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How can I challenge a refusal of the city council in civil registration?

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The town hall is obliged to issue you the following documents:

- birth certificate (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1427?lang=en>)
- marriage act (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1432?lang=en>)
- death certificate (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1444?lang=en>)
- marriage (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1345?lang=en>)
- family booklet in case of birth of the first child (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11991?lang=en>) or ..

FYI

The town hall must also update family book (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F18910?lang=en>) if you ask him.

In case of refusal by the town hall, you must first make an administrative appeal before the public prosecutor. The judge may be seised in a 2^e time.

Graceful remedy: public prosecutor

Civil status documents shall be drawn up by a registrar under the supervision of the Public Prosecutor.

In the event of an unjustified refusal to issue or update a document, you must contact the public prosecutor of the court having territorial jurisdiction for the town hall concerned.

You can also enter the Advocate:

Entering the Rights Defender Online (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R20689>)

Litigation: court

In the event of a refusal by the public prosecutor, you may apply to the court having territorial jurisdiction over the town hall in question.

Please note

refusal to perform marriage (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F31476?lang=en>) or
refusal to register marriage record (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F31474?lang=en>) are subject to a specific appeal.

Statute and miscellaneous references

- Code of Judicial Organization: Article R211-4 (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCodeArticle.do?idArticle=LEGIARTI000026883371&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006071164>)
Jurisdiction of the court in matters of civil status
- Decree No. 2017-890 of 6 May 2017 on civil registration (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=LEGITEXT000034708016>)
- Decree No. 74-449 of 15 May 1974 on the family register and information for future spouses on family law (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006062197>)
- Circular of 28 October 2011 on various civil registration documents relating to birth and filiation (PDF - 1.0 MB) (http://circulaires.legifrance.gouv.fr/pdf/2011/11/cir_34124.pdf)

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