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Ferndale Mayor Helping Gay Couples Tie the Knot after Historic Ruling

After federal judge's ruling striking down 10-year ban on same-sex marriage, the mayor of a Detroit suburb is making it easier for Michiganders to get married.

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monies Saturday. If couples can't make it then, they're asked to stop by the City Clerk's

Ferndale Mayor Dave Coulter said Saturday he would officiate marriage ceremonies at Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile between 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., [a day after U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman struck down the State of Michigan's ban on same sex marriages.](#)

"It is officially past midnight and the dawn of a new day, marriage is now equal in the State of Michigan," Coulter said.

The plan was to officiate ceremonies on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Couples unable to attend Saturday's services should contact the City Clerk's office on Monday at (248) 546-2381 to schedule a ceremony, he said.

Couples must be residents of the state of Michigan and should have a marriage license from Oakland County. Licenses can be obtained this morning during limited hours at the Oakland County Clerk's Office located at 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac, Michigan.

The Oakland County Clerk may be contacted at (248) 858-0581.

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At least he is not busy opening new bars and granting huge abatements.

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You know, I know that same sex marriages are taboo for some and there are all these arguments about the negative impact such unions can have on the children in these families... A few years ago I saw a story about a same sex couple trying to adopt a child. What struck me is when one of the guys said, " You know, raising a family is about love, caring and guidance and we have so much love to share..." If you take into consideration the number of "traditional" male/female partnerships who have dysfunctional families, the number of broken families and the number of children without any family or love and guidance in their lives - same-sex unions are a non-problem.

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