

WHAT IS DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP?

The City of Oakland defines domestic partnership as a relationship between two adults who have chosen to share one another's lives in an intimate and committed relationship of mutual caring, who live together, and who have agreed to be jointly responsible for basic living expenses incurred during the Domestic Partnership. One partner must work for the City of Oakland or both parties must live in Oakland to register as domestic partners with the City of Oakland.

Registration of domestic partnership is an option many people choose to publicly recognize their relationships instead of marriage. It is often chosen for personal and/or legal reasons. Registering your domestic partnership is voluntary.

Registering your domestic partnership may be beneficial if a company that extends health or other benefits to domestic partners employs you.

The State of California Domestic Partner Registry may establish more rights for domestic partners than the City of Oakland's Domestic Partner Registry. To learn about those rights and the State of California Domestic Partner registration process visit the California Secretary of State web site at www.ss.ca.gov/business/sf/sf_dp.htm or call (916) 659-3984.

WHO MAY REGISTER FOR DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP?

The process of Domestic Partnership Registration is simple. You must meet the following requirements to register as domestic partners with the City of Oakland:

- ✓ You must be at least 18 years of age and have chosen to share one another's lives in an intimate and committed relationship of mutual caring;
- ✓ You must live together;
- ✓ You must be jointly responsible for basic living expenses which you incur during the domestic partnership;
- ✓ One of the partners is an employee of the City of Oakland, or both of you reside together within the City of Oakland limits;
- ✓ Neither of the partners are married, nor are you related to each other in a way which would bar marriage in California;
- ✓ You must agree to file a Notice of Ending a Domestic Partnership if you end your relationship and live separately for more than 90 days.

HOW DO WE REGISTER AS DOMESTIC PARTNERS?

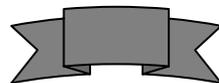
Registration of Domestic Partnership is conducted by the Office of the City Clerk. There are two ways to register:

Both partners must appear in person with proof of identity, though the application may be obtained and filled out in advance (the Affidavit of Domestic Partnership must be executed in the presence of the City Clerk or her designee). You must show to the City Clerk or her designee proof of identity by presenting a picture identification card. If both partners live in Oakland, each must show proof of residence within the city limits at the same address, such as a utility bill or bank statement.

Or

Both partners must appear to a Notary Public to sign the Affidavit of Domestic Partnership. The Affidavit is then forwarded, with proof of residence and fee, to the Office of the City Clerk.

The fee for registration is \$40. Once you have filed an Affidavit of Domestic Partnership, you will be registered as domestic partners for an indefinite period. You will receive a copy of your certificate of domestic partnership at the time of registration or within five (5) working days by mail.



TERMINATING YOUR DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP

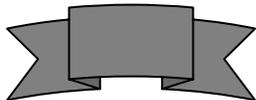
Should you end this relationship and live separately for more than ninety (90) days, you must submit a Notice Of Ending A Domestic Partnership with the Office of the City Clerk. The processing fee for the Notice Of Ending is \$10 if signed by both parties, \$15 if you wish us to inform your former partner of this termination by certified mail. In the case of the death of a partner, a Notice of Ending a Domestic Partnership is also required to be filed.

OBTAINING AN APPLICATION PACKET

You may obtain an application packet to register your domestic partnership from the Office of the City Clerk. You may send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to receive your application by mail, or you may pick it up in person at the City Clerk's office.

Please contact the Office of the City Clerk for more information, should you find that you have questions not covered in the registration materials.

We are happy to serve you and wish to make this process simple and affirming of your relationship.



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