



# City of Eugene Domestic Partner Registry

## **What is the Domestic Partner Registry?**

The Domestic Partner Registry of the City of Eugene is a means by which unmarried couples who share a relationship of mutual support, caring, and commitment may document their relationship.

## **Who are domestic partners?**

Domestic partners are two people who sign a statement, certified by the City Recorder, affirming that they are:

- in a relationship of mutual support and intend to remain in such a relationship;
- not married to or registered as the domestic partner of any other person in any jurisdiction, nor has either terminated or registered a domestic partnership within the preceding six months;
- both 18 years of age or older;
- not related by blood kinship closer than would bar marriage in the state of Oregon; and are mentally competent to consent to contract.

## **What are the steps to register and how much does it cost?**

- 1) Call the City Recorder to make an appointment (541-682-5042).
- 2) Applicants will complete a Domestic Partner Registry form at the appointment. A sample form is available for viewing at <http://www.eugene-or.gov>.
- 3) Both partners must be present at the appointment.
- 4) Each registrant must provide one piece of current government-issued identification with photo (driver's license, Oregon ID card, or U.S. passport).
- 5) Registrants sign a statement affirming that they meet the domestic partnership requirements and terms. The City will provide a notary.
- 6) Registration fee is \$50.00, payable by cash, check or money order at the time of registration.

## **Do we have to be residents of the City of Eugene in order to register as domestic partners?**

No. The City of Eugene's Domestic Partnership Registry is open to all interested couples.

## **What happens if one or both partners wish to terminate the domestic partnership?**

A registered domestic partnership is ended when:

- One of the partners dies, or
- The partners no longer meet one or more of the requirements included in the statement of domestic partnership.

When a registered domestic partnership ends, a Statement of Termination is required. Forms are available from the City Recorder's Office.

If only one partner files a statement of termination, that partner must certify that the filing partner notified the other partner by mailing a notice of such intent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the other partner.

## **What about legal rights and responsibilities?**

Domestic partnership registration is voluntary, and does not create any new or different legal rights or responsibilities between partners. The City of Eugene cannot provide any legal advice concerning domestic partnerships. Applicants may wish to consult an attorney for such advice. Partners should consult an attorney and/or make arrangements for a number of important matters, including, but not limited to, wills, medical matters, finances, children and dependents, health care and employment benefits.

## **What's the next step?**

If you would like to set up a Domestic Partner Registry appointment, contact:

City of Eugene /City Recorder  
125 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Eugene OR 97401  
(541) 682-5042

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**Web:** <http://www.eugene-or.gov>