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COUNTY CLERK

HARRISON COUNTY, TEXAS



MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDER APPLICANTS ONLY

ABSENT APPLICANT – APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE INSTRUCTIONS TEXAS FAMILY CODE SECTION 2.006 & 2.007

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Absent affidavit can be used to apply for a Marriage License when one party is not able to appear in the County Clerk's Office to obtain the marriage license, but **IS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE in the wedding ceremony**. One applicant may obtain marriage license in the county clerk's office alone, with needed materials.

1. The party who will not be able to appear in the County Clerk's Office must complete and sign this form. All applicable fields on the form must be completed by the person signing.
2. The other party must appear in the County Clerk's office at least 72 hours, but no more than 30 days prior to the ceremony. (Exceptions for Active Duty Military)
3. The person applying on behalf of an absent applicant shall provide to the clerk: the notarized affidavit of the absentee and proof of the identity and age of the absent applicant under Section 2.005(b). Affidavits must be original to verify notarization.
4. ID for applicant appearing in person must be original but legible photocopies of ID are acceptable for absentees. Refer to the Marriage License Info on our website for ID options.
5. The names of both parties must appear on the marriage license exactly as they do on the identification provided to our office.
6. Affidavits are valid for 30 days.

Active Duty Military:

The clerk may not issue a marriage license for which **both applicants** are absent unless the person applying on behalf of each absent applicant provides, to the clerk, an affidavit of the applicant declaring that the applicant is a member of the armed forces of the United States stationed in another country in support of combat or another military operation. Service Members can obtain affidavit assistance with your commands legal representative or your base/station legal office. For assistance in legal office locations please visit <https://legalassistance.law.af.mil/>

The appointment of any adult, other than the other applicant, to act as proxy for the purpose of participating in the ceremony should only be named if the absent applicant is a member of the armed forces of the United States, stationed in another country, in support of combat or another military operation **AND is unable to attend the ceremony**. Once named, this proxy cannot be changed. Steps 1-6 above still apply but information will be provided for both applicants instead of one.

Holidays and unforeseen circumstances can effect office hours. Feel free to contact our office prior to arrival. (903) 935-8403