



# <u>Camden County Georgia</u> <u>Marriage License Information</u>

To get married you only need a marriage license and your officiant. Everything - every-single-thing else is optional: dress, rings, flowers, music, decor and more. On your wedding day the only required yet typically the least expensive professional you'll hire is your officiant. The fees for different options in my local service area are listed first on my home page. Included with Cost for Officiant, additional details and requirements are noted below.

<u>Required</u> - On your wedding day you must bring your marriage license and ID's to your officiant. For anyone to marry you, you must have a GA Marriage License. **You are responsible for obtaining your Georgia marriage license.** 

Camden County Marriage Licenses will be issued by appointment ONLY. Please call the Probate Court at 912-576-3785 to schedule an appointment PRIOR to completing the <u>application online</u>.

## **Application for Marriage License**

#### **Application Process**

- 1. <u>Applications for a marriage license</u> may begin online or can be completed in person at the Probate Court office located inside the Camden County Courthouse, 210 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Woodbine. If you choose to fill out the application online, you have two weeks after the information is submitted to complete the application process at Probate Court.
- 2. You must bring the following with you if you are filling out the application in person **OR** have submitted the application online and need to complete the process:
  - 1. Valid Driver's License, Valid State issued ID, or Valid Passport
  - 2. If divorced, a copy of the final divorce decree
  - 3. If widowed, a copy of the death certificate.
  - 4. Fee is \$76 (\$50 if you receive Premarital Counseling)
  - 5. Birth Certificates are helpful but are not required.

3. Applications for Marriage Licenses can occur Monday – Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Marriage licenses are not issued on holidays or court days so it is advisable to contact the office in advance.

#### **Legal Requirements**

The following Legal Requirements must also be satisfied:

- Residency Requirement: If one of the parties is a resident of Georgia, the license can be issued in any county. If neither party is a resident of Georgia, the license must be issued in the county in which the marriage ceremony is to be performed.
- Surname: The applicants must designate on the application the legal surname that will be used after the marriage.
- Legal Requirements:
  - The parties must be of sound mind, must have no living spouse from an un-dissolved prior marriage, and must not be related in a degree prohibited by law. Both parties must be at least 18 years of age. A 17 year old may be issued a marriage license only IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ARE MET:
    - A petition is granted in juvenile court for emancipation and a certified copy of such order is presented. (See O.C.G.A. § 15-11-720).
    - 15 days have passed since the date the order granting emancipation was granted.
    - Applicants have completed premarital education according to O.C.G.A. § 19-3-30.1. (There are additional counseling requirements for those 17 years old).

# As of July 1, 2019, no one under the age of 17 shall be issued a marriage license in the State of Georgia. Parental consent to a marriage license is no longer allowed in this State.

#### **Premarital Counseling**

A form may be obtained from Camden County Probate Court. It must be signed and notarized and presented when applying for the marriage license.

## **Certified Copies of Marriage Certificates**

Application and payment for certified copies of Marriage Certificates may be obtained through EZCourtPay.