

MARRIAGE LICENSE WAIVERS

Pursuant to DRL § 13-b, a marriage **may not** be solemnized (*ceremony performed*) within 24 hours of the issuance of a marriage license - **unless** an order is issued by the Court to waive the 24 hour waiting period. Usually, this is only done in emergency circumstances (*i.e. where one of the parties are being shipped out on active military duty forthwith, or some other situation that requires an immediate ceremony*)

- Both petitioners (Husband and Wife - to be) have to be present and produce the marriage license.
- The petition is filled out explaining the need for obtaining the waiver. It is then signed by both petitioners in the presence of the clerk. They are placed under oath as to the contents of the petition, and the clerk signs the petition at the bottom.
- The waiver order is prepared and then the order, petition and license is submitted to a judge for signature.
- If signed, the court seal is placed over the signature of the judge, and the **original** waiver order along with the petition and license is given back to the to the petitioners. A copy is retained for the court's records. The petitioners are to present those documents to the person performing their ceremony, who will then file them with the proper authorities.

MARRIAGE LICENSES & DIVORCE RECORDS

In Nassau County, marriage licenses are issued by the three towns and two cities. Marriage Licenses are maintained by the municipality in which the license was obtained. For a copy, you would go to the same Town Hall in which you originally obtained the license. For example, if you were married in Glen Cove, but you obtained your marriage license in the Town of Hempstead, your license would be available at the [Town of Hempstead](#). The Nassau County Clerk does, however, have a record of marriages beginning with the year 1907 and ending April 29, 1935.

Please note: in order to obtain a copy of a divorce certificate, you must be the husband, wife or attorney of record. Official photo identification such as driver's license or passport must be presented when requesting matrimonial (divorce) files.

Towns & Cities in Nassau County

Town of Oyster Bay:

Unincorporated Communities within the Town of Oyster Bay include: Bethpage; East Norwich; Glen Head; Hicksville; Jericho; Locust Grove; Locust Valley; Massapequa; Old Bethpage; Oyster Bay; Plainedge; Plainview; South Farmingdale; Syosset and Woodbury. Incorporated Villages using Town of Oyster Bay Registrar: Brookville; Centre Island; Cove Neck; Lattingtown; Laurel Hollow; Matinecock; Mill Neck; Muttontown; Old Brookville; Oyster Bay Cove and Upper Brookville

<http://www.oysterbaytown.com>

Town Clerk's Office
Town Hall North
54 Audrey Avenue
Oyster Bay, New York 11771
(516) 624-6332

Town of Hempstead

Unincorporated Communities within the Town of Hempstead include: Baldwin; Barnum Island; Bay Park; Bellmore; East Meadow; Elmont; Franklin Square; Garden City Park; Garden City South; Gibson; Green Acres; Harbor Island; Hewlett; Inwood; Lakeview; Levittown; Lido Beach; Meadowmere Park; Merrick; North Bellmore; North Lynbrook; North Merrick, North Valley Stream; North Woodmere; Oceanside; Point Lookout; Roosevelt; Salisbury; Seaford; South Hempstead; South Valley Stream; Uniondale; Wantagh; West Hempstead and Woodmere. Incorporated Villages using Town of Hempstead Registrar: Hewlett Harbor

<http://www.townofhempstead.org>

Town Clerk's Office
One Washington Street
1st Floor
Hempstead, NY 11550
(516) 489-5000

Town of North Hempstead

Unincorporated Communities within the Town of North Hempstead include: Albertson; Carle Place; Glenwood Landing; Great Neck Gardens; Greenvale; Harbor Hills; Herricks; Manhasset; Manhasset Hills; New Cassel; North New Hyde Park; Port Washington; Roslyn Heights; Saddle Rock Estates; Searington; Strathmore; University Gardens and Williston Park. Incorporated Villages using Town of North Hempstead Registrar: Baxter Estates; Great Neck; Great Neck Estates; Kensington; Kings Point; Manorhaven; North Hills; Port Washington North; Roslyn Estates; Russell Gardens; Saddle Rock;

<http://www.northhempstead.com>

Town Clerk's Office
200 Plandome Road
Box 3000
Manhasset, NY 11030
(516) 869-7646

City of Glen Cove

<http://www.glencove-li.com>

Glen Cove City Hall
9 Glen Street
Glen Cove, NY 11542
(516) 676-3345

City of Long Beach

<http://www.longbeachny.org>

City Clerk's Office
City Hall Room 307
1 West Chester Street
Long Beach, NY 11561
516-431-1000 Extension 314