



Office of the Probate Court

Chadwicke L. Groover
Probate Judge for Greenville County
Greenville, South Carolina

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Dear Applicants:

Please give this notice to the individual presiding over your ceremony:

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MARRIAGE OFFICIANTS

THE MARRIAGE LICENSE FORM MUST BE LEGIBLE AND CONTAIN NO *CROSS OUTS* OR *WHITE OUTS*.

YOU MUST ENSURE THAT ALL INFORMATION ON THE MARRIAGE LICENSE IS PLACED IN THE CORRECT SPACE ON THE LICENSE FORM.

IF THE LICENSE HAS BEEN IMPROPERLY EXECUTED OR INFORMATION HAS BEEN *WHITED OUT* OR *CROSSED OUT*, IT MAY BE RETURNED TO US FROM THE VITAL RECORDS OFFICE IN COLUMBIA, S.C. IF THAT OCCURS, OUR OFFICE WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE COUPLE AT THEIR LAST KNOWN ADDRESS. WE WILL ASK THE COUPLE TO RETURN TO OUR OFFICE TO EXECUTE A CORRECTED MARRIAGE LICENSE.

THERE IS A CHARGE OF \$6.75 TO ISSUE A CORRECTED MARRIAGE LICENSE.

THIS DOES NOT AFFECT THE LEGALITY OF THE MARRIAGE ITSELF; HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE INFORMATION BE CLEARLY WRITTEN SINCE MARRIAGE LICENSES ARE USED TO OBTAIN PASSPORTS AND CONFIRM MARITAL STATUS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BENEFITS. AS SUCH, THE LICENSE NEEDS TO BE CORRECTLY EXECUTED BY ALL PARTIES.

TO ASSIST YOU IN THIS, WE HAVE PROVIDED A SAMPLE LICENSE IN THE LICENSE PACKAGE GIVEN TO THE COUPLE. A SAMPLE MARRIAGE LICENSE IS ALSO LOCATED ON THE PROBATE COURT'S WEBSITE AT:

<http://www.greenvillecounty.org/Probate/MarriageLicense.aspx>

Please do not hesitate to contact the Marriage License Division if you have further questions.

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On behalf of our office, best wishes to you both on your upcoming marriage.

Thank you,

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Dear Officials:

As you know, there are three copies of the marriage license form that you and the couple must complete. Each of the copies is labeled for its intended use. One is for the *Bride/Groom*, one is for the *Probate Court* and one is for *DHEC* (S.C. Dept. of Health and Environmental Control/Vital Records) located in Columbia, S.C. You must deliver to the Bride/Groom their copy after the license is fully completed. Then, you must immediately deliver the other 2 copies to our office. We will keep the copy labeled *Probate Court* and we will send DHEC their copy.

To avoid having a license returned, here is a list of **DHEC's Do's and Don'ts** as you complete your section of the marriage license:

1. Do not cross out or mark through information.
2. Do not cover or obliterate any information with the notary stamp/seal. Please note a notary stamp/seal is not required.
3. Do not stamp the license multiple times. Only one stamp/seal is allowed per license. A notary stamp/seal is not required.
4. Do not abbreviate city or county names. You must provide the full name of the city and county in which the marriage ceremony was held. All ceremonies must occur in South Carolina.
5. Do not write illegibly. The license must be easy to read. Please use **BLACK INK ONLY**.

If a license contains one of these errors, DHEC will return the license to the Marriage License Division of the issuing Probate Court for correction. **All parties (Bride, Groom, and Officiant) MUST return to the Probate Court to complete and sign a corrected marriage license.** Please note the Probate Court will not file the marriage license until all parties have returned to the Probate Court and completed a corrected license.

Below is a sample of a correctly completed marriage license:

(1) SIGNATURE OF PARTY A <i>[Signature]</i>	(1) SIGNATURE OF PARTY B <i>[Signature]</i>
(2) CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NAMED PERSONS WERE MARRIED ON January 5, 2023 (2) (Month) (Day) (Year)	(2) PLACE OF MARRIAGE Greenville Greenville SOUTH CAROLINA (2) (City) (County)
(3) OFFICIANT-SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	(3) OFFICIANT-PRINT NAME Elizabeth M Robinson
(4) OFFICIANT-TITLE Notary Public	(4) commission expire: May 17, 2032
(5) OFFICIANT-MAILING ADDRESS 301 Sam Smith Drive, Greenville SC 29601 DHEC-1747 (11/2014)	PROBATE JUDGE

Thank you for your careful attention to these details. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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