



BEVERLEY MCGREW WALKER

DISTRICT CLERK
Fort Bend County, Texas

Seventy-Two Hour Waiver Information

TX Family Code Section 2.204: 72-Hour Waiting Period; EXCEPTIONS.

- a. Except as provided by this section, a marriage ceremony may not take place during the 72-hour period immediately following the issuance of the marriage license.
- b. The 72-hour waiting period after issuance of a marriage license does not apply to an applicant who:
 - (1) is a member of the armed forces of the United States and on active duty;
 - (2) 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;
 - (3) obtains a written waiver under Subsection (c); or
 - (4) completes a premarital education course described by Section 2.013, and who provides to the county clerk a premarital education course completion certificate indicating completion of the premarital education course not more than one year before the date the marriage license application is filed with the clerk.
- c. An applicant may request a judge of a 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. If the judge finds that there is good cause for the marriage to take place during the period, the judge shall sign the waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a judge under this section has the authority to sign a waiver under this section.

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 attached "*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 TX Family Code.

Physical Address

1422 Eugene Heimann Circle, Room 31004
Richmond, Texas 77469

Phone: (281) 341-4509
Fax: (281) 341-4519

Mailing Address

301 Jackson Street, Room 101
Richmond, Texas 77469

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 Janet B. Heppard 387th District Court, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 3rd Floor, Room 3H Richmond, Texas 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 238-3290
Honorable Kali Morgan 505th District Court, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 1st Floor, Room 1C Richmond, Texas 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 238-3244
Honorable Steve Rogers 268th District Court, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 3rd Floor, Room 3D Richmond, Texas 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 341-8610
Honorable Tameika Carter 400th District Court, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 3rd Floor, Room 3B Richmond, Texas 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 341-4422
Honorable J. Christian Becerra 434th District Court, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 3rd Floor, Room 3I Richmond, Texas 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 633-7653
Honorable Christopher G. Morales County Court at Law #1, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 2nd Floor, Room 2C Richmond, Texas 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 633-7415
Honorable Tyra McCollum County Court at Law #2, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 2nd Floor, Room 2B Richmond, Texas 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, Texas 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 341-4429
Honorable Toni M. Wallace County Court at Law #4, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 2nd Floor, Room 2E Richmond, Texas 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 238-1995
Honorable Teana Watson County Court at Law #5, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 2nd Floor, Room 1B Richmond, Texas 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 238-3270

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:

Kelly Crow Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1 22333 Grand Corner Dr Katy, Tx 77494	Telephone No:	(979) 793-3403 (832) 471-2550
Tricia Krenek Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2 6610 FM 359, Suite 600 Fulshear, Texas 77441	Telephone No:	(281) 341-3742
Roderick Garner Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place1 Precinct 2 Annex 303 Texas Parkway, Room 107 Missouri City, Texas 77489	Telephone No:	(281) 403-8080
Michael Moore Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 2 3114 Rosenberg St Needville, Texas 77461	Telephone No:	346-481-6990
Sonia Rash Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 Fort Bend County Annex 12919 Dairy Ashford, Suite 100 Sugar Land, Texas 77478	Telephone No:	(281) 491-6016
Gary D. Janssen Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 1517 Eugene Heimann Circle, Suite 100 Richmond, Tx 77469	Telephone No:	(832) 471-2550