





# APPLICATION FOR LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

## PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION

- ◆ With this application, you are applying for a marriage license issued pursuant to Family Code Section 359.
- ◆ When you sign this application, you are stating under penalty of perjury that the information you have provided is true and correct, that you are each currently unmarried, and that there is no legal objection to the marriage.
- ◆ **Marriage licenses are valid for 90 days from the date of issuance.** You must be married on or after the issuance date, and on or before the expiration date of the license. Licenses not used within this timeframe are void.
- ◆ **No refunds are given for marriage licenses purchased in error, lost or destroyed.**

The cost of a public marriage license is:

**\$90.00 payable to Riverside County Clerk by cash, check or debit (\$2.50 fee)**

The cost of a confidential marriage license is:

**\$100.00 payable to Riverside County Clerk by cash, check or debit (\$2.50 fee)**

- ◆ **Please check the type of marriage license you would like to apply for:**

- License and Certificate of Marriage (VS 117)** — This is the standard type of marriage license. This type of marriage license requires the signature of at least one witness and one person solemnizing the marriage. With a **Public Marriage License**, you may be married anywhere in California in the presence of at least one witness, and your marriage must be solemnized by a person authorized to perform marriages in California as provided for in Family Code Sections 400-401.
- License and Certificate of Marriage for Denominations Not Having Clergy (VS 115)** — This type of license is used for the recording of marriages for members of religious societies or denominations that do not have clergy for the purpose of solemnizing a marriage.
- License and Certificate of Declaration of Marriage (VS 116)** — This type of license is used for the recording of a marriage that was licensed and occurred over one year ago; however, no official record exists.
- Confidential License and Certificate of Marriage (VS 123)** — Confidential marriage licenses may only be issued to unmarried parties who are at least 18 years old and have been living together as spouses. Since the confidential marriage license requires the signature of a marriage officiant, they are not available to members of religious denominations not having clergy. Certified copies of the marriage license and certificate may only be issued to the couple. With a Confidential Marriage License, you must be married within the state of California. The couple **MUST** reside at the same address. No witnesses are necessary for the marriage ceremony. The signatures of the parties in fields 23 and 24 affirm that they meet the requirements to receive a confidential marriage license.

## PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING NAME CHANGES:

The **Name Equality Act of 2007** (AB 102, Chapter 567, Statutes of 2007) gives specific rights to parties at the time they are applying for a California marriage license to choose and list on the marriage license the new name that each party will go by after marriage. **Parties are not required to have the same name, nor are they required to change their name. If one or both parties do not wish to identify a new name on the marriage license, the fields on the marriage license will be completed using two single dashes.** If one or both of the parties want to have their new name(s) reflected on the marriage license, the new name must be entered on the marriage license application **at the time they are applying for the marriage license.** The parties may choose any of the following **middle or last names** as the names they wish to be known as after marriage (FC § 306.5(b) (2)):

<b>A person may adopt any of the following <i>middle names</i>:</b>	<b>A person may adopt any of the following <i>last names</i>:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The current last name of either spouse</li> <li>❖ The last name of either spouse given at birth</li> <li>❖ A hyphenated combination of the current middle name and the current last name of the person or spouse</li> <li>❖ A hyphenated combination of the current middle name and the last name given at birth of the person or spouse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The current last name of either spouse</li> <li>❖ The last name of either spouse given at birth</li> <li>❖ A name combining into a single last name all or a segment of the current last name or the last name of either spouse given at birth</li> <li>❖ A hyphenated combination of last names</li> <li>❖ <b>NOTE:</b> You may <b>not</b> change your <b>first name</b> using this process.</li> </ul>

**IMPORTANT: You may not amend the marriage license after it has been issued or add or change the name you wish to be known as after you are married. The name you indicate on the marriage license application will be your name on the marriage license/certificate and cannot be changed by the County Clerk. Any changes or corrections to the name after the marriage license has been issued will require a **COURT ORDERED NAME CHANGE**. If you have any questions, please consult with an attorney *prior* to applying.**

We, the undersigned declare that the information on our marriage license is true and correct, and understand that any mistakes or corrections to the New Name fields (30A-31C) on the marriage license will require a **COURT ORDERED NAME CHANGE**.

Signature First Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Second Person: \_\_\_\_\_