

**MARRIAGE LICENSE
INFORMATION
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**



**Vital Records Office
Margaret Morton Government Center
999 Broad Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604
www.bridgeportct.gov**

Mission Statement

To receive, certify, file, maintain, protect and preserve the City's Vital Records as dictated by law and to provide excellent customer service to the public in an efficient, professional and courteous manner.

Marriage License Requirements

If you are planning to marry, you and your spouse-to-be must appear in person at the Vital Records office for a marriage license. You must apply for your license at the vital records office of the city where the marriage is to take place. You will need to supply the following information:

- Name and telephone number of person performing ceremony (i.e. Justice of the Peace, Pastor, Priest, Rabbi, etc.). A complete listing of Bridgeport Justices of the Peace is enclosed within this booklet.
- Date and location of marriage ceremony.
- Your parents' names including your mother's maiden name, and their place of birth.
- Valid government-issued photo ID for each party.
- Social Security Card, if you do not know your number.
- Fee is \$30 (cash or money order only) no personal checks.
- Non-English speaking applicants will be accommodated. Please give advance notice if possible. On Mondays after 5 p.m., a translator may not be available.

Note:

- Parties must arrive at office before 6 p.m. on Monday; and before 4 p.m. on Tuesday-Friday. Process takes about 30 minutes to complete.
- If couple appear together the license may be taken that day; otherwise, it is held until both parties have appeared.
- The office does not go to institutions or private homes to process marriage license applications. All parties must appear before the registrar at the registrar's office during normal business hours.
- If you want a copy of your certified certificate after the marriage ceremony, please wait one week before applying. The fee is \$20 (cash or money order only).
- A marriage license is valid for 65 days. (You must get married within 65 days of applying for your license.)
- There is no waiting period between applying for and receiving your license.
- You no longer need to have a blood test to obtain a marriage license in Connecticut.

Office Hours:

Monday 9 A.M. until 6 P.M.
Tuesday-Friday 9 A.M. until 4 P.M.
Closed on Saturday and Sunday
203-576-7475 or 7476

Marriage License Laws of Connecticut Sections 46b-20 to 46b-35b, inclusive, and Sections 46b-38qq to 46b-38rr of the Connecticut General Statutes are enclosed within booklet.

