



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) For in person registries call the City Recorder to make an appointment (541-682-5010). Additionally, you may choose to mail in the notarized form with payment in lieu of an in-person registry. Forms are available on the City of Eugene website.
- 2) Applicants will complete a Domestic Partner Registry form at the appointment or in front of a Notary Public.
- 3) Both partners must be present at the appointment or with Notary Public.
- 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, if done in-person.
- 6) Registration fee is \$50.00, payable by cash, personal check, cashier's check or credit card at the time of in-person registration. If by mail, only personal check or cashier's check will be accepted.

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 or on the City of Eugene website.

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 plan 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
101 West 10th Ave., Suite 203
Eugene OR 97401
(541) 682-5010

Email: nross@eugene-or.gov

Web: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/517/Domestic-Partner-Registry>