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Beaufort County Probate Court 843-255-5850
102 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC 29902
Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am-4:00pm

Minimum age for males and females to marry with parental consent: 16

Certain exceptions pertain to SC Code Section 20-1-300. Contact Probate Court for information.

Minimum age for males and females to marry without parental consent: 18

Both parties (prospective bride and bridegroom) are required to be physically present to apply for a marriage license together at the Beaufort County Probate Court with any appropriate ID.

There are no exceptions at any time to this statement.

An original copy of a birth certificate or a hospital or baptismal certificate (issued and dated within one year after birth) is required for proof of age for applicant under the age of 18. The court will retain, permanently, all certified copies if either party is under 18. Applicants age 18 or older may furnish military ID, passport or visa. Applicants are required to provide their social security numbers or their alien identification numbers if they are resident aliens who do not have Social Security numbers. Numbers can be given verbally (it does not require your card).

A 24 hour waiting period is required from the time of application until issuance of the license.

You need only 1 person to pick them up after the 24 hour period. However, the marriage license has no expiration date, therefore they can be obtained even months ahead of the wedding. A blood test and physical examinations are not required.

The ceremony may be performed by certain members of the clergy and by officers authorized to administer oaths in this state, e.g. judges and SC notaries public. Witnesses are not required. The ceremony must take place in South Carolina, but not necessarily within the county where the license was issued.

FEES

There is a \$50 cash fee if either, or both, applicants reside in Beaufort County. There is a \$75 cash fee if neither applicant resides in Beaufort County, but at least one resides in South Carolina. There is a \$95 cash fee if both applicants reside outside of South Carolina.

NOTE: Active-duty military personnel are deemed to reside in the county/state where the installation/facility to which they are assigned/attached is located.

NO CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED — ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BY CASH IN THE EXACT AMOUNT.