



## Love is in the Air in the Franklin County Courts



Getting married at the courthouse just got simpler and more affordable, thanks to a collaborative effort by the Franklin County Municipal and Probate Courts. To celebrate Valentine's Day falling on a Saturday in 2026, the courts are offering streamlined wedding services at a single, convenient location, a first for Franklin County couples.

### **What's New:**

- **Special Saturday hours** – Ceremonies will be held on Valentine's Day even though courts are normally closed.
- **Reduced cost** – Municipal Court is waiving its typical \$25 fee this year, so couples pay only the state mandated \$65 marriage license fee. No fees will be charged for up to five certified copies of proof of marriage.
- **One-stop location** – All services will take place in the Franklin County Probate Court in the Franklin Government Tower at 373 S. High St., eliminating the need to visit multiple buildings.
- **Enhanced access** – The Franklin County Commissioners approved special security measures to open the Probate Court on Saturday.

### **How It Works:**

Couples will visit the Probate Court on the 23rd floor to obtain their marriage license, then move one floor down to the 22nd floor where Franklin County Municipal Judges will officiate the weddings. Municipal Court staff will transform the courtrooms into festive wedding chapels complete with decorations, refreshments, and photo opportunities.

### **Important Details:**

- Ceremonies will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. No advance registration is required or accepted. The line to obtain marriage licenses closes at 1:30 p.m., meaning anyone arriving after that time will be unable to obtain a certificate or marry that day.
- Couples will need a current photo ID. Some additional information may be required. Visit [probate.franklincountyohio.gov](http://probate.franklincountyohio.gov) and click on the Marriage License Link. In addition, if an applicant had a divorce or annulment also bring a certified copy of the decree along with its case number.
- Couples should visit the Probate Court's website and [complete a marriage license application](#) before arriving.
- The Probate Court accepts cash, money order and debit/credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, or Discover), though all debit/credit card transactions are subject to a \$2 processing fee. All fees are non-refundable.
- At least one applicant must live in Franklin County, unless both applicants live in another state.

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