

**ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DECLARATION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP (ACC Code §1-23-1)**

We declare under penalty of perjury and pursuant to the requirements of Athens-Clarke County:

- (1) We share the same primary, regular and permanent residence and have lived together for the previous six months, and the copies of documents attached to this Declaration as Exhibit A are evidence of such primary, regular and permanent residence;
- (2) We have a committed personal relationship with each other that is mutually interdependent and intended to be lifelong;
- (3) We have agreed to be jointly obligated and responsible for the necessities of life for each other;
- (4) We are not married to anyone or legally separated from anyone;
- (5) We are 18 years of age or older;
- (6) We are competent to enter into a contract;
- (7) We are not related by blood closer than would bar marriage in the state;
- (8) We are each other's sole domestic partner;
- (9) We agree to file a termination of domestic partnership within 30 days if any of the facts set out in this affidavit change;
- (10) We declare that any prior domestic partnership in which any domestic partner participated with a third party was terminated not less than six months prior to the date of this affidavit, and, if such earlier domestic partnership had been acknowledged under provisions of Chapter 1-23 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, that notice of termination of such earlier domestic partnership was filed in the Athens-Clarke County Municipal Court not less than six months prior to the date of this affidavit. (If the prior domestic partnership was terminated by the death of a domestic partner, there shall be no waiting period.)
- (11) At the time of this Declaration we are: *[check statements that apply]* _____ both residents of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, or _____ one of us is an employee of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County.

WE DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

The within and foregoing was executed by the above persons in our presence on the ____ day of _____, 20__.

Unofficial Witness

Notary Public,

[Do Not Write Below This Line]

Certificate of Clerk

This Declaration and the documentation attached hereto as Exhibit A were filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Athens-Clarke County Municipal Court on the ____ day of _____, 20__.

Clerk, Athens-Clarke County Municipal Court

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AND FILING DECLARATION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP

1. After furnishing the information required by the Domestic Partnership Declaration form, each Domestic Partner must sign on the signature line in the presence of two witnesses, one of whom must be a Georgia Notary Public, and neither of whom may be related to either signatory. After the Domestic Partners have signed, the "Unofficial Witness" and the Notary Public must sign on the indicated lines. The Notary Public must affix his or her seal and indicate the state and county of appointment and the date of expiration of the Notary term. This latter information is often contained in the stamp. **Forms must be fully completed prior to presentation to Municipal Court. Staff in Municipal Court may not serve as unofficial witness or Notary Public.**
2. Sections 1-23-1 and 1-23-2 of the Athens-Clarke County Code of Ordinances require that the Domestic Partners furnish reasonable proof of their primary, regular and permanent residence address and that such proof may consist of but not be limited to a driver's license, utility bill or state identification. Post Office Box addresses are not acceptable. The Domestic Partners must attach copies of such proof documents at the time of filing the completed Declaration. Personnel in the Municipal Court Clerk's Office do not rule on the sufficiency of the proof of such residence. Declarations will not be accepted for filing, however, if no proof documents are attached.
3. The filing fee for the Declaration is \$30.00, payable to the Athens-Clarke County Municipal Court. Upon receipt of a complete Declaration form and filing fee, the Clerk will furnish a certified copy of the Declaration and Exhibit A. The fee for the certified copy is \$5.00. (Total cost for filing Declaration and issuance of certified copy is \$35.00.)