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Applying for Marriage

- ☑ The Wedding Couple AND a Witness who knows both must be present at the time of application and each of the three must present a Photo ID prior to signing the Marriage License Application.
- ☑ In addition to completing the application, the bride will also need to complete the Address Update form which will provide us with the mailing address for your Certified Copy of Marriage Certificate we will prepare following your ceremony.
- ☑ The fee to apply for a license — payable by cash, check or credit card — is \$35.
- ☑ There is a three-day waiting period; if needed, this can be waived by a district judge with a Waiver Application and a fee of \$5 in addition to the fee to apply for license. The Marriage License will be available for pick up by either of the applicants after the three-day waiting period and up to 6-months after.
- ☑ State of Iowa Marriage Instructions are available online at <http://dickinsoncountyiowa.org/recorder> on the link for *Vital, Military Records & Passports*

Performing Weddings

- ◇ Iowa Code Chapter 595 governs Iowa marriages; Chapter 144 administers the registration process.
- ◇ There is no formal “registration” of Officiants in Iowa. You are authorized to solemnize marriage ceremonies if you are:
 1. An Iowa judge, magistrate, or associate judge serving on the Iowa supreme court, court of appeals, or district court; or
 2. An individual ordained or designated as a leader of the person’s religious faith, regardless of the state of residence or service (595.10).
- ◇ A State of Iowa Officiant Brochure is available online at <http://dickinsoncountyiowa.org/recorder> on the link for *Vital, Military Records & Passports*.