

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP

Couples wishing to register a Domestic Partnership must be the same sex couples over the age of 18 OR opposite sex couples who are both 62 years of age or older.

To register a Domestic Partnership, the applicants must obtain an Affidavit of Domestic Partnership. The affidavit must be completed and signed by both applicants at the same time, in the presence of a notary public.

The Affidavit of Domestic Partnership must be obtained from a New Jersey Registrar of Vital Statistics. The Affidavit does not have to be obtained (or filed) in the municipality in which the domestic partners reside.

Domestic partnerships are not considered registered until the Affidavit has been filed with a Local Registrar's Office and the Certificate of Domestic Partnership has been issued.

Applications at the Somerville Health Department are taken between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. All applications must be made in person. When you come to the Health Department, bring:

- ✧ Valid identification that establishes name, age and date of birth. Government issued documents including a certified copy of a birth certificate, driver's license, military identification or state/county identification card.
- ✧ Proof of residence. If residence is outside New Jersey, at least one of the applicants must provide proof of membership in a New Jersey State-administered Retirement System.
- ✧ Proof of joint financial responsibility, such as a joint mortgage agreement or lease, joint bank account, joint ownership of a vehicle, or designation of one of the persons as primary beneficiary of the other's will, insurance or retirement plan.
- ✧ An application fee of \$28.00, payable in cash, money order or check made to the Somerville Health Department.
- ✧ Certified copies of the Certificate of Domestic Partnership are \$10.00, payable in cash, money order or check made to the Somerville Health Department. To receive a certified copy, you must identify the event and provide identification to establish yourself as one of the partners listed on the document.

Call (908) 725-2300, extension 1980 or 1982 for further information.