



PROCEDURE TO REGISTER A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP? –

Couples wishing to register a Domestic Partnership must be of same sex couples OR opposite sex couples who both are 62 years of age or older. Couples must meet the following requirements:

1. Share a common residence in NJ or in any other jurisdiction provided that at least one of the applicants is a member of a NJ State-administered retirement system;
2. Both persons are jointly responsible for each other's common welfare as evidenced by joint financial arrangements of joint ownership of real or personal property;
3. Both persons agree to be jointly responsible for each other's basic living expenses during the domestic partnership;
4. Neither applicant is in a marriage or civil union recognized by NJ law or a member of another domestic partnership
5. Not blood related up to and including the fourth degree of consanguinity;
6. Both persons have chosen to share each other's lives in a committed relationship of mutual caring;
7. Neither applicant has terminated another domestic partnership within the last 180 days (does not apply the previous partnership ended due to the death of the other partner)

WHERE SHOULD THE AFFIDAVIT OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BE FILED? -

The Affidavit of Domestic Partnership must be filed and registered with the Registrar of Vital Statistics in any municipality in the State of New Jersey.

ITEMS REQUIRED WHEN FILING THE AFFIDAVIT OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP WITH A REGISTRAR -

1. Identification that establishes name, age and date of birth issued by a government agency, such as a birth certificate, driver's license, military or state/county identification card.
2. Proof of residency, if the residence is outside NJ, at least one of the applicants must provide proof of membership in a NJ State Retirement System by providing one of the following documents issued by the Division of Pension and Benefits:
 - a. Personal Benefits Statement from the current or previous year
 - b. 1099R from the current or previous year, or
 - c. Certificate of Pension Membership
3. Applicants must provide proof of joint financial responsibility, evidenced by at least one of the following documents:
 - a. Joint deed, mortgage agreement or lease;
 - b. Joint bank account'
 - c. Designation of one of the persons as primary beneficiary in the other person's will;
 - d. Designation of one of the persons as primary beneficiary in the other person's insurance policy or retirement plan; or:
 - e. Joint ownership of a motor vehicle

WHERE TO APPLY IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP –

The Franklin Township Clerk's Office, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset
Monday thru Friday from 10 – 12 and 2 – 4 excluding holidays.

FEE –

The fee to register the domestic partnership is \$28.00

If there are any other questions that you need answered, please call the Clerk's Office at ext. 6375 or 6213.