

ORD. AMDT. 14, 09-10

**AMENDING CHAPTER 60 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES,
REGARDING DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP REGISTRY FOR OPPOSITE SEX
DOMESTIC PARTNERS**

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Dane does ordain as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, all references to section and chapter numbers are to those of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

ARTICLE 2. Section 60.01 is amended to read as follows:

60.01 CREATING A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP REGISTRY. The Dane County Clerk shall maintain a Domestic Partnership Registry consistent with the provisions of this ordinance. The purpose of this registry shall be to provide domestic partners of the opposite sex with a centralized repository for filing of a Declaration of Domestic Partnership for the sole purpose of qualifying for employer-provided benefits for a domestic partner. Same sex domestic partnership registration shall be governed by WIS. STAT. Chapter 770.

ARTICLE 3. Section 60.02 is amended to read as follows:

60.02 DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases have the meanings indicated:

(1) *Domestic partner* means a person who is engaged in a non-marital committed relationship with an adult of the opposite sex, shares a common residence with said person, affirms that they share responsibility for each other's common welfare, and who has executed and filed a Declaration of Domestic Partnership in conformance with this ordinance.

(2) *Domestic partnership* means a non-marital committed relationship of two adults of the opposite sex, who share a common residence and affirm that they share responsibility for each other's common welfare, and have signed and filed a Declaration of Domestic Partnership in conformance with this ordinance.

(3) *Share a common residence* means that both domestic partners share the same residence. It is not necessary that both domestic partners have title to the property where they reside or the legal right to possess the common residence. Domestic partners may share a common residence even if one or both have additional residences. Domestic partners do not cease to share a common residence if one leaves the common residence but intends to return.