**Marriage Licenses Information**

To the full extent permitted by the Constitution, the Probate Court has exclusive original jurisdiction over all subject matter related to the issuance of marriage licenses; record, index, and dispose of copies of marriage certificates; and issue certified copies of the license and certificates.

It is unlawful for any persons to contract matrimony, i.e. marry, within this State without first obtaining a marriage license from the Probate Court.

The Probate Court may issue a marriage license upon:

(a) The filing of the marriage application

(b) The lapse of at least twenty-four hours thereafter

(c) The payment of the fee

(d) And the filing of a statement, under oath or affirmation, to the effect that the persons seeking the contract of matrimony are legally entitled to marry, together with the full names of the persons, their ages and places of residence.

Only ministers of the Gospel or accepted Jewish rabbis and officers authorized to administer oaths in this State are authorized to administer a marriage ceremony in this State.

Marriage Licenses are public record and are open to the public during regular business hours between 8:30 am until 5:00 from Monday to Friday.
Requirements to obtain a Marion County, South Carolina, Marriage License

NO EXCEPTIONS

Marriage License Fees Per Couple Are As Follows:
$50 for In-County Residents
$75 for Out-of-County Residents
$100 for Out-of-State Residents

***CASH ONLY***

NOTE: There is a 24hr waiting period from 1 business day to the next business day. (For example: When you apply on Friday or the day before a holiday you CANNOT pick it up until the next business day)

A) For a US-CITIZEN
   1) Bride & Groom OR Partner & Partner need to be present together
   2) You both will need three (3) of the 5 documents listed below:
      * Picture ID
      * Social Security Card
      * Birth Certificate
      * Passport--(same as birth certificate)
      * Military ID--(same as a picture ID)

B) For a NON-US-CITIZEN
   If you DO NOT have or you are NOT eligible for a Social Security Card you are a NON-US-RESIDENT & this applies to YOU
   1) Bride & Groom OR Partner & Partner need to be present together
   2) You need three (3) of the 6 documents listed below--(1 has to a Picture ID)
      * Picture ID
      * Birth Certificate
      * Green Card
      * Work ID Card/TIN #
      * Passport
      * SS Card—(Optional—if you have one, it needs to be presented)

C) Persons Under Age
   1) Bride & Groom both must be at least 16 years old
   2) Birth Certificates, SS Cards & Picture ID
   3) The custodian parent or guardian of the minor(s) person will need to sign
   4) The custodian parent or guardian will need to have picture ID also

D) For a Pregnant Under Age Female (16-17yrs old)
   1) Written Statement from a Medical Doctor stating the female is pregnant & her due date OR
   2) Birth Certificate of the infant, that shows the under age mother & father's name on it
   3) The under age female needs to show her: Picture ID, Birth Certificate, & SS Card

*If you DO NOT have 3 of any of these items(1 has to be a Picture ID) you CANNOT obtain a Marion County, SC, Marriage License*

Call Marion County Probate Court at 843-423-8244, if you have any questions.