

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP

Domestic Partnership is available to couples who are each 62 years of age or older, regardless of the gender of the members of the couple.

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 Division of Health are taken between 9:00 Am and 4:00 Pm, Monday through Friday. All applications must be made in person - an appointment is required. When you come to the Division of Health, please bring:

- Valid identification that establishes name, age and date of birth, e.g. government issued documents such as a driver's license, military identification or state/county identification card.
- Proof of residence. If residence is outside of New Jersey, at least one of the applicants must provide proof of membership in a N.J. State-administered Retirement System.
- Proof of joint financial responsibility, such as a joint lease or mortgage agreement, 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.
- A filing fee of \$28.00 payable in cash, check or money order made to the Somerville Division of Health.

Certified copies of the Certificate of Domestic Partnership are \$20.00 payable in cash, check or money order made to the Somerville Division of Health. 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 additional information.