# POLK COUNTY JUDGES WHO PERFORM WEDDING CEREMONIES

(Updated 8/13)

For ALL weddings, whether at the courthouse or elsewhere, **YOU MUST CALL THE JUDGE IN ADVANCE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT**. COURTHOUSE WEDDINGS ONLY DURING THESE HOURS:

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| Monday – Thursday | 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m |
| | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. |
| Fridays | 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. |

For weddings performed at a time other than these judicial working hours and at a place other than a court facility, a judge or magistrate may charge a fee not to exceed $200.00. Individual judges may charge different fees. Please inquire for actual costs when arranging a ceremony.

To apply for a marriage license, you will need to go to the Recorder's Office at the Polk County Administrative Building, 111 Court Avenue, Room 245. Their business hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Both parties and one witness of legal age should be there to fill out the application. All three parties will need to have a photo ID or two other forms of identification with them. The fee for a marriage license is $35.00. For additional information, you can contact the Polk County Recorder at 286-3781.

**JUDGES LOCATED AT THE POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE**
**500 MULBERRY STREET**

| JUDGE | TELEPHONE | CONDITIONS |
|---|---|---|
| Arthur Gamble | 286-3853 | After hours and weekends only – no Courthouse |
| Cynthia Moisan | 286-2070 | After hours and weekends only – no Courthouse |
| Robert Blink | 286-3852 | After hours and weekends only – no Courthouse |
| Robert Hanson | 286-3846 | Courthouse, after hours and weekends (short notice OK) |
| James Birkenholz | 286-3863 | After hours and weekends only – no Courthouse (short notice OK) |
| Joel Novak | 279-5523 | After hours and weekends only – no Courthouse |
| Thomas Renda | 490-7037 | Anytime outside Courthouse |
| Douglas Staskal | 286-3542 | After hours and weekends only outside Courthouse |
| Robert Hutchison | 286-3861 | After hours and weekends only – no Courthouse |
| Odell McGhee | 286-3854 | Courthouse, after hours and weekends (short notice OK) |

**JUDGES LOCATED AT SMALL CLAIMS COURT**
**500 SW 7TH STREET, SUITE 100**

| JUDGE | TELEPHONE | CONDITIONS |
|---|---|---|
| Joseph Seidlin | 875-5540 or 288-3333 | Small Claims Ct., after hours and weekends |
| David Erickson | 875-5540 or 246-7981 | Small Claims Ct., after hours and weekends |
| Jeffrey Lipman | 778-5623 | After hours and weekends only |
| Becky Goettsch | 875-5540 or 729-4415 | Small Claims Ct., after hours and weekends |