HARNETT COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS 305 W. CORNELIUS HARNETT BLVD., STE 200 LILLINGTON, N.C. 27546

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION INFORMATION

APPLICATION: Request that <u>both</u> parties apply in person to purchase the

License.

FEE: \$ 60.00 for the License (effective September 1, 2009).

\$ 10.00 for a certified copy.

(No checks will be accepted for the License.)

PROOF OF AGE:

- 1. Any person 21 years of age or older must furnish one of the following: a driver's license, a military ID card, state issued ID card, passport, country issued ID (Photo ID preferred) or a certified copy of a birth certificate with additional requirements.
- 2. Any person under <u>21</u> years of age must furnish a certified copy of a birth certificate with a raised seal and valid identification.
- 3. Any person 16 or 17 years of age must have a parent appear in person to sign the Marriage License & give consent for the marriage. Parent must provide valid id.
- 4. It is unlawful for any person <u>under 16 years</u> of age to obtain a marriage license.
- 5. Persons over 16 years of age and under 18 year of age may marry a person no more than four years older.

DIVORCE:

Divorced applicants must provide the month and year of their last marriage. If divorced within the last 12 months a certified copy of the divorce decree must be furnished. There is no waiting period between the divorce and applying for the new license.

ADD'L REQUIREMENTS: 1.

Applicants must provide verification of their Social Security numbers. Applicants may present a Social Security card, a statement from the Social Security Administration, a current W-2 form, or a current pay stub with the number as verification.

- 2. Applicants who have a Social Security number, but cannot provide proof may sign an affidavit attesting to this fact. The affidavit is available in the Register of Deeds office.
- 3. Applicants who are not eligible for a Social Security number may obtain a marriage license by signing an affidavit attesting to this fact. The affidavit is available in the Register of Deeds office.

WAITING PERIOD:

- 1. There is no waiting period. You may use the License the day you purchase them or any time within the 60-day period.
- 2. Marriages are performed at the magistrate's office and will be by APPOINTMENT ONLY on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. The Magistrate requires that you have your Marriage License before calling to schedule your appointment for the ceremony. Call (910) 814-4430 to schedule an appointment. The fee for performing the marriage is \$50.00. You must provide your own witnesses (you will need 2). The applicants and both witnesses must provide photo identification to the magistrate.

WHERE VALID:

The License can be used in any county within the State of North Carolina. The marriage license must be returned to the county where the License was issued. The license must be returned to the Harnett County Register of Deeds office within 10 days after the marriage.

QUESTIONS:

Call the Harnett County Register of Deeds office at (910) 893-7542.

HOURS: Monday thru Friday

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for Marriage License