

Domestic Partner Registry Fact Sheet

Who may apply to record a domestic partnership on the registry?

Unmarried persons participating in a domestic partnership who meet the criteria established in the ordinance may apply. The registry is gender-neutral and applies to same-sex and opposite-sex partnerships.

What is required to register a domestic partnership?

- Both partners must reside within the city of Phoenix and share a common residence
- Both individuals are in a committed relationship and share responsibility for each other's common welfare
- Neither individual is married to any third party
- Neither partner is part of an existing domestic partnership or civil union with any third party
- Each individual is at least 18 years old and competent to enter into a contract
- The individual partners are not related to one another by blood closer than would bar marriage in the state of Arizona

What is the process to register a domestic partnership?

Both parties must appear together in person at the Phoenix City Clerk Department at 200 W. Washington St., 15th floor. The Declaration of Domestic Partnership must be completed, affirmed and signed by both applicants in the presence of a City Clerk notary.

What documents must one bring to register?

Each applicant must provide a valid photo ID issued by a government agency within the United States that provides name, date of birth, height, weight, and hair and eye color.

What documentation does one receive after registering?

Registered domestic partners each will receive a copy of the completed Declaration of Domestic Partnership document with the official City of Phoenix seal.

Does Phoenix accept domestic partnership registration from other cities or states?

No.

What benefits are provided by the ordinance for domestic partners?

The sole benefit granted by the ordinance is the right to visitation with a domestic partner in any health care facility located within the city of Phoenix, notwithstanding any rights granted through other legal documents that may have been executed by the partners. The visitation rights are subject to any restrictions that apply to all visitors established by the health care facility.

Can domestic partnership registrations be terminated?

Yes. One will have to contact the City Clerk Department and request that a Notice of Termination form be sent to you.

Where can I obtain more information about the registry?

City Clerk Department	602-262-6811
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