

The couple must appear together at the Stutsman County Recorders Office or the appropriate office in their county to complete the forms.

The only proof they need to bring is their drivers license. If either of the couple has been divorced, we must have a "CERTIFIED" copy of their divorce judgment. If either of the couple is widowed/widower, we must have a "CERTIFIED" copy of their former spouses death certificate. If either of the couple is under the age of 18, their parents must appear and complete a "Consent Form".

The couple reads and signs the "OATH". The "APPLICATION" is completed by each of the individuals. That information is entered in the state-wide computer marriage license system. The couple is given the 3 duplicated forms of the marriage license to give to the person performing their marriage ceremony. (Original form remains in the Recorders Office; Duplicate A form is sent to the Vital Records Office; Duplicate B form is given to couple for their records.)

The fee for the marriage license is \$65.00. There are fees for obtaining CERTIFIED COPIES OF DIVORCE JUDGMENTS from the CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE AND DEATH CERTIFICATES from the VITAL RECORDS OFFICE.

Once the marriage license has been obtained, the marriage must be solemnized within a 60 day time frame.

The couple may take either of the surnames being married. There must be two witnesses to sign and witness the marriage. The Original and Duplicate A Copies shall be returned to the county who issued the license within FIVE DAYS after solemnization of the marriage. Duplicate B copy shall immediately be delivered to the persons married.

For those wanting information to be married in the courthouse or elsewhere should contact Karen Samek, Stutsman County Recorder at 701-252-9034.