

FORMER BOROUGH MAYORS AND MARRIAGE CEREMONIES

The Domestic Relations Law amended by Act 18-2009, allows former mayors who meet the following mandatory requirements to perform wedding ceremonies.

“If the former mayor of a borough of this Commonwealth who:

- 1. Has not been defeated for reelection;**
- 2. Has not been convicted of, pleaded nolo contendere to or agreed to an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition or other probation without verdict program relative to a misdemeanor or felony offense under the laws of this Commonwealth or an equivalent offense under the laws of the United States ...”**
- 3. Has not resigned the position to avoid having charges filed or to avoid prosecution by Federal, State or local law enforcement agencies;**
- 4. Has served as a mayor, whether continuously or not, by election for an aggregate of a full term of office, and**
- 5. Is a resident of this Commonwealth.”**

The former mayor is not required to notify council that he plans to perform these ceremonies and is responsible for documenting his gratuities on his taxes.

One question that arises is how must he sign the marriage license since he is no longer the current mayor. The act is silent on this matter and one suggestion is to sign his name and include the years of his last term served.