

What is a Domestic Partnership?

A Domestic Partnership refers to two individuals who maintain important personal, emotional, and economic relationships. Individuals in these partnerships are unmarried and may share committed family relationships, but may also be denied certain rights if their partnership is not recognized.

The City of Sarasota has established a Domestic Partnership Registry for the purpose of recognizing such relationships.

Benefits of Establishing a Domestic Partnership

Rights conferred upon Domestic Partners in the City of the Sarasota include:

- ⇒ Health Care Facility Visitation
- ⇒ Health Care Decisions
- ⇒ Funeral/ Burial Decisions
- ⇒ Correctional Facility Visitation Rights
- ⇒ Inclusion in Any Mandatory Notification of Family Members
- ⇒ Preneed Guardian Designation
- ⇒ Participation in Education of Dependents

For further information on benefits, refer to Ordinance #12-5019.

Domestic Partnerships are issued:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

9:00am- Noon

1:00pm- 4:00pm

Registration takes approximately 20 minutes per partnership. We encourage you to make an appointment in advance to avoid wait times.



Call (941) 954-4160
to schedule an appointment to register your Domestic Partnership.



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City Auditor and Clerk

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"The City is pleased to offer the Domestic Partnership Registry with the benefits offered as a service to interested individuals who reside, work in or visit the City of Sarasota"

- Pamela M. Nadalini, CMC
City Auditor and Clerk

City of Sarasota, FL

Domestic Partnership Registry

On October 15, 2012, the City Commission of the City of Sarasota adopted Ordinance #12-5019 establishing a Domestic Partnership Registry.

With the adoption of the Ordinance, Sarasota became the 10th municipality in the state of Florida to recognize Domestic Partnerships.



Who Qualifies for Domestic Partnership?

Individuals are eligible to register their Domestic Partnership if the following criteria are met:

- * Each individual is at least 18 years of age and competent to contract;
- * Neither individual is married or a partner in another domestic partnership;
- * The individuals are not related by blood;
- * Each individual considers the other to be a member of his/her immediate family for which they are jointly responsible;

- * Individuals reside in a mutual residence;
- * Individuals agree to notify the City Auditor and Clerk of the City of Sarasota if the terms of the Domestic Partnership are no longer applicable; and
- * Each individual declares desire and intent to designate their partner as their healthcare surrogate and agent to direct disposition of their body for funeral and burial.



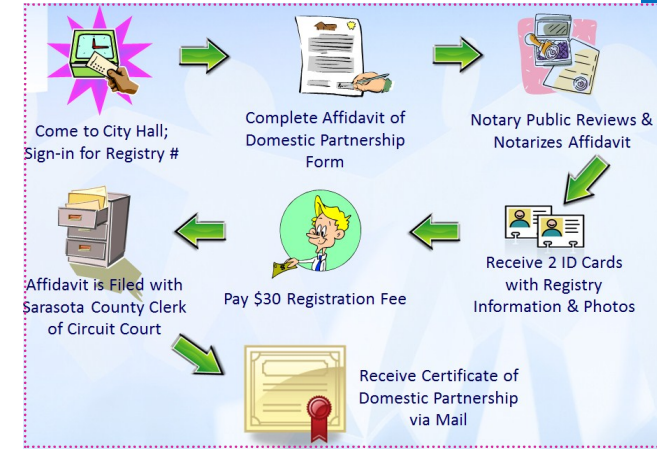
The best part about the City's Domestic Partnership Registry??

There is no requirement that partners live in the City!

Individuals can register as part of the City's program no matter where they reside and be eligible for benefits offered within the City's jurisdiction.

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How to Register...



Registration Checklist

- Bring both partners to City Hall
- Bring Photo ID for each partner (*Driver's License, Passport, or other Government-Issued Photo ID*)
- Complete Affidavit of Domestic Partnership with your partner; must sign in front of a Notary Public
- Pay \$30 Registration Fee (*cash or check made payable to "City of Sarasota"*)

