



WEDDING CEREMONY

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General Information

The Mayor of the City of Mason may perform Wedding Ceremonies for residents of Mason, within the City of Mason. The Mayor will take steps to be available for your chosen day; however, it is not guaranteed, and an alternate day may need to be selected.

Weddings performed by the Mayor are a legal and binding marriage in the State of Michigan. As such, all certificates and licenses are needed three (3) days in advance of the ceremony. Marriage licenses are obtained at the County Clerk's office. County information may be found: [here](#).

Application

An application must be completed at least two weeks prior to the wedding. The application may be returned to our Customer Service Specialists.

Fee Schedule

There is a \$15.00 fee, payable to the City of Mason, for the Mayor to perform a wedding ceremony. Fees may be directed to our Customer Service Specialists.

Location

The location within the City of Mason is your choice, however, we have many beautiful parks and a cute gazebo at Griffin Park for you to consider, if you wish to have an outdoor wedding. Our Sycamore Room in City Hall would also be a great location for an indoor ceremony and reception. Rental information for parks or the Sycamore room may be found: [here](#) under 'Use of City Property'.

If you are wishing to use the property around the Courthouse, you will need to contact the Ingham County Facilities department for permission: [here](#).

Vows

You may write your own vows, or you may use traditional vows. The City has two choices of traditional vows found below.

Resources: More Questions? Please Contact our Customer Service Desk at 517.676.9155 or info@mason.mi.us.

Traditional Vows - Option 1

(Mayor)

We are gathered together here in the presence of these witnesses to join this man and this woman in matrimony, which is an honorable estate, and is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently and discreetly. If anyone can show just cause why this man and this woman may not lawfully be joined together, let them speak now or hereafter remain silent.

(Mayor to the Bride and Groom)

_____ and _____, I require and charge you both that if either of you know any reason why you may not lawfully be joined together in matrimony, you do now confess. If any persons are joined together otherwise than as prescribed by law, their marriage is not lawful.

Exchange of Vows

(Mayor to the Groom)

_____, will you take this woman to be your wedded wife, to live together in the estate of matrimony? Will you love, honor, and keep her; in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto her, as long as you both shall live?

(Mayor to the Bride)

_____, will you take this man to be your wedded husband, to live together in the estate of matrimony? Will you love, honor, and keep him; in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, keep yourself only until him, so long as you both shall live?

(Mayor to Groom)

_____, take _____ by the hand and repeat after me. "I, _____, take thee _____, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until death do us part.

(Mayor to the Bride)

_____, repeat after me. "I, _____, take thee _____, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until death do us part."

Giving and Receiving of Rings

(Mayor)

For as much as _____ and _____ have consented together in wedlock and have witnessed the same before this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth, each to the other, and have declared the same by joining hands.

Now, by the authority vested in me by the State of Michigan and the Office of Mayor of the City of Mason, I pronounce you to be husband and wife and extend to you my best wishes for a successful and happy married life together.

A personal thanks for granting me the honor and privilege of extending the marriage rites to you on this wonderful day. Ladies and gentlemen...may I present Mr. & Mrs. _____.

Traditional Vows – Option 2

Exchange of Vows

(Mayor to the Groom)

_____ will you have this woman to be your wife; and will you promise your faithfulness to her, in all love and honor, in all duty and service, and in all faith and tenderness, to live with her, and cherish her, according to the bonds of marriage?

(Groom)

I will

(Mayor to the Bride)

_____ will you have this man to be your husband, and will your promise your faithfulness to him, in all love and honor, in all duty and service, and in all faith and tenderness, to live with him and cherish him according to the bonds of marriage?

(Bride)

I will

Giving and Receiving of Rings

(Mayor to the Groom) Repeat after me:

I, _____ take you, _____, to be my wedded wife; and I promise to be your faithful husband, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live. This ring I give to you in token and pledge of our constant faith and abiding love.

(Mayor to Bride) Repeat after me:

I, _____ take you, _____, to be my wedded husband, and I promise to be your faithful wife, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow and in health, as long as we both shall live. This ring I give to you in token and pledge of our constant faith and abiding love.

(Mayor)

By the authority vesting in me as the Mayor in and for the City of Mason, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, I declare that you are now husband and wife, in accordance with the laws of the State.

You may embrace.



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Contacts:

Bride's Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Groom's Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Wedding Details:

Date of Wedding: _____ Wedding Time: _____

Wedding Location: _____

Ceremony Details:

Will Rings Be Exchanged: No Yes If yes: Single Ring Double Ring
Traditional Vows (see packet): No Yes If yes: Option 1 Option 2
Personalized Vows: No Yes

Witnesses:

Witness #1: Full Name: _____

Witness #2: Full Name: _____

NOTE: At least **three (3) days before the ceremony:**

- Marriage Certificates/Licenses must be delivered to the City Clerk's office.
- The \$15.00 Wedding Ceremony Fee must be paid.

I hereby certify that all the statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

Bride Signature: _____ Date: _____

Groom Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Office Use Only:

Application Fee Paid:

Received by: _____ Date: _____

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