



DELIA BRIONES COUNTY CLERK

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REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES IN EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

OBTAINING A MARRIAGE LICENSE:

A marriage license is required for all individuals wishing to wed. A marriage license can be obtained from one of the three El Paso County Clerk's Offices.

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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REQUIREMENTS:

1. FEE: \$82.00; plus an additional \$1.95 convenience fee with debit or credit card

2. PROOF OF IDENTITY AND AGE: as required by the Texas Family Code

- 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 a 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 Deputy Clerk will ask the couple to verify their information for accuracy and, once finalized, each individual will sign the license as confirmation.

HOW SOON AFTER OBTAINING THE MARRIAGE LICENSE CAN A COUPLE GET MARRIED?

A couple can get married beginning 72 hours from the time the marriage license is obtained. The marriage license is valid for 90 days. The individual conducting the wedding ceremony 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 an applicant qualifies 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:
 - An applicant is a member of the United States Armed Forces and on active duty;
 - An applicant works for the U.S. Department of Defense as an employee or under contract;
 - An applicant has completed a premarital education course, including Texas Twogether.