

## ONLINE MARRIAGE LICENSES A REALITY IN BUTLER COUNTY

*Butler County Recorder of Deeds Office Implements New Technology to Apply and Pay Completely Online*

In partnership with Fidlar Technologies, the Butler County Recorder of Deed's Office now allows for couples to apply for their marriage license online without ever having to visit the courthouse. Via a link on the County Recorder's website, applicants will be directed to a form that must be completed no more than 30 days before their ceremony. At this point, the user can select if they want to complete the application process online or visit the Butler County courthouse.

If completing online, the customer only has to have a credit card for payment and pass all the requirements.

To pick up your license for the wedding or ceremony, you will need to call 573-686-8086 to set up appointment to pick up your license from the Recorder's Office. You will need your valid ID and Social Security Card to pick up license.

If you prefer you may still call 573-686-8086 to make appointment to come to Butler County Recorder's Office to apply for application and to pick up license. Marriage License cost is \$60.00 cash, you will need your valid ID and Social Security Card. The \$60.00 will pay for the license and a Certified Copy of your license that may be needed to change your last name.

This new option is one of many ways the Recorder's Office has made their office accessible and valuable for Butler County constituents, including:

- **Property Fraud Alert** – A free subscription for home and property owners to be notified whenever a document is recorded with their information.
- **Laredo & Tapestry** – Online search options for obtaining land records information at the county.
- **Electronic Recording** – An option for document submitters to submit their documents for recording electronically instead of physically mailing or bringing them in.

"The needs of our community are ever evolving and it's my goal to provide the technology and services to benefit my constituents. Online options allow our customers to interact with my office on their own terms and not plan their schedule around when they can get to the courthouse during business hours," states Debby Lundstrom, Butler County Recorder. "I'm excited to be one of the first counties in Missouri to offer a fully remote option for marriage applications and the fact that we've processed several online applications in the first week shows this was a service people wanted."