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Tampa domestic partnership registry to begin June 25



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 applaud the city council's vote to approve a domestic partnership registry on April 5.)

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TAMPA -- Tampa's domestic partnership registry will begin June 25th at 9 a.m., the city announced today.

People who wish to sign up for the registry must be 18 years old. Couples cannot be married, they must live together and they must consider their partner to be immediate family.

The city approved the registry April 1. The registry will go into effect July 4.

Tampa joins Orlando, Gainesville and the counties of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach in establishing domestic partnership registry.

St. Petersburg is also expected to talk about creating its own domestic partnership registry.

What should I bring to register?

- Your partner
- Each registrant's driver's license or other Class 1 ID
- \$30 cash or check made payable to the City of Tampa

Please note: \$30 is the proposed fee, subject to Tampa City Council approval.

To register, you do not need to be a resident of the City of Tampa. However, the Registry is only applicable facilities within Tampa city limits.

Registered Domestic Partners will each have the following rights:

- to visit his or her partner in health care facilities
- to make certain health care decisions for his or her partner
- to make funeral and burial decisions for his or her partner
- to be notified as a family member in case of emergency
- to be designated his or her partner's preneed guardian
- to participate in the education of his or her partner's children

Exceptions may apply. Consult an attorney if you are unsure about the extent of your partnership rights.

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