NON-CLERGY MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All persons must purchase a License and Certificate of Marriage for Denominations Not Having Clergy from the County Clerk in order to enter into a marriage if they are members of a religious society or denomination not having clergy (Family Code Section 307).

To Persons Declaring Their Marriage

The License and Certificate of Marriage for Denominations Not Having Clergy expires 90 days after date of issue in item 25A and cannot be used after the “Expiration Date” shown in Item 25B.

1. Complete the marriage license using DARK INK ONLY and PRINT all information in all sections except where signatures are required.
2. Enter date of marriage in item 26A using numbers only. (Ex. 01 01 2009)
3. Enter the religious society/denomination in item 26B, and place of marriage in items 26C and 26D.
4. Sign your names in items 27 and 28 on the day of the ceremony.
5. Have two witnesses to the marriage sign items 29A and 30A and complete items 29B, 29C, 30B, and 30C.
6. DO NOT alter, erase, strikeover, write over, use white out, correction fluid, or correction tape on this document. DO NOT alter the document in any way. If you make a mistake, LEAVE IT. The Clerks’ Office will create an amendment to correct the mistake if the mistake is incorrect information. The fee for an amendment is $11.00. All fees shall be paid prior to the issuance of the amendment.

The completed, original LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE FOR DENOMINATIONS NOT HAVING CLERGY must be returned within 10 days after the marriage ceremony, by either of the parties declaring the marriage or by either witness who signed in item 29A or 30A, to be registered by the local registrar of marriages (County Recorder) of the county where the license was issued at the address listed in item 25G. It can be mailed or delivered in person.

You will not be notified that your license has been registered. You do not automatically receive a certified copy. You must request and pay for a certified copy from the local registrar of marriages (County Recorder) in the county where the license was issued.