

## PART B

Section 1015 – Domestic Partnership Registry  
(Added, Ord. No. 11-08)

1015.01. Domestic partnerships. Subdivision 1. Purpose and finding. The City of Robbinsdale hereby authorizes and establishes a voluntary program of registration of domestic partnerships. The domestic partnership registry is a means by which committed couples who reside in Robbinsdale and who share a life and home together may document their relationship, and enjoy recognition of and respect for their human rights. Establishing this registry may provide convenience for domestic partners seeking to provide documentation of their domestic partnership.

Subd. 2. Definitions. The following terms used in this Code have the meanings given in this section:

"Domestic partners." Two adults who meet all the following:

- (a) are not related by blood closer than permitted under marriage laws of the state;
- (b) are competent to enter into a contract;
- (c) are jointly responsible to each other for the necessities of life;
- (d) are committed to one another to the same extent as married persons are to each other, except for the traditional marital status and solemnities;
- (e) do not have any other domestic partner(s);
- (f) are both at least 18 years of age; and
- (g) reside in a shared residence in the City of Robbinsdale.

"Domestic Partnership." The relationship of two persons who are currently-registered as domestic partners.

Subd. 3. Registration. The City Clerk shall accept an application in a form provided by the City to register domestic partners who assert in such application that they meet the definition of domestic partners. The application shall contain the following statement: "The City does not provide legal advice concerning domestic partnerships. Applicants and registrants may wish to consult with an attorney for such advice including but not limited to: wills, medical matters, finances, powers of attorney, children and dependents, medical, health care and employment benefits." The application must be accompanied by the license fee set by Appendix B. Each partner shall also be required to provide a current state issued identification card identifying legal name, address, and birth date. The fees for providing certified copies of registrations and terminations of partnerships shall be set by Appendix B. The City Clerk shall provide the registration certificate to the partners along with a requested number of certified copies. The registration certificate may be used as evidence of the existence of a domestic partnership. The City Clerk shall keep a record of all registrations of domestic partnership and notices of termination. The records shall be maintained so that notices of termination are filed with the registration of domestic partnership to which they pertain. The application, 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.

Subd. 4. Termination.

- (a) A domestic partnership terminates when the earliest of the following occurs:
  - (1) either partner dies; or
  - (2) 45 days after one partner:
    - (i) sends the other partner written notice of termination of the partnership; and
    - (ii) files the notice of termination and an affidavit of service of the notice on the other partner with the City Clerk by sending the documents by certified mail.
- (b) Upon death of a partner or receipt of a qualifying notice of termination, the City Clerk will notify on the face of the registration certificate that the domestic partnership has been terminated.