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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

THURSDAY 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(Closed Holidays & Election Days)

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! I hope you will find this information helpful. If you have any questions, please call, fax or email me.

Enclosed you will find the "marriage worksheet". I will use this information to print out your marriage license.

Both parties **MUST** appear in person to sign the license **during normal office hours**. Please remember to bring some form of photo id (driver's license or passport). If you do not have a photo id, please call to find other documents that you can bring to prove your identity.

Once you sign your license, it is valid for 65 days. The marriage license costs \$50. If you would like me to mail you a certified copy of your license once I have recorded it, there is an additional fee of \$20 per certified copy requested. Please remember, certified copies are available only **after** your officiator has returned the license to the Town Clerk and it has been recorded.

Please allow at least 30 minutes for processing your license when you come in to the Town Clerk's office.

Many people have asked about who is qualified to officiate at a marriage ceremony. Please refer to the enclosed flyer "Marriage License Laws of Connecticut."

**State of Connecticut
Department of Public Health
Marriage License Worksheet**

NAME OF TOWN WHERE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE: _____

DATE WHEN CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE: _____

		SPOUSE ONE				SPOUSE TWO			
Guidance for Each Row on backside		Applicant's Phone Number:		Applicant's Phone Number:		Applicant's Phone Number:		Applicant's Phone Number:	
		FULL NAME (First)	(Middle)	(Last)	(Suffix)	FULL NAME (First)	(Middle)	(Last)	(Suffix)
A	Applicant Info	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH(MM/DD/YYYY)	AGE	BIRTHPLACE(US State or Foreign Country)	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH(MM/DD/YYYY)	AGE	BIRTHPLACE(US State or Foreign Country)
B	Applicant Info	EDUCATION (Check the Highest Level Completed)				EDUCATION (Check the Highest Level Completed)			
		SUPERVISION OR CONTROL OF A CONSERVATOR		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> 12th Grade or less, no Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> High School Graduate/GED Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Associates <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate or Professional degree		<input type="checkbox"/> 12th Grade or less, no Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> High School Graduate/GED Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Associates <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate or Professional degree	
C	Applicant Info	RESIDENCE (# and Street Name)				RESIDENCE (# and Street Name)			
D	Applicant Info	CITY/TOWN	COUNTY	US STATE (Or Foreign Country)		CITY/TOWN	COUNTY	US STATE (Or Foreign Country)	
E	Applicant Info	FATHER/PARENT FULL NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST NAME(S) PRIOR TO 1ST MARRIAGE, Suffix (ex. Jr., Sr., III, etc.))				FATHER/PARENT FULL NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST NAME(S) PRIOR TO 1ST MARRIAGE, Suffix (ex. Jr., Sr., III, etc.))			
F	Parent Info	MOTHER/ PARENT FULL NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST NAME(S) PRIOR TO 1ST MARRIAGE, Suffix (ex. Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.))				MOTHER/ PARENT FULL NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST NAME(S) PRIOR TO 1ST MARRIAGE, Suffix (ex. Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.))			
G	Parent Info	FATHER/PARENT BIRTHPLACE (US State or Foreign Country)				MOTHER/PARENT BIRTHPLACE (US State or Foreign Country)			
H	Parent Info	FATHER/PARENT BIRTHPLACE (US State or Foreign Country)				MOTHER/PARENT BIRTHPLACE (US State or Foreign Country)			
I	Applicant Info	# OF THIS MARRIAGE/ CIVIL UNION	LAST RELATIONSHIP (MARRIAGE/CIVIL UNION) END BY:			# OF THIS MARRIAGE/ CIVIL UNION	LAST RELATIONSHIP (MARRIAGE/CIVIL UNION) END BY:		
		a. <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH	c. <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT			a. <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH	c. <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT		
		b. <input type="checkbox"/> DISSOLUTION	d. <input type="checkbox"/> PREVIOUS CIVIL UNION DID NOT END.			b. <input type="checkbox"/> DISSOLUTION	d. <input type="checkbox"/> PREVIOUS CIVIL UNION DID NOT END.		
J	Applicant Info	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER – SPOUSE ONE				SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER – SPOUSE TWO			
ENTER OFFICIAL INFORMATION		OFFICIAL'S FULL NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST, SUFFIX)							
		OFFICIAL'S FULL MAILING ADDRESS (#, Street Name, City/Town, State, Zip Code, Country)							
		OFFICIAL'S PHONE NUMBER							
		TOWN WHERE MARRIAGE CEREMONY WILL BE PERFORMED (MUST BE SAME AS TOWN ISSUING MARRIAGE LICENSE)							

Sec. 46b-35a. Refusal to provide services or accommodations related to the solemnization or celebration of a marriage on religious grounds. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a religious organization, association or society, or any nonprofit institution or organization operated, supervised or controlled by or in conjunction with a religious organization, association or society, shall not be required to provide services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods or privileges to an individual if the request for such services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods or privileges is related to the solemnization of a marriage or celebration of a marriage and such solemnization or celebration is in violation of their religious beliefs and faith. Any refusal to provide services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods or privileges in accordance with this section shall not create any civil claim or cause of action or result in any state action to penalize or withhold benefits from such religious organization, association or society, or any nonprofit institution or organization operated, supervised or controlled by or in conjunction with a religious organization, association or society.

