



DELIA BRIONES COUNTY CLERK

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REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES IN EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

OBTAINING YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE:

A marriage license is required for any individuals wishing to wed. You can usually obtain a marriage license from the El Paso County Clerk's Office located downtown and several satellite locations throughout El Paso County.

LOCATIONS AND HOURS:

County Courthouse 500 San Antonio, Ste. 105 El Paso, TX 79901 915-546-2071 Hours: 8:00am-5:00pm	Ysleta Annex 9521 Socorro Rd. A-1 El Paso TX 79927 915-860-2484 Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm	Northeast Annex 4641 Cohen St. Ste. B El Paso, TX 79924 915-759-0233 Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm Closed: 12:00pm-1:00pm
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WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

1. FEE: \$82.00 (Additional \$1.95 Convenience Fee, with debit or credit card).

2. PROOF OF IDENTITY AND AGE:

Under the Texas Family Code, the County Clerk requires proof of identity and age of each applicant.

- For a complete list of acceptable forms of identification, please refer to the *Texas Family Code, Section 2.005. See subsections (b 1-19)*
- For further questions or to confirm if your form of identification is accepted under the Texas Family Code, please contact the County Clerk's Vitals Division at (915) 546-2071

3. AGE REQUIREMENTS: Effective 9/1/2017 SB 1705 -Persons under 18 years of age will require a court order removing the disabilities of minority status for general purposes. Renders void any marriage if either party to the marriage is younger than the age of 18, and has failed to obtain the prerequisite order. **See Texas Family Code 2.003.** Applies to an application for a marriage license filed on or after the effective date of the bill.

STEPS TO OBTAIN LICENSE:

Under oath, the clerk will ask the couple to verify their information for accuracy and, once finalized, each will be asked to sign the document.

HOW SOON AFTER OBTAINING THE MARRIAGE LICENSE CAN WE GET MARRIED?

You can get married beginning 72 hours from the time you obtain your marriage license. The marriage license is valid for 90 days. The individual conducting the wedding must complete the license and return it to the County Clerk's office within 30 days after the ceremony is conducted.

The 72 hour timeframe can be waived if you qualify under one of the exceptions listed below:

1. A qualified District or County Court at Law Judge may issue a waiver to permit a marriage to take place before the 72 hours period if good cause is found. The Judge has the option to approve the waiver or deny the request. A Justice of the Peace is not able to provide a waiver.

2. Automatic Waivers are granted if:

- You are a member of the United States Armed Forces and you are on active duty;
- You work for the U.S. Department of Defense as an employee or under contract;
- You have completed a premarital education course, including Texas Twogether.