

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

File No.

In The General Court Of Justice
District Court Division

_____ County

Name Of Plaintiff

VERSUS

Name(s) Of Defendant(s)

**ORDER IN CIVIL ACTION
TO AUTHORIZE UNDERAGE
PERSON TO MARRY**

G.S. 51-2.1

FINDINGS

This matter is properly before the Court on the complaint of the plaintiff named above. A hearing was held before the undersigned judge on the date shown below. Present at the hearing were:

- the underage plaintiff the plaintiff's guardian ad litem the person the plaintiff seeks to marry
- the plaintiff's mother the plaintiff's father the plaintiff's guardian or legal custodian
- Other: _____

The Court heard evidence relating to the capability of the underage plaintiff of assuming the responsibilities of marriage, whether the marriage will serve the best interest of the underage plaintiff, and the relationship between the underage plaintiff and his/her parents, and between the underage plaintiff and his/her legal custodian or guardian, if applicable.

Based on the record of this proceeding and the evidence the Court makes the following FINDINGS OF FACT:

- 1. The plaintiff is 16 17 years of age.
- 2. The person the plaintiff is seeking to marry is no more than four years older than the plaintiff.
- 3. The father of the underage plaintiff testified that the marriage serves the best interest of the plaintiff. does not serve the best interest of the plaintiff.
- 4. The mother of the underage plaintiff testified that the marriage serves the best interest of the plaintiff. does not serve the best interest of the plaintiff.
- 5. The legal custodian/guardian of the underage plaintiff testified that the marriage serves the best interest of the plaintiff. does not serve the best interest of the plaintiff.
- 6. The guardian ad litem testified that the marriage serves the best interest of the plaintiff. does not serve the best interest of the plaintiff.
- 7. The relationship between the underage plaintiff and his/her parents is (*state facts found*):
- 8. (*State findings to indicate that the underage party is or is not capable of assuming the responsibilities of marriage and that the marriage is or is not in his/her best interest*):
- 9. Other:

(Over)

CONCLUSIONS

Based on these findings of fact, the Court concludes, as a matter of law, that

- 1. The underage plaintiff is is not capable of assuming the responsibilities of marriage.
- 2. The marriage will will not serve the best interest of the underage plaintiff.

ORDER

The Court ORDERS:

- 1. The plaintiff (*name plaintiff*) _____ is authorized to marry (*name person plaintiff may marry*) _____.
The Clerk of Superior Court shall give a certified copy of this Order to the plaintiff.
- 2. The marriage is not authorized and the complaint is denied. The plaintiff may not seek the authorization of any court for marriage pursuant to G.S. 51-2.1 until after one year from entry of this Order.

Date Of Hearing

Signature Of Judge

Date Order Issued (if different from hearing date)

Name Of District Court Judge (type or print)

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this Order is a true and complete copy of the original which is on file in this case.

Date _____ Deputy CSC Assistant CSC Clerk Of Superior Court

SEAL

Signature And Seal

NOTE TO REGISTER OF DEEDS: *This Order relates only to the plaintiff's ability to marry despite age. Before issuing a marriage license, all other conditions for licensure must be met, including proper consent or court order if the other party to the marriage is less than 18 years of age.*