

## **Reserving the Historic Lapeer County Courthouse**

### **How can I reserve the Historic Courthouse?**

Michigan's oldest operating courthouse is available for weddings and other special events. The Lapeer County Historic Courthouse has been a part of its citizen's lives since the county's earliest days. Make it part of your family's history by holding your wedding in its historic chambers.

The Historic Courthouse is available both on weekdays and weekends. It is advised that you make your reservations at least two weeks in advance. The Historic Courthouse may not always be available without advanced registration. Weddings held on weekends or after hours must be scheduled five days in advance.

You may choose to have your ceremony on the Historic Courthouse lawn or porch steps. There are no special requirements for using the public space outside of the building; However, it is always best to check with Building and Grounds to be sure that no other events are scheduled for the same time.

You may make a reservation for the use of the Historic Courthouse Courtroom through the Lapeer County Building and Grounds Department. A [registration form](#) is required and the [Waiver of Liability form](#) must also be signed. A \$200 fee is required, along with a \$100 cleaning deposit, which will be refunded if no clean up costs are incurred. By using the Courthouse for your ceremony, you are given the opportunity to contribute to the restoration of the Historic Courthouse.

**The Registration Form and Waiver of Liability can be mailed along with payment to: Lapeer County Building and Grounds Department, 255 Clay Street, Lapeer, Michigan 48446. For questions or more information, contact the Department of Building and Grounds at (810) 245-4794.**

### **Who will perform our ceremony?**

You may provide your own minister or you may ask to be married by a Magistrate or District Court Judge. A charge of \$10 is required by the 71-A District Court office. It is suggested that you call at least one week in advance to ensure that your schedule can be accommodated.

You may contact the [71-A District Court](#) office by clicking here, or call that office at **(810) 667-0314**.

### **How do we apply for a marriage license?**

Contact the [Lapeer County Clerk's Office – Marriage License Information](#) or call that office at (810) 667-0356

**LAPEER COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE**  
**WEDDING REGISTRATION FORM**

*Please read the following procedures for registering the use of the Lapeer County Historic Courthouse.*

**WEDDINGS**

The courtroom on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse may be used for wedding ceremonies. Weddings held on weekends or after hours must be scheduled at least five days in advance by contacting the Lapeer County Building and Grounds Department at (810) 245-4794.

**Applicants Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to reserve the Historic Courthouse for a wedding ceremony on:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that:**

1. A fee of \$200.00 is required to reserve the Historic Courthouse;
2. A cleaning deposit of \$100.00 is also required, which will be refunded if no clean up costs are incurred;
3. Alcoholic beverages are PROHIBITED on County property;
4. County property must be left in the same condition as found;
5. I must provide my own Magistrate or Minister to perform the ceremony.

I have read the above statements and agree to comply with the procedures and regulations as stated.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Witness)

**COUNTY OF LAPEER  
WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Printed Name) AGREES TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAPEER COUNTY FROM ANY CLAIM, DEMAND, SUIT, LOSS, COST OF EXPENSE, OR ANY DAMAGE WHICH MAY BE ASSERTED, CLAIMED OR RECOVERED AGAINST OR FROM THE COUNTY OF LAPEER BY REASON OF ANY DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, PERSONAL INJURY OR BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, SUSTAINED BY ANY PERSON WHOMSOEVER AND WHICH DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH ARISES OUT OF OR IS INCIDENT TO OR IN ANYWAY CONNECTED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT REGARDLESS OF WHICH CLAIM, DEMAND, LOSS, COST OF EXPENSE IS CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE LAPEER COUNTY MUNICIPALITY, THE LAPEER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS, OR BY THIRD PARTIES, OR BY THE AGENTS, SERVANTS, EMPLOYEES OR FACTORS OF ANY OF THEM.

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(SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

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(WITNESS)