EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2022
THERE IS NO $28 FEE AS PER
EXECUTIVE ORDER SIGNED BY
GOV. MURPHY ON THE 2022 BUDGET

TOWN OF DOVER
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Guidelines to Apply for a Marriage, Remarriage, Civil Union, Reaffirmation of Civil Union License

You must confirm the date of marriage with an officiant PRIOR scheduling an appointment to file for a marriage license (**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A MINISTER AND DATE OF MARRIAGE CONFIRMED, WE CANNOT SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT**). Please note that we cannot refer you to any officiant; it is your responsibility to get a minister to solemnize your marriage.

- You must pick up the application for marriage license at the Dover Health Dept. at 37 N. Sussex St., Dover; an appointment will be given the applicant to file the application 3 to 4 weeks prior the date of marriage to avoid last minute complications.

- Applicants **MUST** apply for the license in the town of their residence (as per tax map).

  - **At least one of the applicants must be a Dover resident in order to apply for the marriage license in the Town of Dover.**
  - **If both applicants are from out of state; then they MUST apply for the license in the town where the marriage is going to take place.**

Day of the appointment, you need the following:

- Complete Reg-77a (Application for Marriage, Remarriage, Civil Union, Reaffirmation of Civil Union License) [Must be Typed!] [fillable form available on Dover Website under "Forms & Applications"].
- One valid form of ID for each applicant (Driver's License, Passport, State or Federal government ID).
- Proof of address (utility bill, lease, mortgage statement, tax bill, bank or credit card statement issued within the last 30 days or a notarized letter from the owner of property where the applicant lives).
- Social Security numbers are required.
  - If applicant(s) does not have a Social Security number, a notation of **Not US Citizen** on the back of the application and marriage license in lieu of the SS#.
- One witness; must be at least 18 years old.
- Name, address and phone number of person performing the ceremony; intended date of the ceremony and municipality where the marriage will be taking place.
- Both applicants must be present with the witness at the time of the appointment to file the marriage license application.
- If divorce; date, place of divorce and full name of spouse
- If widowed; date, place of death and full name of deceased spouse.

  - Before you sign the application and take the oath, make sure that all your information if correct**.**
  - After the marriage has solemnized, any request to amend a marriage certificate has a $50 processing fee**.**

- The marriage license is valid **ONLY** in New Jersey.
- The marriage license can **ONLY** be issue after the 72 hours waiting period.
- The marriage license expires 30 days after the issue date.