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Probate Court Announcement

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE

Due to the current pandemic, the Alken County Probate Court is modifying the method by which applicants may apply for marriage licenses and the issuance of marriage licenses. Applicants are no longer required to appear in person at the Probate Court to apply for a marriage license. During this time of crisis, applicants for a marriage license are to apply by mail only and marriage licenses will be issued by mail only.

Instructions for applying by mail are set forth below:

- 1. Fill out the Application for License and Certificate of Marriage. It is available online here.
- Mail completed application, \$45.00 filing fee, and copies of proof of both applicants' identification
 to Aiken County Probate Court, PO Box 1576, Aiken, SC 29802. Accepted forms of proof of
 identification include a copy of an applicant's driver's license, military identification card, certified
 copy of birth certificate, or passport. <u>DO NOT</u> send original proof of identification.
- 3. If a maiden name was restored in a Divorce Decree, a copy <u>MUST</u> be attached showing your legal name change.
- 4. The \$45.00 filling fee for the application must be paid by cashier's check/certified check or money order made payable to Aiken County Probate Court.
- 5. There is a statutory 24-hour waiting period in South Carolina from the time you apply until the time the license may be issued.
- 6. The Probate Court will <u>mail</u> the marriage license to the address of Applicant A, unless otherwise instructed by the applicants.
- 7. If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please contact the Probate Court at 803-642-2002.