

**INFORMATION FOR FILING A DIVORCE – PRO SE – FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK**

THE DISTRICT CLERK’S OFFICE DOES NOT SUPPLY FORMS NECESSARY TO FILE FOR DIVORCE. WE ARE NOT ATTORNEYS AND ARE LEGALLY PROHIBITED FROM GIVING ANY 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 cause to the Court.

The only suggestion or advice that we can offer is that you purchase a book on “How to do your Divorce in Texas” or go to a Law Library to research the necessary information or see an attorney. Also available is online assistance at [www.texaslawhelp.org](http://www.texaslawhelp.org).

**PROCEDURES FOR FILING YOUR OWN DIVORCE**

1. Bring your original petition and 2 copies to the District Clerk’s office to be filed.
2. The filing fees are: Divorce where spouse signs a waiver .....\$ 350.00,  
If service is necessary add \$108.00 to above totals for citation fee and service fee to the Constable.
3. Your petition will be filed and assigned a cause number. Please have this  
Information available when contacting our office concerning your case. The District Clerk  
phone number is 903/537-8337. Our hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
4. The petition must be on file for at least 60 days before the final hearing can be held.
5. After the 60 days have expired and your paperwork is in order, you may appear before the  
Court to have the final decree entered. To obtain a hearing call the District Clerk.
6. When you come to the courthouse for your final hearing bring your Final Decree and 2  
copies, and the completed vital statistic forms required, which may be picked up in the  
District Clerk’s office.
7. Report to the courtroom and wait for the Court to call your case. The Judge cannot  
assist you with your divorce. You must know how to present your case in the courtroom.
8. If you or your spouse will be receiving child support, you must return to the District Clerk’s  
Office and give required information to set up a child support account that will be collected  
and disbursed through the State Disbursement Unit in San Antonio.

YOU MAY ALSO RECEIVE CERTIFIED COPIES OF YOUR DECREE AT THIS TIME. THE COST IS \$1 PER PAGE.

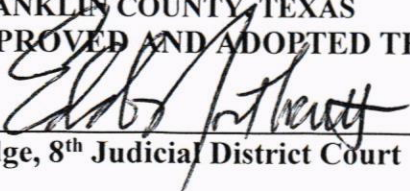
**THANK YOU,**

**ELLEN JAGGERS**

**DISTRICT CLERK,**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY, TEXAS**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 1ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.**

  
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Judge, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

  
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Judge, 62<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court