

## Notice to Officiants

Missouri State Law makes the wedding ceremony officiant responsible for completing the marriage certificate and the marriage license following the wedding ceremony.

Laws pertaining to completion of the marriage license and legal requirements for the officiant are printed on the back of the marriage license for reference, or can be found on the State of Missouri website.

The marriage license is to be returned to the Recorder of Deeds office within 15 days of the ceremony.

At the time of application for the license the couple receives a packet to be given to the officiant, which includes:

- The marriage certificate and marriage license
- A self-addressed envelope for return of the marriage license to this office
- Instructions for the officiant

The marriage certificate is to be given to the couple following the ceremony.

Questions regarding online ordination of clergy and/or legality thereof: please seek legal counsel, as we do not make determinations as to legality of those performing ceremonies (RSMo 451.100)