Marriage Licenses

Requirements:

1. Effective October 1st, 2009, couples can only apply for a marriage license in the town where their marriage is to occur.

2. The town that is written on the marriage license is the only town in which the applicants can be married.

3. Applicants must know date of marriage and the officiator performing the ceremony before they can apply for a license. A list of Manchester Justices of the Peace is available on the website.

4. Applicants that are 16 and 17 years old, the Probate Court Judge of the jurisdiction in which the minor resides must approve the issuance of the marriage license. If approved, the Judge will provide a court document for the minor to give to the Town Clerk. For applicants under 16 years of age, no marriage license may be issued. (Effective 10/1/2017)

5. The marriage license application is valid for 65 days from the date of when applicants apply.

6. The marriage application must be filled out and submitted on-line at the Town Clerk’s Office or from home. Applicants should know places of birth for both parents, as well as mother’s full maiden name.

7. Applicants for the marriage license must appear in person.

8. Identification in the form of a State ID or Passport is required for both parties.

9. The statutory fee for a marriage license is $50.00. A certified copy of the license after the ceremony will cost $20.00 (As of July 1, 1997, certified copies with social security numbers showing will be issued to the bride and groom only).

10. Additional information, Marriage application and JP list are available on our website at www.townofmanchester.org, under Town Clerk’s Dept., Marriage License information.

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