

THE CITY HALL Guide

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Everything you need to know to
plan the most beautiful
(and stress-free) civil ceremony
— and get the photos of your
dreams!



THE BASICS: Where and How?

- **Location:** The NYC Marriage Bureau at 141 Worth Street, Manhattan is the spot most couples choose.
- **Opening hours:** Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM. I always recommend arriving early — lines can be long!
- Make sure you have these essentials ready!
 1. **Marriage License:** you'll need to apply for this before your ceremony through Project Cupid. It costs \$35.
 2. **Valid Photo ID:** don't forget your passport or driver's license.
 3. **Your Witness:** you'll need one person to witness your ceremony. If you're not using the on-site staff, I can also be your witness if you need.

WEDDING OUTFITS

Just because it's a civil ceremony
doesn't mean it can't be
ICONIC

**Coordinating colors always look
amazing in photos
Don't forget to feel like yourself!**



Your outfit choices are one of the most fun parts! you can go wild with fashion or to keep it basic

for her:

Elegant: opt for a silk slip dress or a loose, flowy dress. These options offer comfort without sacrificing sophistication.

Modern & Chic: a bridal jumpsuit or a chic two-piece set are perfect for a contemporary civil ceremony look.

Classic with a twist: a short white dress is always a winner. Elevate your outfit with accessories like a veil, pearls, or gloves for that extra touch of bridal flair.



for him:

Sharp & Suited: opt for a light-toned suit. Think beige, gray, or even navy blue for a classic and timeless appeal that's perfect for a civil ceremony.

Smart casual chic: If a full suit isn't your preference, a well-fitted blazer paired with tailored pants is an excellent alternative. This offers a refined look without being overly formal.



SHOULD YOU BRING flowers?

Yes, please! A small bouquet or boutonnière elevates your look and makes your portraits feel even more special

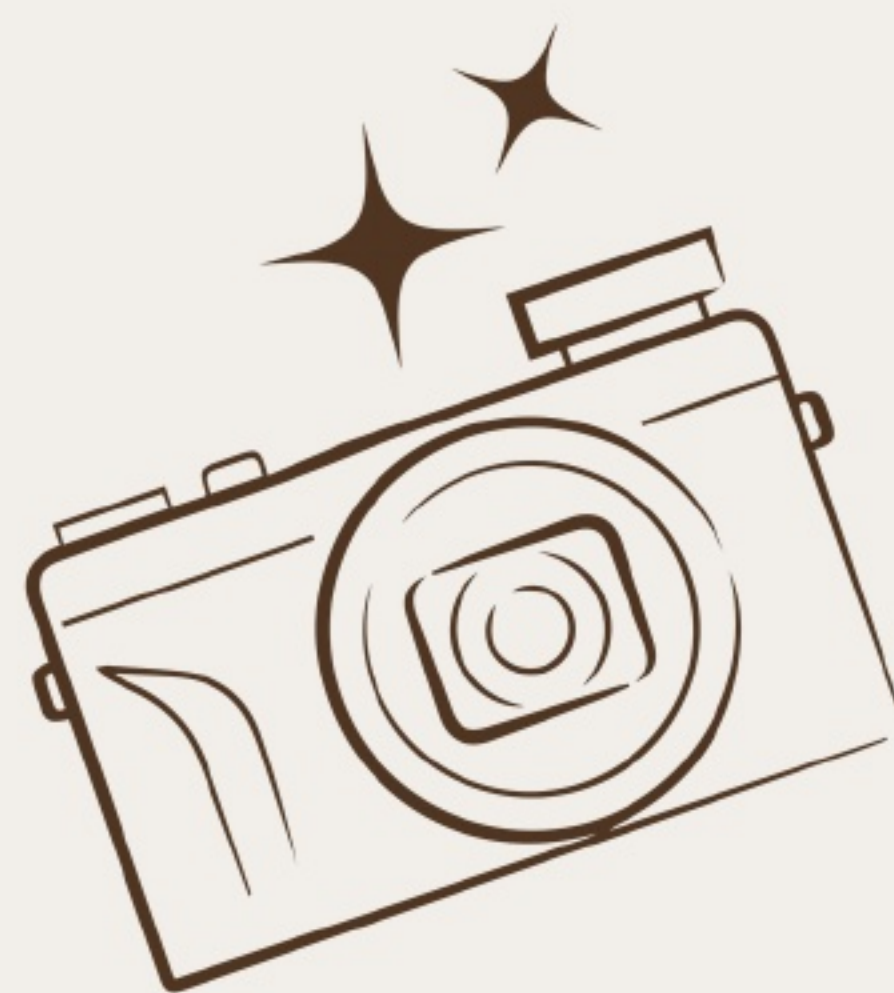
Go for soft blooms like peonies, ranunculus, or wildflowers — they photograph beautifully and feel just right for City Hall vibes



WHERE TO TAKE PHOTOS after the ceremony?

After your “I do,” let’s take a walk!
I’ll show you some of my favorite locations
near the City Clerk’s Office for portraits

We can create a route based on your
style and how much time we have!



If you want to stay close to City Hall,
we can walk to:

Right in front of the City Clerk's Office

- classic NYC backdrop, perfect for a first
“just married” shot

City Hall Park

– soft light, trees, and a relaxed, romantic feel

**Crossing the street with buildings
in the background**

– iconic editorial vibes

Supreme Court Steps

– grand and elegant architecture

Manhattan Municipal Building

– stunning arches and textures

Tweed Courthouse

– soft tones and timeless details

All locations are just blocks apart, letting us capture
diverse backdrops fast!

About 1.5 hours is all we need for this route

Want a longer route?
If you're up for more adventure, we can hop
on the subway and head to:

Dumbo, Brooklyn

– breathtaking skyline views
(approx. 25 mins by subway)

Central Park

– for greenery, romance, and an iconic NYC
escape (approx. 20–25 mins by subway)

And the best part ✨

**We'll dive into the subway for some truly raw and real
shots!**

**Imagine candid moments - holding hands on the
platform, sharing a smile on the train, or just soaking
in the city's energy.**

**These authentic photos often become some of my
couples' absolute favorites,
adding a unique, iconic touch
to your gallery**

WHAT TO PACK

to make your photos
(and day! perfect:



The rings

Your beautiful bouquet

A quick makeup touch-up kit
(think lipstick & blotting paper)

Comfy shoes for walking

A clear umbrella (just in case of a
little rain – it looks super cute
in photos, promise!)

Any personal touches like vows,
special letters, or lockets you'd love
to include in your shots

Final thoughts

City Hall weddings aren't just ceremonies; they're the ultimate celebration of you



Whether you're making a spontaneous "I do" or just keeping your celebration wonderfully intimate, you can still have a stylish and meaningful experience — complete with timeless photos you'll cherish forever!

Feeling a little lost in the logistics?

Think of me as your personal
City Hall guide!

Having captured countless love
stories, I'm here to help you
navigate everything
— from crafting the perfect timeline
to picking out those dream outfits



BE FUN,
be in love,

and enjoy
your day

