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News from the Center for Health Statistics Concerning the Oregon Marriage Certificate

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Introduction

Welcome to our first newsletter from the Center for Health Statistics, also known as Oregon Vital Records. This newsletter is specifically designed and created for you, Oregon’s county marriage clerks. We plan to publish a newsletter twice a year and email them to you. You should expect the next newsletter this summer, around August 2013.

In these newsletters, we will provide you with articles and updates on topics and issues that we hope are timely and useful to you. We will include updates in vital records as they pertain to you, and include names and contact information of our staff making it easy for you to reach us. We would like to hear from you with article suggestions, questions or comments as well as ideas you may have for future newsletters.

Thank you for all that you do and again WELCOME to our first newsletter for county clerks. As you can see, we are very excited to present this first newsletter to you and to continue enhancing our valued partnership. ❖

JoAnn Jackson, MBA
Registration Manager

Letters you may receive from our office

Notification of correction needed (CN – correction needed letter)

You may have received a “correction needed” letter from the Center for Health Statistics. This is a notification that we have received a marriage or domestic partnership record with missing or inaccurate information. In the letter, we will identify the item in question, and the information required. If you have



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questions about this correction or need more information, please contact Cynthia Roeser by phone at: 971-673-0478 or by e-mail at: Cynthia.R.Roeser@state.or.us

Once the record is corrected, simply return it to us for registration (as it is not registered at the state until corrected). Once officially registered, couples will be able to receive certified copies.



Notification of No correction received (NCR – no correction received letter)

Occasionally, you may receive a second, follow up letter explaining that we previously sent back a request for correction and have not received the marriage certificate or domestic partnership back. Let us know if there may be an underlying issue in completing this record or if we might help.

If you receive this follow up request, you will know that the record has not yet been processed in the state office and we await your response, (as it is not registered at the

state until corrected). Once officially registered, couples will be able to receive certified copies.

Here is a copy of the letter:

From: Cynthia Roeser, Data Entry Supervisor, and Center for Health Statistics

Subject: Marriage Record(s)

After reviewing the marriage record(s) received from your county, it appears that the record(s) we sent back to you requiring correction were not returned to us.

Enclosed, you will find copies of the marriage record(s) needed. We ask that you please forward the corrected, original record (s) to this office within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

Return the record(s) to Cynthia Roeser, Data Entry Supervisor. My address is below. If you need to speak with me, my telephone number is 971-673-0478.

Thank you. ❖

Physical address required for authorizing religious congregation or organization

Line items 31c and 31d continue to be our primary cause for returning marriage licenses to the counties for correction. Below is a quick summary of what is acceptable.

31c. Officiant's Address

Complete street address: Acceptable

P.O. Box: Acceptable

Internet Address: NOT Acceptable

31d. Authorizing Religious Congregation or Organization

Complete street address: Acceptable

P.O. Box: NOT Acceptable

Internet Address: NOT Acceptable

We require the street address of the organization to determine that the religious congregation or organization physically exists.

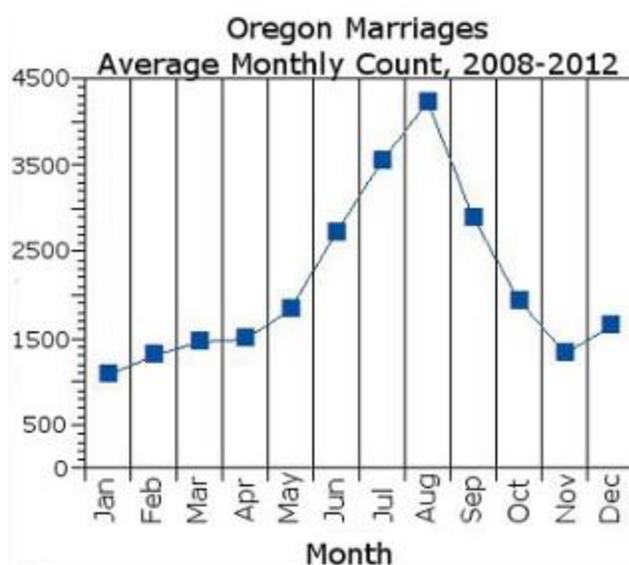
If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Roeser, Data Entry Supervisor at 971- 673-0478 or by email at

Cynthia.R.Roeser@state.or.us. ❖

Time for love

More marriages occurred in 2006 in Oregon than any other year between 2001 and 2012. There were 26,715 couples that tied the knot that year. Saturday July 7, 2007 took the cake for the most marriages in a single day. The combination of both a series date and one that fell on a Saturday seemed to be the outstanding choice for brides and grooms. Saturdays seem to trump even the choices for dates that contain a series of numbers. The least popular date since 2001 occurred on Wednesday January 7, 2004 when only three couples tied the knot.

