

**APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF THE SEVENTY-TWO HOUR WAITING PERIOD**

IN RE:

The Matter of the Marriage of

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In the District Court of

\_\_\_\_\_ and  
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Fort Bend County, TX

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\_\_\_\_\_ Judicial District

**ON THIS DAY** came to be heard the application for a Court waiver to permit the marriage ceremony of

\_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_

to take place during the seventy-two (72) hour period immediately following the issuance of the marriage license in accordance with § 2.204 of the TX Family Code.

The Applicants have provided the following good cause for the marriage to take place during the seventy-two (72) hour period immediately following the issuance of the marriage license:

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Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

**ORDER**

The Court, having heard this Application for Waiver of the Seventy-Two Hour Waiting Period, and being satisfied that good cause does exist, is of the opinion that the Application should be **GRANTED**.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED**, that the seventy-two hour waiting period be waived. It is further ordered that this Order be attached to the Marriage License prior to the marriage ceremony, and that the person performing the ceremony return the Marriage License and the attached Order to the issuing County Clerk as provided by § 2.206 of the TX Family Code.

**SIGNED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Judge Presiding



# 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.

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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 annexed "*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.

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1422 Eugene Heimann Circle, Room 31004  
Richmond, Texas 77469

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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"**:

<b>Honorable Walter Armatys</b> 328th District Court, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 3rd Floor, Room 3C Richmond, TX 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 341-4406
<b>Honorable Janet B. Heppard</b> 387th District Court, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 3rd Floor, Room 3H Richmond, TX 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 238-3290
<b>Honorable Kali Morgan</b> 505th District Court, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 1st Floor, Room 1C Richmond, TX 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 238-3244
<b>Honorable R. O'Neil William</b> 268th District Court, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 3rd Floor, Room 3D Richmond, TX 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 341-8610
<b>Honorable Tameika Carter</b> 400th District Court, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 3rd Floor, Room 3B Richmond, TX 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 341-4422
<b>Honorable J. Christian Becerra</b> 434th District Court, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 3rd Floor, Room 3I Richmond, TX 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 633-7653
<b>Honorable Robert L. Rolnick</b> 458th District Court, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 3rd Floor, Room 3F Richmond, TX 77469	Telephone No:	(832) 471-4905
<b>Honorable Christopher G. Morales</b> County Court at Law #1, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 2nd Floor, Room 2C Richmond, TX 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 633-7415
<b>Honorable Jeffrey A McMeans</b> County Court at Law #2, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 2nd Floor, Room 2B Richmond, TX 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 341-4446
<b>Honorable Juli Mathew</b> County Court at Law #3, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 2nd Floor, Room 2D Richmond, TX 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 341-4429
<b>Honorable Toni Wallace</b> County Court at Law #4, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 2nd Floor, Room 2E Richmond, TX 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 238-1995
<b>Honorable Teana Watson</b> County Court at Law #5, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 2nd Floor, Room 1B Richmond, TX 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 238-3270
<b>Honorable Sherman Hatton, Jr.</b> County Court at Law #6, Justice Center 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle 1st Floor, Room 1E Richmond, TX 77469	Telephone No:	(832) 471-1165

**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:

<b>Gary Janssen</b> Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1 Needville Annex 3114 Rosenberg Street Needville, TX 77461	Telephone No:	(979) 793-3403 (832) 471-2550
<b>Mary S. Ward</b> Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2 1517 Eugene Heimann Circle, Suite 100 Richmond, TX 77469	Telephone No:	(281) 341-3742
<b>Mark Gibson</b> Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 Precinct 2 Annex 303 TX Parkway, Room 107 Missouri City, TX 77489	Telephone No:	(281) 403-8080
<b>Kelly N. Crow</b> Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 22333 Grand Corner Dr., Suite 102 Katy, TX 77494	Telephone No:	(281) 238-1460
<b>Justin M. Joyce</b> Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 Fort Bend County Annex 12919 Dairy Ashford, Suite 100 Sugar Land, TX 77478	Telephone No:	(281) 491-6016