

ORDINANCE NO. 2781

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE V, § 62-16 OF THE CODE OF SUSSEX COUNTY TO INSTITUTE FEES CHARGED BY THE CLERK OF THE PEACE TO PERFORM MARRIAGE CEREMONIES AND RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS AFTER NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS AND ON WEEKENDS AND TO INCREASE THE FEES FOR NON-DELAWARE RESIDENTS FOR OUT-OF-OFFICE CEREMONIES

WHEREAS, Sussex County Code, Chapter 62, Article V, § 62-16 establishes the fees to be charged by the Clerk of the Peace for performing marriage ceremonies and the renewal of marriage vows; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County desires to differentiate between fees charged during normal business hours and fees charged after business hours and on weekends; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County desires to amend §§ 62-16D., E., H. and I. to clarify that the fees being charged are for ceremonies performed in the office of the Clerk of the Peace, or on The Circle or any building fronting The Circle, during normal business hours; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County desires to amend § 62-16G. to increase the fees for marriage ceremonies and renewal of marriage vows performed in the office of the Clerk of the Peace for Sussex County, or on The Circle or any building fronting The Circle, for non-Delaware residents; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County further desires to amend § 62-16K. to increase the fees for marriage ceremonies and renewal of marriage vows performed outside of the office of the Clerk of the Peace for Sussex County for non-Delaware residents; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County desires to amend § 62-16J. to correct a typographical error; and

WHEREAS, by adding a new § 62-16N. and § 16-62O., Sussex County further desires to establish fees to be charged by the Clerk of the Peace for conducting marriage ceremonies and renewal of marriage vows in the office of the Clerk of the Peace, or on The Circle or any building fronting The Circle, after business hours or on weekends.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Sussex County Code, Chapter 62, Article V, § 62-16, Enumeration of Fees, subparagraphs D., E., G., H., I., J. and K. are hereby amended by adding the underlined language and deleting the bracketed language as follows:

- D. The fee for conducting a Memorable Marriage Ceremony [for a Delaware resident] in the office of the Clerk of the Peace for Sussex County, or on The Circle or any building fronting The Circle, during normal business hours for a Delaware resident shall be \$50.
- E. The fee for conducting a Memorable Marriage Ceremony in the office of the Clerk of the Peace for Sussex County, or on The Circle or any building fronting The Circle, during normal business hours for a non-Delaware resident shall be \$100.

- G. The fee for conducting a Memorable Marriage Ceremony outside of the office of the Clerk of the Peace for Sussex County for a non-Delaware resident shall be [~~\$175~~]\$200.
- H. The fee for performing a renewal of marriage vows in the office of the Clerk of the Peace for Sussex County, or on The Circle or any building fronting The Circle, ceremony during normal business hours for a Delaware resident shall be \$50.
- I. The fee for performing a renewal of marriage vows ceremony in the office of the Clerk of the Peace for Sussex County, or on The Circle or any building fronting The Circle, during normal business hours for a non-Delaware resident shall be \$100.

- J. The fee for performing a renewal of marriage[or] vows ceremony outside of the office of the Clerk of the Peace for Sussex County for a Delaware resident shall be \$100.
- K. The fee for performing a renewal of marriage vows ceremony outside of the office of the Clerk of the Peace for Sussex County for a non-Delaware resident shall be [~~\$175~~]\$200.

Section 2. Sussex County Code, Chapter 62, Article V, § 62-16, Enumeration of Fees, is hereby amended by adding new subparagraphs N. and O. which are underlined as follows:

N. The fee for conducting a Memorable Marriage Ceremony or performing a renewal of marriage vows in the office of the Clerk of the Peace for Sussex County, or on The Circle or any building fronting The Circle, after normal business hours and on weekends for a Delaware resident shall be \$100.

O. The fee for conducting a Memorable Marriage Ceremony or performing a renewal of marriage vows in the office of the Clerk of the Peace for Sussex County, or on The Circle or any building fronting The Circle, after normal business hours and on weekends for a non-Delaware resident shall be \$200.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2021.

Synopsis

This Ordinance amends §§ 62-16 D., E., H., and I., to clarify that the fees being charged are for marriage ceremonies and the renewal of marriage vows performed in the office of the Clerk of the Peace for Sussex County or on The Circle or any building fronting The Circle during normal business hours. This Ordinance also amends §§ 62-16G. and K. to increase the fee to perform a marriage ceremony or a renewal of marriage vows ceremony outside of the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for non-Delaware residents, and § 62-16J. to correct a typographical error by adding new §§ 62-16N. and O. this Ordinance also establishes fees the Clerk of the Peace charges to Delaware residents and non-Delaware residents for marriage ceremonies and renewal of marriage vows performed in the office of the Clerk of the Peace for Sussex County, or on The Circle or any building fronting The Circle, after normal business hours and on weekends.

Deleted text is shown in brackets. Additional text is underlined.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2781 ADOPTED BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE 22ND DAY OF JUNE 2021.



ROBIN A. GRIFFITH
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL