

The 24-Shot City Hall Wedding List

Most courthouse slots run 15 to 30 minutes. Hand this page to whoever holds the phone and work top to bottom. Check the box as each shot lands.

BEFORE YOU GO IN

- ☐ Dress or suit on a hanger in doorway light
- ☐ Rings resting on the marriage paperwork
- ☐ Bouquet on a courthouse bench
- ☐ Mirror shot while getting ready
- ☐ Walking to the building, hands linked
- ☐ The nervous laugh outside the doors

THE BUILDING

- ☐ Full-width portrait on the steps, low angle
- ☐ Kiss in front of the doors, centered
- ☐ Walking the marble corridor
- ☐ Under the rotunda or archway
- ☐ Window-light portrait inside
- ☐ The two of you beside the building sign

THE MOMENT

- ☐ Vow hands close-up
- ☐ Ring exchange
- ☐ The officiant making everyone laugh
- ☐ First kiss
- ☐ Witnesses cheering
- ☐ Signing the license

AFTER

- ☐ The steps exit, confetti optional
- ☐ Car or taxi door moment
- ☐ First toast at the celebration meal
- ☐ Golden-hour portrait a block away
- ☐ Solo portrait with the bouquet
- ☐ City lights to close the day

The one rule: shoot the building shots from a low angle and let the architecture fill the frame. Marble and big doors are why city hall photos look editorial. Nobody in the party can hold a camera steady? [Flytographer](#) books local photographers by the half hour.

The 12-Shot Engagement List

For the months before the courthouse. Same method: pick three backdrops, work the list, keep the camera up between poses.

GOLDEN HOUR

- ☐ Walking toward the camera, laughing
- ☐ Ring close-up over linked hands
- ☐ Forehead kiss, eyes closed
- ☐ Walking away, heads leaned together
- ☐ The twirl or the piggyback, pick one
- ☐ Silhouette against the last light

YOUR REAL LIFE

- ☐ Coffee shop window seat
- ☐ Couch at home, socks on
- ☐ Cooking together, flour optional
- ☐ The dog or cat in the middle
- ☐ Dancing in the kitchen
- ☐ Champagne toast to the yes

Awkward-hands fix: give hands a job. Hold the coffee, fix the collar, tuck the hair. Every natural-looking couple photo on Pinterest is hands with a task.