



OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER | THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

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COMMITTED PARTNERSHIP REGISTRY

If you take your spouse's surname after marriage, you'll need to notify various government agencies, financial institutions, and insurance companies of your name change. Certified copies of your marriage license make the process easier.

Who Can Register

Any two persons who:

- Are unmarried, 18 years of age or older, and competent to contract
- Have not been prohibited from marrying each other under the laws of the State of Colorado by reason of a blood relationship or other comparable domestic partnership
- Are sharing a common household where both persons reside some or all of the time, and
- Do not already have different committed partners under the provisions of Ordinance 897, Series of 1999 or any other comparable domestic partnership provision

Where to Register

At the Denver Office of the Clerk and Recorder, 201 W. Colfax Ave., Dept. 101. We're open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

How to Register

The committed partners should come to the Clerk's Office together to fill out a Certificate of Committed Partnership. The partners will attest that they meet the criteria for a committed partnership. One certificate will be issued to the partners; another will be kept in our office.

The fee is \$25, payable by cash, check or credit card.

All Certificates of Committed Partnership and the Domestic Partnership Registry are open to inspection by the general public.

What Registration Does

Registration creates a public record of your relationship. It provides evidence that your relationship has met the requirements for committed partnership defined by ordinance. An employer or other party may or may not offer committed partnership benefits based on this registry.

What Registration Does Not Do

Registering as committed partners does not constitute marriage under the laws of the State of Colorado nor change your legal rights with your partner. Registration does not affect your property, contract, inheritance, custody or benefit rights, nor any other legal entitlements. It does not provide for name changes. To provide for such rights, committed partners may need to execute medical and/or general powers of attorney, wills and/or other legal instruments. Consult your attorney.

A committed partnership is terminated by:

- The marriage or death of either partner;
- Both partners filing with the Denver Clerk and Recorder a Certificate of Termination of Committed Partnership; or
- Either partner filing the Affidavit of Intent to Terminate with the Clerk and sending a copy to the other partner by registered mail, return receipt requested. Proof of this must be presented to our office to receive the termination certificate.

HONORABLE PAUL D. LÓPEZ, CLERK AND RECORDER

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