

Marriage License Fee Increasing June 20 – What You Should Know

Starting June 20, 2025, the fee for a marriage license in New Mexico will increase from \$25 to \$55. This change follows the passage of Senate Bill 290 (SB 290), signed into law by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham on April 8, 2025.

Fee Breakdown:

The new \$55 fee is distributed as follows:

- \$20 to the County Clerk’s Office for document preservation and technology improvements
- \$20 to the Children’s Trust Fund for child abuse prevention and support services
- \$15 to the County General Fund

These updates help modernize local recordkeeping and invest in critical programs for families and communities.

For Couples Planning to Marry:

- Licenses issued before June 20 will remain valid, regardless of your ceremony date
- You can apply for a license in person at our office or start the process online (if available in your county)
- After your ceremony, be sure to return the signed certificate for official recording

New Mexico Still Among the Most Affordable:

Despite the increase, New Mexico’s marriage license remains more affordable than many neighboring states.

- **Texas** – up to \$82
- **Arizona** – approximately \$83
- **Utah** – \$50–\$60

Planning Ahead:

If you’re planning to get married this year and want to help support long-term record preservation and programs that protect children and families across New Mexico, consider applying for your marriage license on or after June 20 — when the updated fee takes effect.

For questions or to schedule an appointment, contact:

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