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Ceremony: Vital Questions to Ask Your Civil Officiate

If you've decided to have a civil ceremony but aren't sure what you should consider before selecting an Officiate, here are some vital questions you definitely want to ask.

Planning:

Is the officiate available on your wedding date? Just like other wedding vendors officiates book months in advance.

Can the officiate travel to your chosen wedding site? Is there an extra charge for mileage?

If you don't have a site for your wedding ceremony, can the officiate suggest a site or provide a site?

Does the officiate charge a standard fee? What types of thing does this fee cover?

During your meeting:

Let your beliefs and values be known. Explain what kind of ceremony you would like to have. Look for the officiate that will treat the ceremony with the right amount of reverence.

Ask lots of questions; Such as:

Why does he/she perform weddings? Are the reasons consistent with your needs?

Does the officiate have sample vows, ceremonies and readings to show you?

Will the officiate let you specify ceremony details such as music, readings, and vows?

Is the officiate willing to discuss non-traditional wedding ceremonies and traditions?

Is the officiate available for a ceremony rehearsal?

Do we have final say over the script?

How soon before the ceremony will you arrive?

Does the fee include a full rehearsal?

Do you require a deposit?

Will you work with our other wedding professionals?

Does it matter how many guest I have? Will that affect the fee?

Will you be respectful to my family members?

Is there anything else can you tell us about your services?

After the Meeting:

Are you comfortable upon meeting the officiate?

Does he or she seem genuinely interested in you as a couple and is he or she willing to assist you with the creation of the vows and ceremony you've always wanted?

Would the officiate(and his/her spouse) like to come to the reception and rehearsal dinner?

OFFICIANT HIRING TIP #1

Be certain the person you hire knows how to use a microphone, if having amplified sound! You would be surprised the number of Wedding Officiates that do not know how to use a microphone.

OFFICIANT HIRING TIP #2

Make certain the person you hire offers an acceptable back-up, in the event of their sudden unavailability. Loss of voice, illness, and death in the family, etc., are possible life situations and may leave you stranded on your wedding day!

OFFICIANT HIRING TIP #3

Make certain that you will have a say in the type of clothing the Officiator will wear to your ceremony. A simple black suit is better than hot pink, unless that's what you asked for!

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