

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Costs:

- \$81 to obtain a marriage license
- \$21 if couple completes the Together in Texas marriage course
- \$46 for a Declaration of Informal Marriage – Please call the Lavaca County Clerk's Office for more information

Requirements for obtaining a Marriage License:

- Both parties must be present (If one of the applicants is unable to appear, call the Lavaca County Clerk's Office at 361-798-3612)
- Both parties must be 18 years of age, or if under 18, must provide to the county clerk a court order granted by this state under Chapter 31 removing the disabilities of minority of the person
- Both applicants must provide valid state or government issued picture identification and social security cards
- If either applicant is divorced the divorce must have been final for 30 days prior to obtaining a new marriage license
- There is a 72 hour waiting period upon issuance of marriage license. The only way to waive the 72 hour waiting period is with a judge's order; or if one of the applicants is on active military duty; or upon completion of an approved premarital education course. The certificate must be provided to the clerk at the time of license issuance.
- The marriage license is valid for 90 days after the issuance date.
- The person who conducts the marriage ceremony shall return the original license to the County Clerk. The marriage license will be mailed to the couple at the address indicated on the application.

The County Clerk's Office has marriage licenses from 1847 to present. The cost of a certified copy is \$7 or \$8 depending on the year of marriage. Please contact the clerk's office at 361-798-3612.