



**CITY OF DULUTH**  
**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**  
 330 City Hall • 411 West First Street  
 Duluth, Minnesota 55802-1189  
 URL: [www.duluthmn.gov](http://www.duluthmn.gov)  
 Phone (218) 730-5500

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date Received	_____
Effective Date	_____
Receipt #	_____

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP**  
**Registration Fee: \$26.00**

*We hereby apply to register as Domestic Partners.*

\_\_\_\_\_ We have read and understand the terms and conditions of Chapter 29D of the Duluth City Code attached to this application.

\_\_\_\_\_ We affirm that we meet the definition of Domestic Partners and are eligible for registration.

**Applicant Information**

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIVACY NOTICE**

The Minnesota Department of Administration has issued an advisory opinion in which it concludes that all information on file with the City pertaining to domestic partnership registration should be classified as public data pursuant to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act ("Act"). However, the Act allows the City to classify such information as private data if disclosure of the information would be likely to substantially jeopardize the security of individuals and their property. **If you believe that release of the information would substantially jeopardize your security and want your information to remain private, please read the statement below, check the box and fill in the information requested.** Your information will remain public if you do not sign this form.

We request our data to be considered private due to security concerns.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail application and registration fee to: City Clerk's Office, 411 W. 1st St., Rm 330, Duluth MN 55802



**CITY OF DULUTH, MINNESOTA**  
**LEGISLATIVE CODE**  
**CHAPTER 29D**  
**HUMAN RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS**

**Sec. 29D-1. Purpose.**

The city of Duluth recognizes that a nationwide debate has advanced an expanded concept of familial relationships between two non-married, adult partners who are committed to one another to the same extent as married persons are to each other, except for the traditional marital status and solemnities. This Chapter creates a process to provide persons the opportunity to declare themselves domestic partners thereby providing a government-based foundation to such committed relationships which positively contributes to the health, safety and welfare of the community as a whole.

**Sec. 29D-2. Definitions.**

For purposes of this Chapter, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

(a) Domestic partner. Any two adults who:

- (1) Are not related by blood closer than permitted under marriage laws of the state;
- (2) Are not married or related by marriage;
- (3) Are competent to enter into a contract;
- (4) Have no other domestic partner;
- (5) Are jointly responsible to each other for the necessities of life;
- (6) Are as committed to one another as married persons are traditionally committed, except for the

traditional marriage status and solemnities;

(b) Domestic partnership. The term "domestic partnership" shall include, upon production of valid, government-issued documentation, in addition to domestic partnerships registered with the city of Duluth, and regardless of whether partners in either circumstances have sought further registration with the city of Duluth:

(1) Any persons who have a currently-registered domestic partnership with a governmental body pursuant to state, local or other law authorizing such registration. The term domestic partnership shall be construed liberally to include same-sex unions, regardless of title, in which two same-sex individuals are committed to one another as married persons are traditionally committed, except for the traditional marital status and solemnities;

(2) Marriages that would be legally recognized as a contract of lawful marriage in another local, state or foreign jurisdiction, but for the operation of Minnesota law.

**Sec. 29D-3. Registration of domestic partnerships.**

(a) The city clerk shall accept an application to register as domestic partners from persons who state in such application that they meet the definition of domestic partners set out in Section 29D-2. Subsequent changes in address shall be reported to the city clerk within 30 days of such change;

(b) The city clerk shall charge an application fee for the registration of a domestic partnership and shall charge a reasonable fee per document for providing certified copies of registrations, amendments or notices of termination. Said fees shall be set in accordance with Section 31-6(a) of this Code. There shall be no charge for filing amendments or notices of termination;

(c) The city clerk shall provide each domestic partner with a registration certificate. The registration certificate shall not be issued prior to the third working day after the date of the application;

(d) This application and certificate may be used as evidence of the existence of a domestic partner relationship;

(e) The city clerk shall keep a record of all registrations of domestic partnership, amendments to registrations and notices of termination received by the city clerk. The records shall be maintained so that amendments and notices of termination are filed with the registration of domestic partnership to which they pertain;

(f) The application and amendments thereto, the registration certificate, and termination notices shall constitute government data and will be subject to disclosure pursuant to the terms of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

**Sec. 29D-4. Amendments.**

The city clerk may accept amendments for filing from persons who have domestic partnership registrations on file, except amendments which would replace one of the registered partners with another individual.

**Sec. 29D-5. Termination of domestic partnership.**

(a) Either person in a domestic partnership registered with the city of Duluth may initiate the termination of the domestic partnership, by written notification to the city clerk. The city clerk shall promptly notify the other partner at the address of record by certified mail;

(b) A domestic partnership registration terminates when the earlier of the following occurs:

- (1) One of the partners dies; or
- (2) Forty-five days after one partner sends the other written notice that he or she has terminated the partnership by filing a notice of termination with the city clerk; or
- (3) Forty-five days after the city clerk notifies the non-filing partner of the filing of any notice of termination.