

Domestic Partnership

The Town of Elmira supports all caring, committed, and responsible couples and families. We believe that domestic partnerships are a form of public expression that deserve official recognition.

TO ENTER INTO A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BOTH PEOPLE MUST AFFIRM:

- That they are not related by blood closer than would bar marriage in the State of New York
- That neither person is married
- That both persons are 18 years of age or older
- That both persons are competent to enter into a contract
- That both persons declare that they are each other's sole domestic partner
- That both persons currently share a primary residence and declare that they intend to continue to do so for the indefinite future
- That both persons declare that they are in a relationship of mutual support, caring and commitment and are responsible for each other's welfare. For these purposes, "mutual support" means that they contribute mutually to each other's maintenance and support
- That the persons agree to notify the Town of any change in the status of their domestic partnership

How to File your Domestic Partnership:

You can file your Domestic Partnership by completing, signing and submitting to the Town Clerk a Statement of Domestic Partnership. **PLEASE NOTE:** the Statement of Domestic Partnership needs to be notarized.

Once the Town Clerk has reviewed your statement, the Clerk will collect the \$40.00 registration fee.

Terminating Domestic Partnerships:

Either member of the domestic partnership may terminate the domestic partnership by filing a termination statement with the Town Clerk. The person filing the termination statement must declare, under penalty of perjury:

- That the domestic partnership is terminated
- A copy of the termination statement has been mailed to the domestic partner
- **NOTE:** Once a domestic partnership has been terminated, the involved persons may not file another statement of domestic partnership for six months after termination is effective.
- The fee to file a termination statement is \$5.00 paid at the Clerk's Office.