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§ 1202. Requisites of Marriage Contract; License.

(a) (1) The Governor or a mayor is authorized to grant a license for marriage between two persons. Upon the filing of an application for the license, the Governor or a mayor shall collect from the parties the following fees:

- (i) Ceremony fees (Non-Residents), \$75;
- (ii) Ceremony fees (Residents), \$30;
- (iii) Marriage License Application (Non-Residents), \$125;
- (iv) Marriage License Application (Residents), \$50;
- (v) Documentation Fee, \$25; and
- (vi) Marriage License Copy, \$25.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, one hundred percent (100%) of the fees collected by a respective mayor under this section shall be deposited into that respective mayor's office account which the Secretary of Finance shall establish without further legislative appropriation. Such funds shall be used for the operations conducted by each respective mayor. All fees collected by the Governor shall be deposited into the general fund.

(2) As used in this Article, a resident is a person who has been in the CNMI for at least twelve months prior to applying for a marriage license. Such person must have established residency in the CNMI by keeping a current mailing address for at least twelve months before applying for a marriage license or having maintained and continue to maintain accounts at the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation or having paid income taxes for more than six months for the year prior to submitting an application for a marriage license or having maintained and continue to maintain a local account(s) with a banking institution doing business in the CNMI.

(3) For purposes of this Article, if one party to a marriage application is a resident and the other is non-resident, the applicants must pay the applicable fees set forth in subsection (a)(1) for non-residents.

(b) To obtain a license to marry, the parties shall file with the Governor or a mayor an application in writing setting forth as to each party: his or her full name, age, citizenship, residence, occupation, if any, whether previously married and the manner of dissolution of any prior marriage or marriages. If the statements in the application are satisfactory and it appears that the parties are free to marry, the Governor or a mayor shall issue to the parties a license to marry. Nothing in this section may be construed to prevent the issuance of a license to marry to two citizens of the Trust Territory.

Source: [39 TTC § 52](#); amended by [PL 4-11](#), § 2; [PL 4-17](#), § 3; (a) amended by [PL 20-53](#) § 2 (Apr. 7, 2018), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission renumbered subsection (a) pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806](#)(a). The Commission changed “this Act” to “this Article” in (a)(2) and (a)(3), and changed “account/s” to “account(s)” in (a)(2)

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pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806](#)(g). The Commission changed “paragraph (a)(i) of this section” to “subsection (a)(1)” in (a)(3) pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806](#)(c) and (d).