



# **ISLAMIC CENTER OF EL PASO**

## **NORTH AMERICAN ISLAMIC TRUST INC**

### **Religious Marriage Policy\***

#### **Marriage in General and ICEP:**

- 1) ICEP does not perform CIVIL Marriages that fall under the Jurisdiction of the Family Law of the State of Texas. A CIVIL marriage is performed only by the court.
- 2) ICEP is willing to help the members of this community who wish to have their marriage validated by Islamic Marriage rules.
- 3) ICEP only validates the court marriage and does not assume any CIVIL responsibility for the marriage.
- 4) ICEP does not work as a “match maker” service nor does it encourage such an act.
- 5) The Officers of the Board and Judiciary Committees, or any employee of ICEP cannot assume the responsibility of any stranger (unknown to the community).

#### **Religious Marriage and ICEP:**

People wishing to have their marriage validated by the Islamic Center of El Paso, should follow the following steps:

- A. Obtain a marriage certificate from the court (any CIVIL marriage certificate).
- B. Make a written request for religious marriage at ICEP and submit that with a copy of the court marriage certificate, a non-refundable processing fee of \$25.00, and 2 ID's (bride and groom).
- C. Please allow 4 (four) weeks for processing and verification.
- D. Please choose 2 (two) witnesses who can be present at the time of the marriage:
  - a. Adult, sane and of good character
  - b. 2 Men
  - c. NO non-Muslim witnesses/women/1m1woman
- E. Please make an appointment with the Sheikh for counseling before marriage.
- F. **No “drive-thru” marriages**-(People coming through from other states to marry and move on). For new Muslims: they have to be here (in the ICEP community) 4 (four) months.

#### **ICEP:**

- 1) The Imam (the spiritual leader) who is certified from Shari'ah point of view will perform the marriage.
- 2) Please allow at least 2 (two) weeks for the certificate to be ready and signed.
- 3) The Certificate is to be signed by the Imam, who performed the marriage, President of the Board of Director's, or his designee (Vice-President/Treasurer).
- 4) A certificate fee of \$100.00 (non-refundable-one hundred dollars) must be paid at the time of the marriage.
- 5) ICEP will maintain a copy on file of the records.

Board of Directors, ICEP

Cc Judiciary Committee

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