

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

**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 Texas Family Code.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant One's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Two's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 Texas Family Code.

**SIGNED** on this date \_\_\_\_\_.

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Presiding Judge

**Carolyn Guidry, Jefferson County Clerk**  
**1085 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701**  
**409-835-8475 Option 1**

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**Seventy-two Hour Waiver Information**

The Law per Section 2.204 of the Texas Family Code, requires a Marriage ceremony may not take place during a 72-hour period immediately following the issuance of the marriage license unless:

- A. An applicant is a member of the armed forces of the United States and is on active duty; or
- B. An applicant 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; or
- C. 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.
- D. An applicant obtains a written waiver. An applicant may request a Judge of 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. The judge shall execute the waiver if the judge finds that there is good cause for the marriage to take place during the 72-hour period. The judge shall sign the waiver.

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The County 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 the "*Application for Waiver of the Seventy-two Hour Waiting Period and Order*" form from the County Clerk's office;
- 2 Contact a Judge who will hear your "*Application for Waiver of the Seventy-two Hour Waiting Period*";
- 3 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;
- 4 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
- 5 Obtain a marriage license from the County Clerk's Office;
- 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 Texas Family Code.

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**The following is a list of the Jefferson County Judges who may sign your "*Application for Waiver of the Seventy-two Hour Waiting Period and Order*".**

Judge Kreger	9 <sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals	835-8403	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor of New Courthouse
Judge Randy Shelton	279 <sup>th</sup> District Court	835-8655	2 <sup>ND</sup> Floor of Historic Courthouse
Judge Larry Thorne	317 <sup>th</sup> District Court	835-8588	2 <sup>ND</sup> Floor of Historic Courthouse
Judge Kent Walston	58 <sup>th</sup> District Court	835-8434	2 <sup>ND</sup> Floor of New Courthouse
Judge Justin Sanderson	60 <sup>th</sup> District Court	835-8472	2 <sup>ND</sup> Floor of Historic Courthouse
Judge Baylor Wortham	136 <sup>th</sup> District Court	835-8481	2 <sup>ND</sup> Floor of New Courthouse
Judge Gerald Eddins	County Court at Law #1	835-8470	2 <sup>ND</sup> Floor of Historic Courthouse
Judge Terrence Holmes	County Court at Law #2	835-8429	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor of New Courthouse
Judge Clint Woods	County Court at Law #3	835-8698	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor of New Courthouse