

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

MAGISTRATE RECUSAL FROM THE
SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

_____ County

G.S. 51-5.5

NOTE TO MAGISTRATE: *If you wish to recuse from performing all lawful marriages, complete and sign this form and deliver the original to the chief district court judge for your district. You may wish to save a copy for your records.*

NOTE TO CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE: *This form is a **confidential personnel record** under Chapter 126 of the General Statutes of North Carolina. Please save a copy for your local personnel files, and forward the original recusal or rescission to NCAOC Human Resources Division, Post Office Box 2448, Raleigh, NC 27602, or Courier Box 56-10-50.*

I. RECUSAL

NOTE: *“Every magistrate has the right to recuse from performing all lawful marriages under this Chapter based upon any sincerely held religious objection. Such recusal shall be upon notice to the chief district court judge and is in effect for at least six months from the time delivered to the chief district court judge. The recusing magistrate may not perform any marriage under this Chapter until the recusal is rescinded in writing. [...]”* G.S. 51-5.5(a).

I, the undersigned magistrate of (county) _____ County, hereby exercise my right under G.S. 51-5.5 to recuse myself from performing all lawful marriages under Chapter 51 of the General Statutes of North Carolina based upon a sincerely held religious objection.

I understand that this recusal is in effect for at least six months from the time I deliver it to the chief district court judge of my district, and that I may not perform any marriage under Chapter 51 of the General Statutes of North Carolina until I have rescinded this recusal in writing.

Date Signed	Date Delivered To Chief District Court Judge	Time Delivered To Chief District Court Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM
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Name Of Magistrate (type or print)	Signature Of Magistrate
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I, the undersigned chief district court judge, hereby acknowledge receipt of this recusal on the date shown below.

Date	Name Of Chief District Court Judge (type or print)	Signature Of Chief District Court Judge
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II. RESCISSION

I, the undersigned magistrate of (county) _____ County, previously exercised my right under G.S. 51-5.5 to recuse myself from performing all lawful marriages under Chapter 51 of the General Statutes of North Carolina based upon a sincerely held religious objection.

At least six months having passed since the date I delivered my recusal to the chief district court judge, which delivery was on (date) _____ at (time) _____ AM PM, I now hereby rescind that recusal.

Date Signed	Date Delivered To Chief District Court Judge	Time Delivered To Chief District Court Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM
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Name Of Magistrate (type or print)	Signature Of Magistrate
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I, the undersigned chief district court judge, hereby acknowledge receipt of this rescission on the date shown below.

Date	Name Of Chief District Court Judge (type or print)	Signature Of Chief District Court Judge
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