## <u>Certified copies of your Marriage Certificate MUST be</u> <u>requested</u>

## There are three options:

- 1. You can either come to our office located at 1300 Franklin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.
- 2. . Mail us a written request to:

Clark County Auditor's Office Attn: Marriage License Dept PO Box 5000 Vancouver, WA 98666-5000

\*\*\***The cost is \$3.00 per certified copy**\*\*\*. (Make checks payable to Clark County Auditor).

3. Order online at <u>www.clarkdocuments.org</u> Credit/Debit card. (Do not mail this form if ordering online)

## **REQUEST FOR CERTIFIED COPY**

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ (At time of application)

Spouse's Name\_\_\_\_\_ (At time of application)

Date of Marriage\_\_\_\_\_

Number of copies requested \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Please include a self-addressed stamped return envelope

## **Changing Your Name**

To assume your new last name, you should first obtain certified copies of your marriage license. Then work with each agency to change its record of your name. These may include:

- Social Security: www.ssa.gov or (800) 772-1213
- State Driver's License/Identification Card: www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/ or Vancouver East: (360) 260-6288 / Vancouver North: (360) 576-6060
- Immigration Services: www.uscis.gov or (206) 553-5956
- Passport: www.travel.state.gov or (877) 487-2778
- Banks, Insurance, Employer, Military, Voter Registration

All marriage license documents are signed with one's current legal name, never the intended new name.

There is no legal requirement for name change after getting married; it is a right a couple may choose to exercise.

If you intend to change your name after marriage, check with each agency for its requirements to change your records. If an agency requires more than a certified copy of your marriage license, check with Clark County District Court for details on a court-ordered name change.

Washington State law does not impose a time limit after the wedding by which a name change must be accomplished. However, if you are making the change more than a year after your wedding, check with each agency to determine if a certified copy of your marriage license will suffice to change your name with them.