

**HOW MUCH MAY A CIVIL MARRIAGE CELEBRANT
CHARGE FOR PERFORMING A WEDDING?**

**CIVIL MARRIAGE CELEBRANTS MAY CHARGE A FEE UP TO \$50
(VA. CODE §20-27) FOR PERFORMING THE MARRIAGE
CEREMONY.**

**ADDITIONALLY, CIVIL MARRIAGE CELEBRANTS MAY CHARGE
FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES TO AND FROM THE WEDDING SITE AT
THE RATE OF 50 CENTS PER MILE IF PRIVATE
TRANSPORTATION IS USED.**

**EXAMPLE OF ALLOWABLE FEES: IF TRAVEL DISTANCE IS 15
MILES ONE WAY TO THE WEDDING SITE, THE MAXIMUM FEE IS:
\$50 fee + (.50 per mile travel expense X 30 miles) = \$65.00**

**IF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS USED, IT SHALL BE
REIMBURSED AT THE ACTUAL COST THEREOF.**

**THE ACTUAL COST OF THE CEREMONY TOGETHER WITH TRAVEL
EXPENSES SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE PARTIES AT LEAST THREE
DAYS PRIOR TO THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY. SEE FOLLOWING
PAGE FOR VIRGINIA LAW CONCERNING FEES.**

CIVIL MARRIAGE CELEBRANTS BY RESIDENCE LOCATION

Ashland, Beaverdam and South Anna Magisterial District

Bonnie (B.J.) Dillon
Hanover, VA
(804) 537-5576
(804) 363-2758

Patrick Michael Lamb
Beaverdam, VA
(804) 389-4452
(English and Spanish)

Frederick A. Hodnett, Jr.
Ashland, VA
(804) 798-4149

Nelson Whitt
Ashland, VA
(804) 752-6339

Cold Harbor and Mechanicsville

Margaret Martin
Mechanicsville, VA
(804) 746-3005

Charlie T. (Bucky) Wrenn
Mechanicsville, VA
(804) 779-3462

AUTHORIZED CIVIL MARRIAGE CELEBRANTS BY LANGUAGE SPOKEN

(All civil marriage celebrants speak English)

Spanish

Patrick Michael Lamb
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STATE LAW CONCERNING CIVIL MARRIAGE CELEBRANT FEES

There may be other Virginia code sections concerning the fees that may be charged by civil marriage celebrants.

§ 20-27. Fee for celebrating marriage.

Any person authorized under § [20-25](#) to celebrate the rites of marriage shall be permitted to charge the parties a fee for the ceremony not to exceed \$50 for each ceremony. Additionally, such person shall be permitted to charge the parties travel expenses to and from the marriage site. If conveyance is by public transportation, reimbursement shall be at the actual cost thereof. If conveyance is by private transportation, reimbursement shall be at the rate specified in the current general appropriations act of the Commonwealth. In either event, the actual cost of the ceremony together with travel expenses shall be given to the parties at least three days prior to the marriage ceremony.

§19.2-37(G). Magistrates; eligibility for appointment; restrictions on activities.

(G). A magistrate who is designated as a marriage celebrant under §20-25 may not accept a fee, a gratuity, or any other thing of value for exercise of authority as a marriage celebrant.