

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SMYTH COUNTY

Case number _____

IN RE: _____
(first, middle, and last name of petitioner)

PETITION FOR AUTHORITY TO PERFORM MARRIAGES
(for persons who are not ordained ministers or not actively serving a congregation)
(NOTE: If the petition is granted, a refundable \$500.00 bond must be posted)
(Filing Fee is \$56)

Comes now, the Petitioner, pursuant to §20-25 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, seeking authority to perform marriages, and states as follows, to wit:

My full name is _____.
(printed first, middle, and last name of petitioner)

My residence address is _____,

which is located in **(please circle)** Smyth County, Washington County, or the City of Bristol, Va.

My mailing address is _____.

My home telephone number is _____. My cell phone is _____.

☐ I am seeking this authority to perform marriages generally, not just for one wedding.
OR

☐ I am seeking this authority to perform a specific marriage between _____
and _____ on or about the ____ day of _____ 202__.

OPTIONAL: Space to provide additional information or an explanation for this request:

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I certify that I have read and understand §20-28 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, which provides as follows:

“If any person knowingly perform the ceremony of marriage without lawful license, or officiate in celebrating the rites of marriage without being authorized by law to do so, he shall be confined in jail not exceeding one year, and fined not exceeding \$500.”

I request the Court to grant me the authority to perform marriages in the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to §20-25 of the Code of Virginia, and I understand that if such authority is granted, before performing any marriages, I will first be required to appear before the Clerk and post bond, and I further acknowledge that such authority may be rescinded at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

Petitioner