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MARRIAGE LICENSE

Requirements:

- Must be a resident of Gratiot County (If both applicants live out of state, then they must apply in the County in which the ceremony will be held).
- Must be married in the State of Michigan.

To apply for a marriage license:

- Birth certificates of both parties
- Social Security numbers of both parties
- Driver's license of resident(s)
- If previously married, need judgment of divorce or death certificate of last marriage.
- \$20.00 fee (\$30.00 fee for out of state residents)
- Three-day waiting period. A waiver of the 3-day may be obtained from the County Clerk for good cause.
- Marriage license if valid for 30 days after three-day wait.

Payment options: Cash, check, money order, debit/credit card (VISA credit not accepted).
Additional fees apply for debit/credit payments.

Marriage License Instructions:

- Bride and groom must sign both copies of the marriage license in their married names.
- Clergy/Magistrate must print name and address, signature must include title.
- Clergy/Magistrate returns "original" license to register the marriage. Bride and groom keep "duplicate" as a keepsake copy.
- Witnesses on marriage licenses must be 18 years of age or older.
- The keepsake marriage certificate may be accepted as proof of name change at the Secretary of State Branch office if the county file number and seal or raised stamp appears on the document, in accordance with DL, Section I, page 3.