Bridgeport Justices of the Peace Terms: 2012-2016

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Vidal Agosto	1354 Pembroke St 06608	203-333-8342
Manuel Ayala	60 Gilmore St #1 06608	203-367-4314
Albertina Baptista	145 Robin St 06606	203-331-9897
Manuel Bataguas	1105 North Ave 06604	203-241-6089
Joseph J. Borges	218 Norman St 06605	203-993-3293
Francisco Borres	31 Fairbanks St 06610	203-209-9306
Sali Borres	586 Clinton Ave 06605	203-367-0067
Melissa Borres	31 Fairbanks St 06610	203-895-0037
Pearl M. Brooks	220 Lyon Terr 06604	203-345-9208
David R. Burnell	30 Goddard Ave 06610	203-345-5998
Christopher L. Caruso	208B Beechmont Ave 06605	203-362-9413
Fedela Cidorowich	71 Truman St 202 06606	203-337-9995
Vallorie L. Clark	1133 Central Ave 06607	203-725-2155
Charles Clemons, Jr.	130 Reed St 06607	203-579-0280
Carol A. Cocco	564 Brooklawn Ave 06604	203-913-7495
Cruz M. Cotto	117 Alpine St 06610	203-367-0951
Josephine M. Covino	669 Clarke St 06606	203-372-3404
Hector Diaz Jr	34 Arthur St 06605	
Johanna T. Dorgan	88 Lance Drive 06606	203-209-6333
Theresa Dworkin	546 West McKinley Ave 06604	203-576-1878
Willie A. Dyer	103 Douglas St 06606	203-549-8290
Melva Falberg	2445 Park Ave #12 06604	203-384-9399
Bill Finch	70 Crown St 06610	203-576-7201
Luz Mary Flores	47 Sherman St 06608	203-243-7293
Joseph J. Garamella	2625 Park Ave 8G 06604	203-333-5835
Linda A. Grace	793 Broadbridge Rd 06610	203-371-0097
Dorothy Guman	133 Hickory St 06610	
Joyce Guytan	4 Pierce Pl 06605	203-526-7605
Joseph S. Hatrick, Sr.	405 McKinley St 06604	203-333-4836
Juan Hernandez	660 Union Ave 06607	203-449-0287
Gilberto P. Hernandez	225 Hough Ave 06608	203-333-6362
Hernandez Juan	585 East Main St 06608	203-218-2959
Jeanette Herron	2649 Main St 06606	203-209-2788
Rosemarie Hoyt	625 Clark St 06606	203-374-1919
Linda B. Juan	54 Alfred St 06605	203-243-5789
James Keyser	53 Henderson St 06606	203-801-8322
Michelle Lyons	91 Jewett Ave 06606	
Ramona Marquez	1030 Madison Ave 06606	203-556-6264
Lydia N. Martinez	92 Grant Street 06608	203-450-1221
Mary McBride-Lee	125 Hillcrest Rd 06605	203-767-9776
Thomas C. McCarthy	135 Harlem Ave 06606	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
John F. McCarthy Jr.	152 Morehouse Rd 06605	203-257-5106
Louriem R. McKlosky	1150 North Ave 06604	203-336-3600
Michael S. Meehan	113 Seaside Ave 06605	203-334-1579
Marilyn Middlemass	119 Hickory St 06610	
Anthony Minutolo	1565 Madison Ave 06606	203-243-3094
Michele "Mike" Minutolo	1565 Madison Ave 06606	203-368-2089
Joseph Minutolo	793 Broadbridge Rd 06610	203-371-0097
Kevin G. Monks	200 Holand Rd 06610	
Tamar A. Morales	304 Huntington Rd 2nd Fl 06608	203-685-9593
John W. Olson	25 Cartright St 5H 06604	203-576-6862
Eugene P. O'Neill	25 Sexton Dr 06604	203-374-2969
Diana Osborne	40 Edna Ave 06610	203-345-1087
Richard M. Paoletto, Jr.	321 Lynne Pl 06610	203-373-9694
Lisa Parziale	97 Bick Terr 06605	
Jose Quiroga	730 Palisade Ave H1 06610	203-522-6082
Nina Ramos	95A Karen Ct 06606	203-923-8490
Daniel S. Roach	19 Quinlan Ave 06605	
Jerome H. Roberts	215 Daniels Ave 06606	203-362-5916
Evelyn Robles	993 State St 06605	203-997-8609
Nereyda Robles	839 State St 06605	203-367-0707
Hector R. Rodriguez	1030 Madison Ave 06608	203-895-2089
Edgar Rodriguez	426 E Washington Ave 06608	203-330-8081
Stuart M. Rosenberg	106 Unquowa Hill St 06604	203-333-5151
Americo Santiago	93 Burnham St 06604	203-400-4660
Martha Santiago	410 Kent St 06610	203-727-4321
Frances Sharp	379 Carroll Ave 2nd Fl 06607	203-864-7599
Carlos Silva	213 Fairview Ave 06606	203-345-8201
Deborah T. Sims	302 Union Ave 06607	
Philip L. Smith	230 Rosewood Pl 06610	203-372-8045
Hugh D. Spurgin	285 Lafayette St 06604	203-366-5799
Audrey J. Stabler	70 Boston Terr 06610	203-333-0404
Patricia Steeves	50 Madison Ave 06604	203-414-8475
Deborah Taylor	404 Brewster St 06605	203-502-1820
John Tedesco	301 Taft Ave 06604	203-334-2751
Raven D. Walters	15 Seeley St 06605	203-521-8079
John R. Weldon	164 Seaside Ave 06605	203-367-7664
Adam Wood	120 Midland Ave 06605	203-829-5222
Yacovacci PasquaJina P.D.	5366 Park Ave 06604	203-371-7158
Brenda B. Young	1323 Stratford Ave A-5 06610	203-385-2889
James E. Zavodjancik	838 Merritt St 06606	203-631-8945

Marriage License Laws of Connecticut

Section 46b-20. Definitions. As used in this chapter: (1) "Registrar" means the registrar of vital statistics; (2) "Applicant" means applicant for a marriage license; (3) "License" means marriage license; and (4) "Marriage" means the legal union of two persons.

Section 46b-20a. Eligibility to Marry. A person is eligible to marry if such person is: (1) Not a party to another marriage, or a relationship that provides substantially the same rights, benefits and responsibilities as a marriage, entered into in this state or another state or jurisdiction, unless the parties to the marriage will be the same as the parties to such other marriage or relationship; (2) Except as provided in section 46b-30 of the general statutes, at least eighteen years of age; (3) Except as provided in section 46b-29 of the general statutes, not under the supervision or control of a conservator; and (4) Not prohibited from entering into a marriage pursuant to section 46b-21 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

Section 46b-21. Marriage of persons related by consanguinity or affinity prohibited. No person may marry such person's parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, parent's sibling, sibling's child, step-parent or stepchild. Any marriage within these degrees is void.

Sec. 46b-22. (Formerly Sec. 46-3). Who may join persons in marriage. Penalty for unauthorized performance. (a) Persons authorized to solemnize marriages in this state include (1) all judges and retired judges, either elected or appointed, including federal judges and judges of other states who may legally join persons in marriage in their jurisdictions, (2) family support magistrates, state referees and justices of the peace who are appointed in Connecticut, and (3) all ordained or licensed members of the clergy, belonging to this state or any other state, as long as they continue in the work of the ministry. All marriages solemnized according to the forms and usages of any religious denomination in this state, including marriages witnessed by a duly constituted Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is, are valid. All marriages attempted to be celebrated by any other person are void. (b) No public official legally authorized to issue marriage licenses may join persons in marriage under authority of a license issued by such public official. (c) Any person violating any provision of this section shall be fined, not more than fifty dollars.

Section 46b-22a. Validation of marriages performed by unauthorized justice of the peace. All marriages celebrated before June 6, 2014, otherwise valid except that the justice of the peace joining such persons in marriage did not have a valid certificate of qualification, are validated, provided the justice of the peace who joined such persons in marriage represented himself or herself to be a duly qualified justice of the peace and such persons reasonably relied upon such representation.

Section 46b-22b. Refusal to solemnize or participants in ceremony solemnizing a marriage on religious grounds. (a) No member of the clergy authorized to join persons in marriage pursuant to section 46b-22 of the general statutes shall be required to solemnize any marriage in violation of his or her right to the free exercise of religion guaranteed by the first amendment to the United States Constitution or section 3 of article first of the Constitution of the state. (b) No church or qualified church-controlled organization, as defined in 26 USC 3121, shall be required to participate in a ceremony solemnizing a marriage in violation of the religious beliefs of that church or qualified church-controlled organization.

Section 46b-23.(Formerly Sec.46-4). Joining persons in marriage knowingly without authority. Any person who undertakes to join persons in marriage, knowing that he is not authorized to do so, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or both.

Section 46b-24. License. Period of validity. Penalty for solemnization without license. Validity of marriage ceremony. (a) No persons may be joined in marriage in this state until both have complied with the provisions of sections 46b-24, 46b-25 and 46b-29 to 46b-33, inclusive, and have been issued a license by the registrar for the town in which the marriage is to be celebrated, which license shall bear the certification of the registrar that the persons named therein have complied with the provisions of said sections. (b) Such license, when certified by the registrar, is sufficient authority for any person authorized to perform a marriage ceremony in this state to join such persons in marriage, provided the ceremony is performed within a period of not more than sixty-five days after the date of application. (c) Anyone who joins any persons in marriage without having received such license from them shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars. (d) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, in order to be valid in this state, a marriage ceremony shall be conducted by and in the physical presence of a person who is authorized to solemnize marriages.

Section 46b-24a. Validation of marriages occurring in town other than town where license issued.

All marriages celebrated before June 14, 2014, otherwise valid except that the license for any such marriage was issued in a town other than the town in this state in which such marriage was celebrated, or where either party to the marriage resided at the time of the marriage license application, are validated.

Section 46b-25.(Formerly Sec. 465b). Application for license. No license may be issued by the registrar until both persons have appeared before the registrar and made application for a license. The registrar shall issue a license to any two person eligible to marry under this chapter. The license shall be completed in its entirety, dated, signed and sworn to by each applicant and shall state each applicant's name, age, race, birthplace, residence, whether single, widowed or divorced and whether under the supervision or control of a conservator or guardian. The Social Security numbers of both persons shall be recorded in the "administrative purposes" section of the license. If the license is signed and sworn to by the applicants on different dates, the earlier date shall be deemed the date of application.

Section 46b-28. When marriages in foreign country are valid. All marriages in which one or both parties are citizens of this state, celebrated in a foreign country, shall be valid, provided: (1) Each party would have legal capacity to contract such marriage in this state and the marriage is celebrated in conformity with the law of that country; or (2) the marriage is celebrated, in the presence of the ambassador or minister to that country from the United States or in the presence of a consular officer of the United States accredited to such country, at a place within his consular jurisdiction, by any ordained or licensed clergyman engaged in the work of the ministry in any state of the United States or in any foreign country.

Section 46b-28a. Recognition of marriages and other relationships entered into in another state or jurisdiction. A marriage, or a relationship that provides substantially the same rights, benefits and responsibilities as a marriage, between two persons entered into in another state or jurisdiction and recognized as valid by such other state or jurisdiction shall be recognized as a valid marriage in this state, provided such marriage or relationship is not expressly prohibited by statute in this state.

Section 46b-28b. Recognition by another state or jurisdiction of marriages entered into in this state. A marriage between two persons entered into in this state and recognized as valid in this state may be recognized as a marriage, or a relationship that provides substantially the same rights, benefits and responsibilities as a marriage, in another state or jurisdiction if one or both persons travel to or reside in such other state or jurisdiction.

