

INSTRUCTION FOR COMPLETING AN ABSENT AFFIDAVIT

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The *Absentee Affidavit* is to be completed if an applicant is unable to appear personally before the County Clerk to apply for a marriage license. The other applicant may apply for a marriage license on behalf of the absent applicant.

The affidavit will be denied if both parties desiring to marry are not in full compliance with the information that follows. The absent party must complete every blank and sign the affidavit. The absent party's signature must be acknowledged.

Print or type all information that is requested on the application. No white-out or obvious alterations will be accepted.

1. The names of both parties must be printed or typed **EXACTLY** as they appear on the identification that will be used to obtain the marriage license.
2. There is a 72-hour waiting period immediately following the issuance of the marriage license unless waived by court order or proof of active military status.
3. The marriage ceremony must be conducted within 90 days from the date the marriage license is issued or it will expire.
4. An acceptable form of valid, government issued picture identification must be presented by the present party with one of the following for the absent applicant:
 - Certified copy of birth certificate (No previous marriages for female applicants)
 - Valid driver's license (both sides)
 - Military ID (both sides)
 - Valid passport
 - Naturalization papers

ALTERED DOCUMENTS AS PROOF OF ID WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

5. The absentee affidavit expires 30 days from date of signing.
6. The fee is \$82.00

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 – 4:30 MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

PHONE 409/384-2632



THE STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____

AFFIDAVIT OF ABSENT APPLICANT FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

The form and content of this affidavit is prescribed by section 2.007 of the Texas Family Code.

Name of Absent Applicant (First, Middle, Last)		Maiden Surname (If applicable)
Address (Street, city, state, zip)		
Date of Birth	Place of Birth (including city, county and state)	
Social Security Number	Citizenship	

I have not been divorced within the last 30 days. TRUE FALSE

I am not presently married. TRUE FALSE

I am currently married to the other applicant. TRUE FALSE

I am presently delinquent in the payment of court ordered child support.
 TRUE FALSE

The other applicant is not presently married TRUE FALSE

I am not related to the other applicant as: TRUE FALSE

- an ancestor or descendant, by blood or adoption;
- a brother or sister, of the whole or half blood or by adoption;
- a parent's brother or sister, of the whole or half blood or by adoption;
- a son or daughter of a brother or sister, of the whole or half blood or by adoption;
- a current or former stepchild or stepparent; or
- a son or daughter of a parent's brother or sister, of the whole or half blood or by adoption;

I desire to marry:

Name of Other Applicant (First, Middle, Last)		
Maiden Surname if Other Applicant is Female	Age	Approximate date on which the marriage is to occur
Address (Street, city, state, zip)		

The Reason I am unable to appear personally before the county clerk for the issuance of the license:
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THE FOLLOWING SECTION CAN ONLY BE COMPLETED BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES STATIONED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY IN SUPPORT OF COMBAT OR ANOTHER MILITARY OPERATION WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY:

Name of adult person, other than the other applicant, to act as proxy for the purpose of participating in the ceremony:

I SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE GIVEN IN THIS DECLARATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I AM AWARE THAT MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT ON THIS DOCUMENT IS PUNISHABLE TO UP TO 2 TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON AND UP TO A \$10,000 FINE [HSC §195.003]

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Notary		(Seal)
Printed Name and Title:		
Subscribed and sworn before me on:	Expiration date of Commission:	