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Marriage Intention Information

Marriage Intention application are by appointment only. Please call our office to make an appointment.

- Marriage Intentions cost $25.00 at the time you fill out the intention.
- Be mindful that there is a three day mandatory waiting period (weekends included) from the time you fill out your intention to the time you pick it up.
- Marriage intentions are good for 60 days and only valid for marriages in Massachusetts.
- Plan to be at Town Hall for 45 minutes; both you and your future spouse need to be present.

You and your future spouse will need to provide:

- Proof of your age. Such proof shall be contained in any of the following documents:
  - (i) an original or certified copy of a record of birth;
  - (ii) an original or certified copy of a baptismal record;
  - (iii) a passport;
  - (iv) a life insurance policy;
  - (v) an employment certificate;
  - (vi) a school record;
  - (vii) an immigration record;
  - (viii) a naturalization record;
  - (ix) a court record.
- Your Social Security number
- The name you'll use after the wedding if you've decided to change it.
- Your officiant information
- Date and location of wedding
- Payment

- After the marriage, the marriage license must be returned to the Clerk's Office by your officiant either by dropping off or mailing in the envelope provided.
- Certified Copies are $5.00 each. After you officiant drops off your license you can call to order your certified copy.

Getting Married in Massachusetts

There are 4 primary groups of people who can officiate at weddings in Massachusetts. Each group needs to meet different requirements to get licensed.

- **In-state Clergy Member** — If you'd like to be married by a member of the clergy who lives in Massachusetts, they are most likely already authorized to perform the ceremony. It is your responsibility to check this with the State Commissions Section.
- **In-state Justice of the Peace** — Justices of the Peace are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and some are authorized to perform marriages. It is your responsibility to check this with the State Commissions Section to ensure the Justice of the Peace is eligible to perform your wedding ceremony.
- **Out-of-state Clergy Member or Justice of the Peace** — Clergy members or Justices of the Peace who are authorized in other states to perform marriages have to file the non-resident, out of state clergy petition to get a certificate to officiate your ceremony. It is your responsibility to check this with the State Commissions Section to ensure the Out of State Clergy has filed the appropriate paperwork.
- **Anyone with a 1-day Designation** — If you want a friend or family member to officiate your wedding, they can apply for a 1-day designation. It is your responsibility to check this with the State Commissions Section. The Solemnizer must include the original Commission with the gold seal when turning in the signed marriage certificate