

APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF THE SEVENTY-TWO HOUR WAITING PERIOD

IN RE:

The Matter of the Marriage of

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In the District Court of

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Fort Bend County, Texas

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_____ Judicial District

ON THIS DAY came to be heard the application for a Court waiver to permit the marriage ceremony of

_____ and

to take place during the seventy-two (72) hour period immediately following the issuance of the marriage license in accordance with § 2.204 of the Texas Family Code.

The Applicants have provided the following good cause for the marriage to take place during the seventy-two (72) hour period immediately following the issuance of the marriage license:

_____ Respectfully submitted,

Applicant

Applicant

Address

Address

City, State, Zip

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number

Telephone Number

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The Court, having heard this Application for Waiver of the Seventy-Two Hour Waiting Period, and being satisfied that good cause does exist, is of the opinion that the Application should be **GRANTED**.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the seventy-two hour waiting period be waived. It is further ordered that this Order be attached to the Marriage License prior to the marriage ceremony, and that the person performing the ceremony return the Marriage License and the attached Order to the issuing County Clerk as provided by § 2.206 of the Texas Family Code.

SIGNED this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Judge Presiding

**DISTRICT CLERK BEVERLEY MCGREW WALKER
FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS
301 JACKSON
RICHMOND, TEXAS 77469**

Seventy-two Hour Waiver Information

The Law per Section 2.204 of the Texas Family Code, requires a Marriage ceremony may not take place during a 72-hour period immediately following the issuance of the marriage license unless:

- A. An applicant is a member of the armed forces of the United States and is on active duty; or
- B. An applicant is not a member of the armed forces of the United States but performs work for the United States Department of Defense as a department employee or under a contract with the department; or
- C. An applicant obtains a written waiver.

An applicant may request a Judge of Court with jurisdiction in family law cases, a Justice of the Supreme Court, a Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, a County Judge, or a Judge of a Court of Appeals for a written waiver permitting the marriage ceremony to take place during the 72-hour period immediately following the issuance of the marriage license. The judge shall execute the waiver if the judge finds that there is good cause for the marriage to take place during the 72-hour period. The judge shall sign the waiver.

The District Clerk's Office provides the form, "*Application for Waiver of the Seventy-two Hour Waiting Period and Order*".

To obtain a written waiver, YOU MUST do the following:

- 1. Obtain a marriage license from the County Clerk's Office;
- 2. Obtain the "*Application for Waiver of the Seventy-two Hour Waiting Period and Order*" form from the District Clerk's office;
- 3. Contact a Judge who will hear your "*Application for Waiver of the Seventy-two Hour Waiting Period*";
- 4. Once you have contacted a judge to hear your Waiver Application, complete the "*Application for Waiver of the Seventy-two Hour Waiting Period and Order*" form. The Judge will sign the Order if good cause for obtaining the Waiver is shown;
- 5. Upon obtaining the Judge's signature attach the **SIGNED Original** "*Application for Waiver of the Seventy-two Hour Waiting Period and Order*" to the marriage license; and
- 6. Leave these papers with the person who performed the marriage ceremony.
- 7. The person performing the ceremony shall return the Marriage License and the annexed "*Application for Waiver of the Seventy-two Hour Waiting Period and Order*" to the issuing County Clerk as provided in Section 2.206 of the Texas Family Code.

If you have any questions, please ask a Deputy District Clerk in this Office for assistance.

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The following is a list of the Fort Bend County District and County Court-at-Law Judges who may sign your "*Application for Waiver of the Seventy-two Hour Waiting Period and Order*".

Honorable Walter Armatys
328th District Court, Justice Center
1422 Eugene Heimann Circle
3rd Floor, Room 3C
Richmond, TX 77469

Telephone No: (281) 341-4406

Honorable David S. Perwin
505th District Court, Justice Center
1422 Eugene Heimann Circle
1st Floor, Room 1C
Richmond, TX 77469

Telephone No: (281) 238-3244

Honorable R. O'Neil Williams
268th District Court, Justice Center
1422 Eugene Heimann Circle
3rd Floor, Room 3D
Richmond, TX 77469

Telephone No: (281) 341-8610

Honorable Maggie Perez-Jaramillo
400th District Court, Justice Center
1422 Eugene Heimann Circle
3rd Floor, Room 3B
Richmond, TX 77469

Telephone No: (281) 341-4422

Honorable James H. Shoemake
434th District Court, Justice Center
1422 Eugene Heimann Circle
3rd Floor, Room 3I
Richmond, TX 77469

Telephone No: (281) 633-7653

Honorable Robert L. Rolnick
458th District Court, Justice Center
1422 Eugene Heimann Circle
3rd Floor, Room 3F
Richmond, TX 77469

Telephone No: (832) 471-4905

Honorable Jeffrey A McMeans
County Court at Law #2, Justice Center
1422 Eugene Heimann Circle
2nd Floor, Room 2B
Richmond, TX 77469

Telephone No: (281) 341-4446

Honorable Juli Mathew
County Court at Law #3, Justice Center
1422 Eugene Heimann Circle
2nd Floor, Room 2D
Richmond, TX 77469

Telephone No: (281) 341-4429

Honorable Teana Watson
County Court at Law #5, Justice Center
1422 Eugene Heimann Circle
2nd Floor, Room 1B
Richmond, TX 77469

Telephone No: (281) 238-3270

Honorable Sherman Hatton, Jr.
County Court at Law #6, Justice Center
1422 Eugene Heimann Circle
1st Floor, Room 1E
Richmond, TX 77469

Telephone No: (832) 471-1165

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

In addition to the District and Court Court-at-Law Judges, the following is a list of the Justices of the Peace who may perform a wedding ceremony:

Gary Janssen
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1
Needville Annex
3114 Rosenberg Street
Needville, Tx 77461

Telephone No: (979) 793-3403
(832) 471-2550

Mary S. Ward
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2
1517 Eugene Heimann Circle, Suite 100
Richmond, Texas 77469

Telephone No: (281) 341-3742

Joel C. Clouser, Sr.
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2
Precinct 2 Annex
303 Texas Park Way
Missouri City, Texas 77489

Telephone No: (281) 403-8080

Kelly N. Crow
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3
22333 Grand Corner Dr., Suite 102
Katy, TX 77494

Telephone No: (281) 238-1460

Justin M. Joyce
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4
Fort Bend County Annex
12919 Dairy Ashford, Suite 100
Sugar Land, Texas 77478

Telephone No: (281) 491-6016