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IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE



FLORIDA RESIDENTS HAVE A 3 DAY WAITING PERIOD TO MARRY PER FLORIDA STATUTE 741.04. *(Unless Premarital Counseling Course Completion Certificate is presented.)*

Effective Date:

BOX 18a on your License to Marry provides your license effective date. **YOUR CEREMONY MUST BE ON OR AFTER YOUR LICENSE EFFECTIVE DATE TO BE VALID.**

Expiration Date:

Your marriage license may only be used in the State of Florida within sixty (60) days of issuance. See **Box 19** on your License to Marry for the expiration date.

Return of License:

Your marriage license must be returned to the Sarasota County Clerk of Circuit Court and County Comptroller within ten (10) days of your ceremony in the envelope provided. **If your license is not returned to our office, there is no official record of your marriage.** Once received, the original will be recorded and forwarded to the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

Who can perform the ceremony?

- Ordained ministers and clergy or elders in communion with some church
- All judicial officers, including retired judicial officers
- Clerks of the Circuit Court
- Notaries public (Florida ONLY)
- Society of Friends or Quakers

TO THE OFFICIANT OF YOUR CEREMONY

- Legibly type or print all information on the Certificate of Marriage portion in **BLACK** ink only
 - LINE 21: Enter the date of the marriage MM/DD/YYYY
 - LINE 22: Must contain the city, town or location of marriage
 - LINE 23A: Must contain the signature of person performing ceremony
 - LINE 23B: Must contain the Name/Title/Notary Stamp of person performing ceremony
 - LINE 23C: Must contain full address of the person performing the ceremony

Marriage License Services

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
No appointment needed. Allow 30 minutes.
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Historic Courthouse
2000 Main Street
Sarasota, FL 34237

Venice

R.L. Anderson Administration Center
4000 S. Tamiami Trail
Venice, FL 34293