

Marriage Ceremony Info Sheet

41-A District Court - Sterling Heights

Courthouse Ceremony

Marriages are performed at the courthouse by appointment only on **Wednesdays** at either **1:00, 1:15, or 1:30 p.m.** Please complete and return the Marriage Ceremony Request form below to be contacted by court staff regarding scheduling a ceremony.

What you need: Bring all copies of your marriage license at least one day prior to ceremony with the \$10 marriage fee.

Ceremony Location

Magistrate Hearing Room - lower level of courthouse
40111 Dodge Park Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Magistrate/Judges do not perform ceremonies outside of the courthouse. There is currently a ten person limit to the number of attendees that may witness the ceremony, which takes approximately 5 minutes. All attendees are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes prior, as the ceremony will start promptly at the scheduled time.

Eligibility

At least one party must reside in Sterling Heights, Utica, Shelby Township, or Macomb Township. Two witnesses over 18 are required. The court does not provide witnesses.

Fees

The fee is \$10 for a marriage ceremony. Acceptable forms of payment include cash, check or money order (made payable to the 41A District Court), or credit card.

Marriage Licenses

You must have the marriage ceremony within 33 days from your marriage license application date. It is recommended that you submit your marriage ceremony request prior to gaining your marriage license to ensure that you can request the date that you want within the 33 day time constraints. If you already have your license, the "solemnize by" date on your license is the last day you can have your ceremony before your license expires.

For information regarding marriage license applications, please visit the [Macomb County Clerk's Office website](#).

Language Assistance

Please note that if either party is unable to speak and/or understand English, a state-qualified interpreter will be required. If the magistrate or judge determines that an interpreter is required and one is not present, the wedding ceremony will need to be adjourned to a later date. Depending on scheduling availability, this may require the issuance of a new marriage certificate. Parties are responsible for coordinating their own interpreters, the court does not provide interpreters.

Visit: www.courts.michigan.gov for a list of certified foreign language interpreters.

If you have any questions, please email 41AWeddings@sterlingheights.gov for assistance.