

Helpful Resources

Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Jefferson
440-576-9461

Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Ashtabula
440-964-7665

Ashtabula County Board of Elections
440-576-6915

Social Security Administration, Ashtabula
800-772-1213

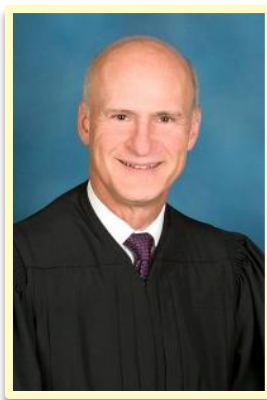
Immigration & Naturalization Service
800-375-5283

Ashtabula County Bar Association
440-998-2628

This pamphlet is provided as a public service to provide an understanding for Marriage Licenses. It is an overview and should not be considered a legal reference.

Albert S. Camplese Judge

ASHTABULA COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PROBATE/JUVENILE DIVISION



25 W. Jefferson St.
Jefferson, OH 44047
440-576-3451
Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm

Marriage

ASHTABULA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS
PROBATE DIVISION

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Marriage

HOW DO WE OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE?

To obtain a marriage license, both applicants must be present at the Probate Court. Marriage licenses are issued Monday through Friday, from 8am to 4pm.

- Ohio residents must obtain a license within the county where either applicant resides. (At least one of the applicants must be a resident of Ashtabula County for a marriage license to be issued by the Ashtabula County Probate Court.) The license is valid anywhere in the State of Ohio.
- Out-of-state residents getting married in Ohio must obtain a license in the county where the ceremony will take place.
- Any applicant under the age of 18 must first file a petition for consent to the marriage of a minor with the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court. After you have obtained the consent of the Juvenile Court, a license may not be issued until 14 days after the final order of the Juvenile Court is filed. The Probate Court will not issue a license or accept an application prior to the 14 days. A copy of the order must be provided before an application will be accepted.
- Both applicants must not be nearer of kin than second cousins and not have a spouse living.
- The cost of a marriage license is \$45.00. Cash, money order or credit/debit cards are accepted. There is a \$2.95 convenience fee for all credit/debit transactions.

WHAT ARE THE ID REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A LICENSE?

Applicants must provide identification:

- Photo ID, such as a driver's license, passport or State-issued ID, with current address
 - If ID does not have current address, applicant must provide other proof of residency, such as a utility bill.
 - **If applicant does not have photo ID, a birth certificate, utility bill and social security card are required.**

Applicants will be required to furnish the following information:

- Social security number
- If married previously: final date of divorce decree and decree case number, or date of death of prior spouse
- Birth certificates are helpful - Applicant will be required to provide birth city, father's name, and mother's maiden name.

All marriage licenses are good on the day they are issued. The wedding ceremony must be performed and the license signed and returned within 60 days or the license expires.

WHERE CAN WE GET MARRIED?

Various courts in Ashtabula County perform marriage ceremonies. Times and days may vary.

Eastern County Court

25 W. Jefferson St. Jefferson | 440-576-3619

Western County Court

117 W. Main St. Geneva | 440-466-1184

Ashtabula Municipal Court

110 W. 44th St. | 440-992-7109

Conneaut Municipal Court

290 Main St. | 440-593-7410

HOW DO I OBTAIN A COPY OF MY MARRIAGE RECORD?

After your wedding ceremony takes place, the officiant will return a marriage certificate to the Probate Court with all pertinent information regarding the ceremony. Once the Court has received this information, we will issue multiple certified copies of your marriage record to allow for updating your information with the Social Security Administration, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Board of Elections, insurance providers and any other agencies or institutions that may require proof of your marriage. We recommend that you retain at least one certified copy of your marriage license in a safe and secure location. If you need additional copies, please request them at the time of marriage license issuance.

After the Court has mailed your certified copies, additional copy requests will incur a fee of \$10 per copy.

WHAT IF I NEED A COPY OF MY LICENSE SEVERAL YEARS AFTER MY WEDDING?

The Probate Court retains a permanent record and index of all marriage licenses issued in Ashtabula County. You may request a copy of your marriage record at any time, by mail or in-person at the Probate Court.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Marriage confers certain obligations and legal rights upon each spouse. You may consider meeting with an attorney to learn about:

- Changing Your Name
- Property Rights
- Insurance Coverage
- Estate Planning