

So if you're getting married in Colorado, you'll need a Colorado marriage license to do so. Good news: It's pretty easy to get your marriage license in Colorado. Here's what you need to know:

**No Waiting Period-** In Colorado you can get your license on the same day you get married.

**Any Clerk/Recorder Office in Colorado-** A license from any Clerk/Recorder's Office in the State of Colorado can be used anywhere in the state. These offices are typically open M-F from 8am-5pm excluding holidays. I often suggest calling ahead to make sure that walk-ins are acceptable. If you use the office in Breckenridge, you can definitely walk in... and feel free to mention my name so they know I am working with you. : )

**Photo IDs-** You'll both need to be present with photo IDs such as driver's licenses or passports.

**Cost-** It costs approximately \$40 depending on how many certified copies you request and whether or not you pay by Credit Card.

**35 Days to Use-** The license is only valid for 35 days and must be used within that time period so don't apply too early. Following the marriage, we have 60ish days to return it or "File" it.

**You or I Can Return It-** The license must be returned to the same Clerk/Recorder's Office from which it was obtained. Most offices (especially my local branch in Breckenridge) prefer the couple bringing it back since they can make copies for you right then and there avoiding any mishaps through mail. Just remember, that the offices are only open normal business days excluding holidays. If you're not going to be around when your particular office is open, I am happy to mail it for you... if it's the Breckenridge office, I'll take it to them in person.

**Don't Forget It-** Be sure to bring your license to your rehearsal or ceremony, and I can fill it out for you so it's ready for your signatures.

OTHER THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

**No Witnesses Necessary-** The State of Colorado does not require witnesses but you can certainly have them. I have even seen thumb prints and paw prints on those signature lines. : )

**Sign Your New Name-** If taking a new last name, you might want practice since in Colorado you can sign your new name on the Marriage License... exciting!!!

I hope all of that helps. Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.