



## APPLY FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE

Couples must apply in the town in New Jersey in which either party lives.

If neither party lives in NJ, the couple must apply with the registrar in the NJ town where the marriage will take place.

In Barnegat, couples along with a witness that is over the age of 18, apply at the Office of the Registrar in the Municipal Clerk's office, 900 W Bay Avenue-Monday through Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Appointments are not necessary and please allow approximately twenty (20) minutes for this process. On Committee meeting nights, our office will be open until 7:30 pm, please call 609-698-0080 x176 before 4:30 pm to confirm.

Both applicants must bring the following documents at application time:

- ◆ Valid driver's license for proof of residence
- ◆ Social Security card or document showing social security number
- ◆ Original birth certificate with raised seal (Foreign issued Birth Certificates must have a certified English translation.) *Birth Certificate not required but suggested for proper spelling of names for applicants and parents.*
- ◆ If there has been a prior Marriage or Civil Union, must provide Divorce/Annulment papers or Death Certificate
- ◆ The name and mailing information of person who will perform the Ceremony.

Application can be made up to six (6) months in advance. Once the application is filled out the license must be held for a minimum of 72 hours before it can be picked up. The marriage license is only valid for thirty (30) days from the day it is released from the Registrar's office.

There is a fee of \$28.00 due upon application, cash or check only. Any questions, please call 609-698-0080 x176.