

In re: permission to make application for a marriage license by under-aged parties at least 16 years of age:

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Name	Address	Age
to		
_____	_____	_____
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THE STATE OF IOWA, _____ COUNTY, ss

We, the undersigned parents (guardian), hereby consent to the marriage of _____, a minor, to _____, and that a license be issued for that purpose.

Father _____

Mother _____

Guardian _____

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On this _____ day of _____, _____ before me personally appeared _____ and _____ to me known to be the person(s) named in and who executed the foregoing instrument of consent, and acknowledged that _____ executed the same as _____ voluntary act and deed. The minor has shown proper identification and is at least 16 years old.

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APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED MARRIAGE

Come now the undersigned applicant(s) and pray the Court enter an order as provided by Section of 595.2* of the Code of Iowa, approving consent by the Parent(s), Legal Guardian, or Parent having Legal Custody and directing the County Registrar of Vital Records to accept the Application for Marriage License in Iowa of the aforementioned parties. I (we) attest and have provided identification that I (we) am (are) at least 16 years old.

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____.

Applicant _____

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ORDER OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Now on this _____ day of _____, _____, the above certificate and application being presented to the Court and the Court having reviewed the same and being fully advised in the premises, FINDS that the under-aged party(s) (is) (are) **at least 16 years of age** and capable of assuming the responsibilities of marriage and that the marriage will serve the best interests of the under-aged party(s).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the above certificate of consent is hereby approved and the County Registrar of Vital Records is authorized to accept an application for a marriage license of the above-named parties and to issue the same in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa.

Judge of the _____ Judicial District

CODE OF IOWA, Section 595.2 Age. A marriage between a male and a female each eighteen years of age or older is valid. A marriage between a male and a female either or both of whom have not attained that age may be valid under the circumstances prescribed in this section.

1. If either party to a marriage falsely represents the party's self to be eighteen years of age or older at or before the time the marriage is solemnized, the marriage is valid unless the person who falsely represented their age chooses to void the marriage by making their true age known and verified by a birth certificate or other legal evidence of age in an annulment proceeding initiated at any time before the person reaches their eighteenth birthday. A child born of a marriage voided under this subsection is legitimate.

2. A marriage license may be issued to a male and a female either or both of whom are sixteen or seventeen years of age if:

a. The parents of the underaged party or parties certify in writing that they consent to the marriage. If one of the parents of any underaged party to a proposed marriage is dead or incompetent the certificate may be executed by the other parent, if both parents are dead or incompetent the guardian of the underaged party may execute the certificate, and if the parents are divorced the parent having legal custody may execute the certificate, and

b. The certificate of consent of the parents, parent or guardian is approved by a judge of the district court or, if both parents of any underaged party to a proposed marriage are dead, incompetent or cannot be located and the party has no guardian, the proposed marriage is approved by a judge of the district court. A judge shall grant approval under this subsection only if the judge finds the underaged party or parties capable of assuming the responsibilities of marriage and that the marriage will serve the best interest of the underaged party or parties. Pregnancy alone does not establish that the proposed marriage is in the best interest of the underaged party or parties, however, if pregnancy is involved the court records which pertain to the fact that the female is pregnant shall be sealed and available only to the parties to the marriage or proposed marriage or to any interested party securing an order of the court.

c. If a parent or guardian withholds consent, the judge upon application of a party to a proposed marriage shall determine if the consent has been unreasonably withheld. If the judge so finds, the judge shall proceed to review the application under paragraph “b” of this subsection.