

No two Weddings are alike and every one that I perform reflects the beliefs and character of couple who are being married. Some weddings are simple elopement ceremonies while others are much more detailed and my services cover a wide spectrum. Please look at the breakdown for these Ceremonies:

- **Elopement-Starting at \$140-\$160 (Military) to \$180.-\$200 (non-Military)**
- **Mid-Size Ceremony: \$275-\$375**
- **Customized Larger Ceremonies. \$450-\$850**

Elopement Ceremonies: Most weekday elopement ceremonies will be \$160.00 with you providing 2 witnesses and if they are in Pierce County, or within a 30-minute drive from my Tacoma location. Elopements are defined as the couple and their witnesses, or less than 8 people attending.

- Midweek elopement (Monday thru Thursday) is \$160.00. Military-\$140.00
- During the Wedding Season, May- October, weekend elopement weddings are \$180.00 and \$160.00 for military. Short notice (1 day) is usually okay.
- if you need witnesses, the fee is \$25.00 per witness. *Some customization of the ceremony will be provided according to your needs. I am happy to suggest locations, some with gazebos in case of bad weather, or I can come to your home or apartment, or you may wish to use my [church](#) sanctuary for a small donation if it on a weekday, pending availability and if the weather is not cooperating.*
- I do not book Elopement Ceremonies more than 3 weeks in advance.
- I require a non-refundable deposit of half down via PayPal.
- I offer ring vow options if you are not writing your own and may offer an opening prayer if you wish.
- Additional fees may apply for parking, ferry or park entrance fees.

Elopements Outside of Pierce County: \$250.00 – 275.00 weekdays. Auburn: Kent, Des Moines, Federal Way, Olympia, Bremerton, Port Orchard (time of day with traffic concerns may apply) **Vashon Island: \$275.00** (although It may be more depending on the ferry schedule...The middle of the day there is a 2 hour void in service) Weekend rates are on a case by case situation.

The Mid-size Ceremony: \$275.00 - \$375.00: In the Pierce County Area These are not large ceremonies, but kind of in between. Guest list is typically under 30 people, there is no rehearsal and sometimes there is a very minimal bridal party, such as the maid of honor and best man, and very light ceremony customization. These are often held in the back yard, at a restaurant or sometimes a small hall. They are typically extended-family situations... the original intention was to keep it small, but now, everyone wants to come. If you wish to use my [church](#), we can talk about that...I have access to a sanctuary on weekdays in the South Tacoma area and the venue fee will be pretty reasonable if we are just doing the ceremony there.

We most likely will meet ahead of time to discuss your ceremony where I will learn a bit about you as a couple and I will include a bit of it in the ceremony. If there is a processional, I will provide instructions on how to carry out the rehearsal. Areas outside of Pierce County will incur

an additional charge depending on the location, time and day. A 50% deposit is required and final payment is typically two weeks before the ceremony unless other arrangements are made.

Customized Ceremonies: \$450.00-\$850.00. These are fully customized ceremonies with rehearsal included. I spend several hours preparing these ceremonies...the actual performing of the ceremony is the easiest part for me...the hours preparing it is where most of the “work” is done. We will meet in person to learn about your love story and the vision you hold for your wedding. This meeting will last about an hour and I will draw up a contract and then let you decide afterwards, if I am the right Wedding Celebrant for you. I will reserve your date for a few days while you make this decision and then request a deposit of \$200.00 to hold your date and begin working on your ceremony.

I will send you a questionnaire for you each to fill out about your love for each other...you are asked to not collaborate on your responses...so you don't filter your answers and these answers will give me insight to your relationship...and I will select readings that I think you will like. My extensive training, years of experience and intuitive ability have proved to delight most of my couples. I don't give you a bunch of readings to sort through...or make you do a cut and paste kind of assignment. You are always free to send me readings you love...you are free to create your own vows and are free to edit my draft however you please, but most often, there is seldom much to change. I try to lift the load off you; that's my job and my joy. The result is a portrait of your love for each other and for the love of your family and guests...and I am pleased to report, people are very happy with these ceremonies!

I will run your rehearsal, or work with your wedding coordinator, provide cue sheets for the music, photographer and the “cue” person or your helper (good idea to enlist a “take charge” friend or relative if you have no wedding planner for the day.) I will arrive 45 minutes to an hour ahead of time to check in with you and to work with the DJ or musicians.

Once a contract is signed and deposit received, I will send you a questionnaire from which I will write your love story and add other personalized components such as a blending ceremony for combining new families in the case such as new step children, remembering people who have passed or incorporating cultural or religious traditions or other rituals. I am willing to travel for destination weddings with additional travel costs, which may include the cost of overnight lodging. Additionally, if you are planning a distance wedding, and have a friend or family member with the ability to perform your ceremony, I can provide a "coaching" session or even the ceremony for your relative to marry you. Call me to discuss the fee for this service.

Cancellation and deposit policy: Sometimes life happens and the wedding will need to be postponed or even cancelled. My policy is to refund your deposit if I haven't already written your ceremony and if there are at least two months before your wedding. I have reserved that date for you and most likely have turned down other requests. For Elopement Ceremonies, since the timeline is brief, I keep the deposit if the cancellation is less than 24 hours. If you have paid in full, I will refund half the deposit. Although this rarely happens (just 1 time in 500 weddings), if I am unable to perform your wedding because of illness or emergency, I will gladly refund the fee and assist you as much as possible in finding another officiant.

Payment Methods You are invited to pay by cash, check is fine if we have time for it to clear, or you may pay thru PayPal

Tacoma Wedding Officiant, Wedding Chapel, Elopement Ceremonies, Elopement Weddings, Tacoma Wedding Chapel, Tacoma Wedding Minister, Lakewood Wedding Minister, Olympia Wedding Minister, LGBT wedding, Lesbian Wedding, Gay Wedding, non-denominational wedding officiant

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