

FILING FOR DIVORCE "PRO SE"

THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE DOES NOT SUPPLY FORMS NECESSARY TO FILE FOR DIVORCE. WE CANNOT ASSIST YOU IN PREPARATION OF THE FORMS. WE CANNOT ASSIST YOU IN COMPLETING THE FORMS. WE CAN NOT ADVISE YOU OF WHAT DOCUMENTS TO FILE. WE ARE NOT ATTORNEY'S AND ARE LEGALLY PROHIBITED FROM GIVING LEGAL ADVICE.

If you intend to represent yourself "Pro Se" (without the assistance of an attorney), you must have knowledge to prepare and file the necessary pleadings and present your case to the Court. The website www.texaslawhelp.org has a variety of legal forms including those for divorce. Again, we are unable to give you legal advice or help you complete the necessary paperwork. Make sure your paperwork contains information needed for a divorce in Texas.

1. Bring your Original Petition and 2 additional copies to the District Clerk's office to be filed.
2. The filing fees are:
 - Divorce where spouse signs a waiver.....\$283.00
 - Divorce with a citation in Montague County.....\$416.00
 - Service out of County- to prepare citation..... \$8.00
 - **ALL FEES ARE DUE AT THE TIME OF FILING**
3. Your petition will be filed and assigned a cause number and court. **Please have this information available when contacting our office concerning your case.**
4. The District Clerk's phone number is (940) 894-2571. Our office hours are 8:00AM TO 12:00PM AND 1:00PM TO 5:00PM, Monday through Friday.
5. The petition must be on file for at least 60 days before the final hearing can be held. You may obtain a hearing date from the Court Coordinator, Amanda Cunningham at (940) 894-2066. You may call for a hearing date 24 hours after filing your petition.
6. One week prior to the final hearing, bring **the Final Decree of Divorce along with a completed vital statistics form. You will also need to complete a Record of Support Form and bring it if there are children.**
7. At this time our hearings are being held via Zoom. Be logged in to your hearing a few minutes prior to your hearing time. You will be put into the waiting room until your hearing. You must know how to present your case in the hearing. We will contact you once our office receives your Final Decree to see how you would like to receive your document.