

**INFORMATION ON OBTAINING YOUR  
MARRIAGE LICENSE  
MASON COUNTY CLERK**

**PHONE: 309/543-6661**

**Office Hours:**

**Monday through Friday**

**Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m**

**\*\*Please be here by 3:30 pm at the latest to apply for a marriage license as it does take some time to process the application and license itself. \*\***

**WHERE TO APPLY:**

Summer R. Brown – Mason County Clerk’s Office

Courthouse - 100 N. Broadway, Havana, IL 62644

**IMPORTANT:**

Both parties must appear at the County Clerk’s Office. Persons obtaining a marriage license in Mason County MAY NOT use the license in any other county. The license must be obtained at least one day prior to being used. The license is void 60 days after the effective date.

**FEE:**

The fee for a marriage license is \$75.00.

**INFORMATION NEEDED TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE:**

Each party to the proposed marriage will need to provide the following information for the application process: their names, sex, address, occupation, social security number, birthdate, birthdate location and parents’ names, including their parents addresses and places of birth.

If either party has previously been married, his/her name and the complete date, county, and state in which the marriage was dissolved or declared invalid or the date and place of death of the former spouse will need to be provided.

**QUALIFICATION FOR RESIDENTS OF ILLINOIS:**

To be married in Illinois without parental consent you must be at least 18 years of age. If you are 16 or 17 years of age, BOTH PARENTS must sign a parental consent form in the County Clerk’s Office at the time you apply for the license. If it is not possible for your parent to sign in this office, it may be done before the County Clerk in your parent’s County. If a parent is deceased, a death certificate or proof of guardianship, or court order waiving consent must be presented.

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## **PROOF OF AGE:**

It will be necessary to show proof of age when applying for a marriage license. If you are 16 or 17, you must have an unaltered birth certificate. If you are 18 years of age or older, a driver's license is acceptable.

## **QUALIFICATION FOR NON-RESIDENTS:**

Non-residents CANNOT obtain a marriage license if said marriage would be void in their state.

## **RETURN OF THE LICENSE:**

The license must be returned to the County Clerk's Office within 10 days after the date of marriage.

## **MARRIAGE BY JUDGE:**

If you wish to be married by a judge, you may make your own arrangements prior to the ceremony by calling 309/543-6619.

## **PERSONS WHO MAY NOT MARRY:**

Blood relatives, down to and including first cousins MAY NOT marry under the laws of the State of Illinois unless they are both over 50 years of age. However, marriage between first cousins is not prohibited if either party submits a certificate signed by a physician stating that the party is permanently and irreversibly sterile.

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