

Marriage Intentions Information



Where should I file my marriage intentions?

If you are getting married in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - you must file your intentions within the state of Massachusetts. You can file in any town - it does not need to be your residence or the city/town you intend to get married in. An important thing to keep in mind when choosing where to file your intentions is that wherever you file will maintain the permanent record of your marriage. Marriage certificates are also kept on file with the state.

What is the cost of filing marriage intentions?

The cost varies across the state. The fee in Oakham is \$25.00 to file and this includes two certified copies of the marriage certificate. Any additional copies there is a \$10.00 charge. CHECK ONLY made payable to the Town of Oakham. NO CASH IS ACCEPTED!

When should I file my marriage intentions?

Marriage licenses are valid for 60 days from the date of filing the intentions. Once you file your intentions there is a 3 day waiting period until you can pick up your marriage license. It is best to file a few weeks before the planned wedding date.

Do I need an appointment to file marriage intentions?

Appointments for filing intentions are required at this time. Please call or email the Town Clerk to make an appointment.

What do I need to bring?

- Your future spouse! You both need to be present to file intentions. (Unless you have a court waiver)
- Proof of your age, such as a Driver's License or passport (In MA you must be 18 years old or have a court waiver)
- Payment for fees
- If you are getting married by a friend or family member (and not a member of the clergy or Justice of the Peace) you will need to submit the One Day Solemnization Certificate with the Gold Seal provided by the State.

What questions should I be prepared to answer on the forms I will need to fill out?

The 2 parties filing their intentions will be asked for their current full name, the surname (last) to be used after marriage, date of birth, current age, occupation, residence, which marriage this is (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc), status of the prior marriage (if applicable), birthplace, full name (including maiden name) of both parents, gender, blood relationship information to intended spouse, social security number, planned date of marriage, planned location of marriage, current phone number and address information, future contact information, officiant name and officiant address.

Still have questions?

Contact the Town Clerk, at (508) 882-5549 ext. 4 or email townclerk@oakham-ma.gov.