Sec. 46b-35b. Effect of marriage equality law on provision of adoption, foster care or social services by religious organization. Nothing in public act 09-13* shall be deemed or construed to affect the manner in which a religious organization may provide adoption, foster care or social services if such religious organization does not receive state or federal funds for that specific program or purpose.

Sec. 46b-38qq. Merger of civil union into marriage by action of the parties. (a) On and after April 23, 2009, and prior to October 1, 2010, two persons who are parties to a civil union entered into pursuant to sections 46b-38aa to 46b-38oo, inclusive, may apply for and be issued a marriage license, provided such persons are otherwise eligible to marry under chapter 815e and the parties to the marriage will be the same as the parties to the civil union.

(b) After the celebration of such marriage and upon the recording of the license certificate or notarized affidavit with the registrar of vital statistics of the town where the marriage took place pursuant to section 46b-34, the civil union of such persons shall be merged into the marriage by operation of law as of the date of the marriage stated in the certificate or affidavit.

Sec. 46b-38rr. Merger of civil union into marriage by default. Exception. (a) Two persons who are parties to a civil union established pursuant to sections 46b-38aa to 46b-38oo, inclusive, that has not been dissolved or annulled by the parties or merged into a marriage by operation of law under section 46b-38qq as of October 1, 2010, shall be deemed to be married under chapter 815e on said date and such civil union shall be merged into such marriage by operation of law on said date.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the parties to a civil union with respect to which a proceeding for dissolution, annulment or legal separation is pending on October 1, 2010, shall not be deemed to be married on said date and such civil union shall not be merged into such marriage by operation of law but shall continue to be governed by the provisions of the general statutes applicable to civil unions in effect prior to October 1, 2010.



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MARRIAGE LICENSE LAWS OF CONNECTICUT

Sections 46b-20 to 46b-35b, inclusive,
& Sections 46b-38qq to 46b-38rr of the Connecticut General Statutes

Section 46b-20. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Registrar" means the registrar of vital statistics;
- (2) "Applicant" means applicant for a marriage license;
- (3) "License" means marriage license; and
- (4) "Marriage" means the legal union of two persons.

Sec. 46b-20a. Eligibility to marry.

Section 1. On and after October 1, 2025, no person may knowingly marry such person's first cousin.

Section 2. A person is eligible to marry if such person is:

- (1) Not a party to another marriage, or a relationship that provides substantially the same rights, benefits and responsibilities as a marriage, entered into in this state or another state or jurisdiction, unless the parties to the marriage will be the same as the parties to such other relationship;
- (2) At least eighteen years of age;
- (3) Except as provided in section 46b-29, not under the supervision or control of a conservator; and
- (4) Not prohibited from entering into a marriage pursuant to section 46b-21 or section 1 of this act.

Sec. 46b-21. (Formerly Sec. 46-1). Marriage of persons related by consanguinity or affinity prohibited. No person may marry such person's parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, parent's sibling, sibling's child, stepparent or stepchild. Any marriage within these degrees is void.

Sec. 46b-22. (Formerly Sec. 46-3). Who may join persons in marriage. Penalty for unauthorized performance. (a) Persons authorized to solemnize marriages in this state include (1) all judges and retired judges, either elected or appointed, including federal judges and judges of other states who may legally join persons in marriage in their jurisdictions, (2) family support magistrates, family support referees, state referees and justices of the peace who are appointed in Connecticut, and (3) all ordained or licensed members of the clergy, belonging to this state or any other state. All marriages solemnized according to the forms and usages of any religious denomination in this state, including marriages witnessed by a duly constituted Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís, are valid. All marriages attempted to be celebrated by any other person are void.

(b) No public official legally authorized to issue marriage licenses may join persons in marriage under authority of a license issued by himself, or his assistant or deputy, nor may any such assistant or deputy join persons in marriage under authority of a license issued by such public official.

(c) Any person violating any provision of this section shall be fined not more than fifty dollars.

Justice of the Peace

January 6, 2025

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