Section 46b-29.(Formerly Sec. 46-5c.). Marriage of persons under conservatorship. (a) No marriage license may be issued to any applicant under the supervision or control of a conservator, appointed in accordance with sections 45a-644 to 45a-662, inclusive, unless the written consent of the conservator, signed and acknowledged before a person authorized to take acknowledgments of conveyances under the provisions of section 47-5a, or authorized to take acknowledgments in any other state or country, is filed with the registrar. (b) Any person married without the consent provided for in subsection (a) of this section shall acquire no rights by such marriage in the property of any person who was under control or supervision at the time of the marriage.

Section 46b-30.(Formerly Sec.465f). Marriage of minors. (a) No license may be issued to any applicant under sixteen years of age, unless the judge of probate for the district in which the minor resides endorses his written consent on the license. (b) No license may be issued to any applicant under eighteen years of age, unless the written consent of a parent or guardian of the person of such minor, signed and acknowledged before a person authorized to take acknowledgments of conveyances under the provisions of section 47-5a, or authorized to take acknowledgments in any other state or country, is filed with the registrar. If no parent or guardian of the person of such minor is a resident of the United States, the written consent of the judge of probate for the district in which the minor resides, endorsed on the license, shall be sufficient.

Section 46b-33.(Formerly Sec. 46-5j). Copy of law to applicants. Each registrar shall issue a copy of sections 46b-24, 46b-25 and 46b-29 to 46b-33, inclusive, to any person making application for a license.

Section 46b-34.(Formerly Sec.46-7)Marriage certificate. Affidavit in lieu of certificate. (a) Each person who joins any person in marriage shall certify upon the license certificate the fact, time and place of the marriage, and return it to the registrar of the town where the marriage took place, before or during the first week of the month following the marriage. Any person who fails to do so shall be fined not more than ten dollars. (b) If any person fails to return the certificate to the registrar, as required under subsection (a) of this section, the persons joined in marriage may provide the registrar with a notarized affidavit attesting to the fact that they were joined in marriage and stating the date and place of the marriage. Upon the recording of such affidavit by the registrar, the marriage of the affiants shall be deemed to be valid as of the date of the marriage stated in the affidavit.

Section 46b-35. Certificates prima facie evidence. The certificates required by sections 46b-24, 46b-24a, 46b-25 and 46b-29 to 46b-34, inclusive, or an affidavit recorded pursuant to subsection (b) of section 46b-34, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts stated in them.

Sec. 46b-35a. Refusal to provide services or accommodations related to the solemnization or celebration of a marriage on religious grounds. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a religious organization, association or society, or any nonprofit institution or organization operated supervised or controlled by or in conjunction with a religious organization, association or society, shall not be required to provide services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods or privileges to an individual if the request for such services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods or privileges is related to the solemnization of a marriage or celebration of a marriage and such solemnization or celebration is in violation of their religious beliefs and faith. Any refusal to provide services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods or privileges in accordance with this section shall not create any civil claim or cause of action, or result in any state action to penalize or withhold benefits from such religious organization, association or society, or any nonprofit institution or organization operated, supervised or controlled by or in conjunction with a religious organization, association or society.

Section 46b-35b. Effect of marriage equality law on provision of adoption, foster care or social services by religious organization. Nothing in this act shall be deemed or construed to affect the manner in which a religious organization may provide adoption, foster care or social services if such religious organization does not receive state or federal funds for that specific program or purpose.

Section 46b-38qq. Merger of civil union into marriage by action of the parties. (a) on and after April 23, 2009, and prior to October 1, 2010, two person who are parties to a civil union entered into pursuant to sections 46b-38aa to 46b-38oo, inclusive, may apply for and be issued a marriage license, provided such persons are otherwise eligible to marry under chapter 815e and the parties to the marriage will be the same as the parties to the civil union. (b) After the celebration of such marriage and upon the recording of the license certificate or notarized affidavit with the registrar of vital statistics of the town where the marriage took place pursuant to section 46b-34, the civil union of such persons shall be merged into the marriage by operation of law as of the date of the marriage stated in the certificate or affidavit.

Section 46b-38rr. Merger of civil union into marriage by default. Exception. (a) Two persons who are parties to a civil union established pursuant to sections 46b-38aa to 46b-38oo inclusive, that has not been dissolved or annulled by the parties or merged into a marriage by operation of law under section 46b-38qq as of October 1, 2010, shall be deemed to be married under chapter 815e on said date and such civil union shall be merged into such marriage by operation of law on said date. (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the parties to a civil union with respect to which a proceeding for dissolution, annulment or legal separation is pending on October 1, 2010, shall not be deemed to be married on said date and such civil union shall not be merged into such marriage by operation of law but shall continue to be governed by the provisions of the general statutes applicable to civil unions in effect prior to October 1, 2010.



Bridgeport is getting better every day because folks like you are choosing the city for your nuptials. Congratulations on your marriage and much happiness on this momentous day.

Bill Finch, Mayor