Oregonians tend not to follow the crowd in trends, for example couples across the country plan fabulous June weddings. While some Oregonians chose this period, most don't. Our peak counts come in July or August, perhaps because we know how unpredictable June weather can be, or we're busy doing other things in June. Take a look at your county recording throughout the last years: link to the stats by county at this website: <http://1.usa.gov/VTfbXn>



For couples establishing and registering domestic partnerships, this same monthly trend of July and August holds true. The domestic partnership provisions started in February of 2008 when over 1,500 couples registered their partnerships. The average monthly registrations fluctuate less than marriages and run between 43 and 60 per month. The overall preliminary total for 2012 was 574 registrations. ❖

Missing copies?

Did you forward a marriage record without retaining a copy? We can help. If the original is registered in our files, we can assist by sending a replacement copy to complete your file.

Please contact Cynthia Roeser, the Registration Supervisor at 971-673-0478 or email her at Cynthia.R.Roeser@state.or.us

We'll do our best to help! ❖

Oregon Registered Domestic Partnerships and Washington State Same Sex Marriages

Oregon has had Registered Domestic Partnerships since 2008. More than 5,000 domestic partnerships have been filed in 32 counties in



Oregon between 2008 and 2012. Oregon's requirements for a registered domestic partnership include:

- Neither party can have a wife or husband (unless the wife or husband is

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the intended partner), or an Oregon registered partner living at the time of the ORDP;

- Both parties are 18 years of age or older and able to enter into a civil contract;
- Parties are not first cousins or closer, as determined by common law; and
- At least one of the partners must be an Oregon resident.

If all the criteria are met, the parties can file *the* notarized Domestic Declaration of Partnership form and receive rights and responsibilities parallel to those received at marriage in Oregon.

Washington's recognition of same sex marriages might raise new questions on eligibility for and the usefulness of Oregon Registered Domestic Partnerships.

Oregon law does not recognize same sex marriages or domestic partnerships established in other states. This means same sex partners married in Washington (or other states recognizing same sex marriages) cannot use that marriage in Oregon but are

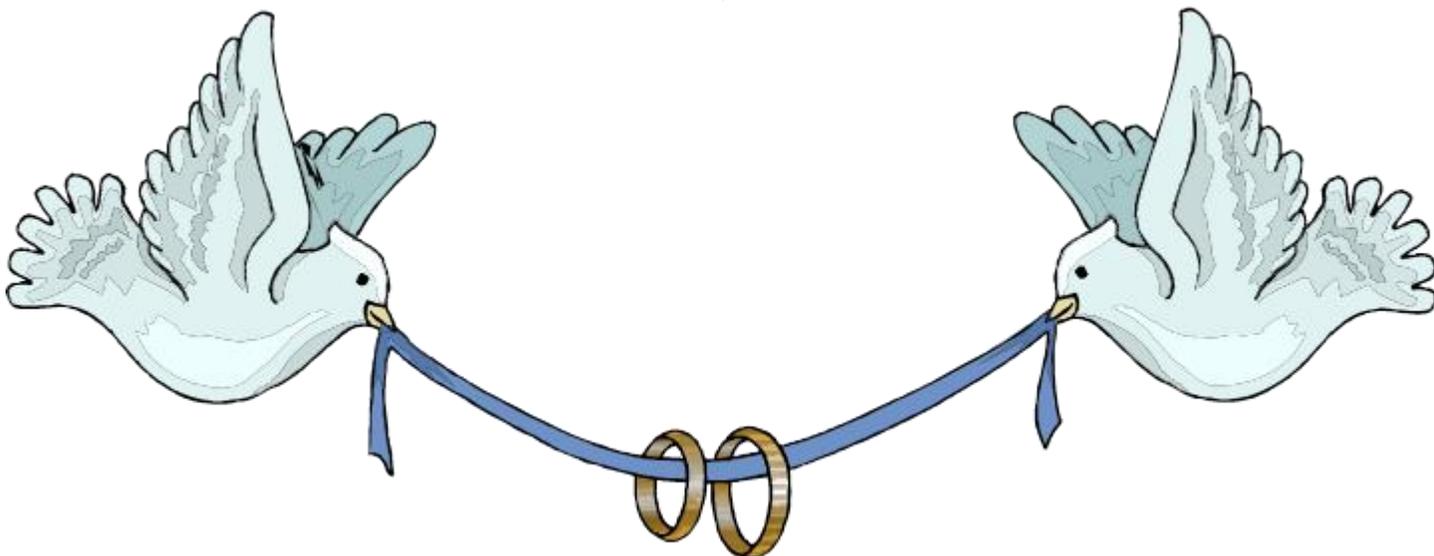
eligible for an Oregon Registered Domestic Partnership. Washington law (26.04.020) states that a legal union, other than a marriage, between two individuals that was validly formed in another state or jurisdiction and that provides substantially the same rights, benefits, and responsibilities as a marriage, does not prohibit those same two individuals from obtaining a marriage license in Washington.

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Links to the Website and Statistics pages...

- Ordering ORDP records
<http://healthoregon.org/chs>
- Instructions and forms for ORDP
<http://1.usa.gov/XxGgCX>
- Statistics on ORDP
<http://1.usa.gov/11EYZkA>



Wanted—Newsletter topics

Have a question or idea for a future newsletter article? Contact Judy Shioishi at 971-673-1166 or Judy.Shioishi@state.or.us. Judy collects ideas for articles and then shares them with the writing team.

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