sign your current legal name on the **Affidavit for License to Marry** form.

If you are planning on changing your name after the marriage ceremony, then you may print and sign your full (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) name the way you plan to use it on the **Certificate of Marriage** at the bottom of the document. Certified marriage certificates may be used as evidence of a name change.

## Special notice of perjury...

*Note that the application for a marriage license is a sworn affidavit. Making false statements in the marriage license affidavit is **an act of perjury** which is a prosecutable offense. (MCL 551.108)*