

BURLEIGH COUNTY RECORDER

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RECORDER

Marriage Ceremonies

To have a marriage ceremony officiated by the Burleigh County Recorder you have two options.

The **first option** is to schedule an appointment for solemnization of the marriage to be performed in the City/County building during regular business hours, preferably in the afternoon. This civil ceremony lasts approximately ten (10) minutes. The cost for this ceremony is \$30 and must be paid for in **cash**. Space for guests is limited. For this type of ceremony you must:

- Have a marriage license issued in North Dakota
- Schedule an appointment with the County Recorder at least two weeks **in advance**
- Bring two witnesses with you on the day of the ceremony
- You should arrive at the Recorder's office, which is located in the City/County building, 221 N 5th St, (not the Court House) 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment
- For in office ceremonies, the license must be purchased and ceremony fee paid at least one week prior to the wedding ceremony.
- In office ceremonies will only be scheduled on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoons and subject to room availability and the schedule of the Recorder.

The **second option** is to select a site of your choice. You may then schedule an appointment with the Recorder to officiate the ceremony. The cost for an off-site ceremony is **\$150 to \$250** depending on date, time and place. Ceremonies on holidays or holiday weekends as well as those performed outside Bismarck will be at the higher fee. All off site wedding ceremony appointments must be scheduled, license purchased, and the fees paid with **cash** at least two weeks in advance. Appointments for these ceremonies can be any day of the week. The above list of "musts" also applies for this option.

To schedule an appointment for a wedding ceremony contact:

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