



DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION

Part II, Chapter 15 of the North Port City Code

The City of North Port values diversity. The establishment of a Domestic Partnership Registry embodies our diversity as we strive to respect everyone's rights regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, creed, orientation or marital status. This effort will make the City of North Port a more inclusive place for everybody and will also serve as an additional economic development tool as our community looks to attract new employers and create jobs for all our residents.

Following you will find the information you need if you wish to enroll in the City's Domestic Partnership Registry.

Registry requirements:

In Part II, Chapter 15 of the Code of the City of North Port, domestic partners are defined as one of two natural persons who are parties to a Domestic Partnership and who meet the requisites for a valid domestic partnership as established pursuant to Part II, Chapter 15 and listed below:

- Each person is at least 18 years of age and competent to contract;
- Neither person is currently married under Florida law or is a partner in a domestic partnership relationship or a member of civil union with anyone other than the co-applicant;
- They are not related by blood as defined in Florida Law;
- Each person considers himself or herself to be a member of the immediate family of the other Domestic Partner and to be jointly responsible for maintaining and supporting the Domestic Partner;
- The Domestic Partners reside in a mutual residence; and
- Each person agrees to immediately notify the City Clerk, in writing, if the terms of the Registered Domestic Partnership are no longer applicable or one of the domestic partners wishes to terminate the domestic partnership. All identification cards must be surrendered to the City Clerk upon the termination of the Domestic Partnership.
- Each person expressly declares their desire and intent to designate their Domestic Partner as their healthcare surrogate and as their agent to direct the disposition of their body for funeral and burial.

Registry process:

- A City of North Port Domestic Partnership Registry packet must be obtained from the City Clerk's Office. Forms will be available on the city's website at www.cityofnorthport.com.
- Forms must be submitted **in person** to the Office of the City Clerk at North Port City Hall, 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, Florida.
- Both partners must be present when the Affidavit of Domestic Partnership is submitted to the Office of the City Clerk and the Affidavit must be signed in the presence of a Notary Public in the Clerks' Office.
- Identification to establish age and residency must be presented by both persons. Forms of identification include passports, driver's licenses, military identification, resident alien cards and naturalization forms.
- The registration fee is \$30.00.