



DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION

Chapter 40, Article I of the Venice City Code

The City of Venice 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 Venice 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 Section 40-1 of the Code of the City of Venice, domestic partners are defined as two adults who are parties to a valid domestic partnership and who meet the requisites for a valid domestic partnership as established pursuant to Section 40-1 and listed below:

- Each person is at least 18 years old and competent to contract;
- Neither person is currently married under Florida Law or is a partner in a domestic partnership or a member of civil union with anyone other than the co-applicant;
- They are not related by blood as defined by Florida law;
- Each person considers himself or herself to be a member of the immediate family of the other partner and to be jointly responsible for maintaining and supporting the registered domestic partnership;
- The partners reside in a mutual residence;
- 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person agrees to immediately notify the City Clerk, in writing, if the terms of the registered domestic partnership are no longer applicable or one of the domestic partners wishes to terminate the domestic partnership;
- 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 Venice Domestic Partnership Registry packet must be obtained from the City Clerk's Office. Forms will be available on the city's website at http://www.venicegov.com/Municipal_links/City_Clerk/domestic.asp.
- Forms must be submitted **in person** to the Office of the City Clerk at Venice City Hall, 401 W. Venice Avenue, Room 101, Venice, 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.