



CHAPTER 51

ARTICLE 2 - MARRIAGE LICENSES

N.C.G.S. § 51-8.2.

Issuance of marriage license when applicant is unable to appear.

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If an applicant for a marriage license is over 18 years of age and is unable to appear in person at the register of deeds' office, the other party to the planned marriage must appear in person on behalf of the applicant and submit a sworn and notarized affidavit in lieu of the absent applicant's personal appearance.

The affidavit shall be in the following or some equivalent form:

_____, [applicant] appearing before the undersigned notary and being duly sworn, says that:

1.I, _____, [applicant's name] am applying for a license in _____ County, North Carolina, to marry _____ [name of other applicant] in North Carolina within the next 60 days and I am authorized under G.S. 51-8.2 to complete this Affidavit in Lieu of Personal Appearance for Marriage License Application.

I attach: (1) documentation that I am over 18 years of age as required in county of issuance; and (2) documentation of divorce as required by county of issuance.

2.I submit the following information in applying for a marriage license:

Name: _____

First Middle Last

Residence: _____

State County City or Town

Street and Number

Inside City Limits (Yes or No): _____

Birthplace: _____

County & State or Country

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

Father: _____

Name State of Birth

Address (if living) or Deceased

Mother: _____

Name State of Birth

Address (if living) or Deceased

Race (Optional): _____

Number of this marriage: 1st, 2nd, etc. _____

Last Marriage Ended by: _____

Death, Divorce, Annulment

Date Marriage Ended: _____

Specify Highest Grade Completed in School (Optional): _____

Social Security # _____ (If applicant does not have Social Security number, attach affidavit of ineligibility)

I hereby make application to the Register of Deeds for a Marriage License and solemnly swear that all of the statements contained in the above application are true and I further make oath that there is no legal impediment to such marriage.

Signature of Applicant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

[Seal] Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

[Notary's typed or printed name].

(2001-62, s. 9.)

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1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

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REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 51-8.2		"days and I am authorized under"

APPARATUS III

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