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Registration Date: _____

Date Mailed: _____

Code: 0100.4414

Registration

No. _____

City of Crystal Application for Registration as Domestic Partners

**We hereby apply to register as Domestic Partners.
This form (2 sided) must be signed in front of a Notary Public.**

- We have read and understand the terms and conditions of Chapter 3, Section 340 of the Crystal City Code attached to this registration.
- We affirm that we meet the definition of Domestic Partners Section 340.02 below and are eligible for registration.

Any two adults who meet all the following:

1. Are not related by blood closer than permitted under marriage laws of the state.
2. Are not married.
3. Are competent to enter into a contract.
4. Are jointly responsible to each other for the necessities of life.
5. Are committed to one another to the same extent as married persons are to each other, except for the traditional marital status and solemnities.
6. Do not have any other domestic partner(s).
7. Are both at least 18 years of age.
8. At least one of whom resides in Crystal or is employed in Crystal.

- We have enclosed a check for \$40.00, made payable to City of Crystal for the application fee.

Partner 1
Print Full Name _____ Date _____

Partner 2
Print Full Name _____ Date _____

Partners' Address
Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

THE MINNESOTA DATA PRACTICES ACT requires that we inform you of your rights about the private data we are requesting on this form. Private data is available to you, but not to the public. We are requesting this data to determine your eligibility for a license from the City of Crystal. Providing the data may disclose information that could cause your application to be denied. You are not legally required to provide the data; however, refusing to supply the data may cause your license to not be processed. Under MS 270.72, the City of Crystal is required to provide the Minnesota Department of Revenue your MN Tax ID Number or Social Security Number. This information may be used to deny the issuance, renewal or transfer of your license if you owe the Minnesota Department of Revenue delinquent taxes, penalties, or interest. The Department of Revenue may supply information to the Internal Revenue Service. In addition, this data can be shared by Crystal City Staff, the State of Minnesota Driver License Section, Hennepin County Auditor, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Hennepin County Warrant Office, and Ramsey County Warrant Office. Your signature on this application indicates you understand these rights. Your residence address and telephone number will be considered public data unless you request this information to be private and provide an alternative address and telephone number. Please sign below to indicate you have read this notice.

SIGNATURE	SIGNATURE
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I request that my residence address and telephone number be considered private data. My alternative address and telephone number are as follows:

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

**City of Crystal
Domestic Partner Registration**

Partner 1

I hereby certify all the information given is complete and accurate.

X _____ X _____
Applicant's Signature Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public on this _____ day of _____, 20 ____

Notary Public
My Commission expires on _____

(Seal)

Partner 2

I hereby certify all the information given is complete and accurate.

X _____ X _____
Applicant's Signature Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public on this _____ day of _____, 20 ____

Notary Public
My Commission expires on _____

(Seal)

Return to: City Clerk's Office, 4141 Douglas Drive N, Crystal, MN 55422
Phone: (763) 531-1145

CITY OF CRYSTAL

ORDINANCE #2011 - 10

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING
A DOMESTIC PARTNER REGISTRY:
AMENDING CHAPTER III OF THE CRYSTAL CITY CODE**

THE CITY OF CRYSTAL ORDAINS:

Section 1. Chapter III of the Crystal City Code is amended by adding a new Section 340 to read as follows:

Section 340: Domestic Partnership Registration

340.01. Purpose.

The city of Crystal authorizes and establishes a voluntary program of registration of domestic partners. The domestic partner registry is a means by which unmarried, committed couples who reside or work in Crystal and who share a life and home together may document their relationship.

Crystal's domestic partnership ordinance is a city ordinance and does not create rights, privileges, benefits or responsibilities which are available to married couples under state or federal law, or rights, privileges, benefits or responsibilities which are not legally available to unmarried couples under state or federal law.

340.02. Definitions. Subdivision 1. The following words and phrases used in this Code have the meanings given in this section.

Subdivision 2. "Domestic Partner" means any two adults who meet all the following:

- a. Are not related by blood closer than permitted under marriage laws of the state.
- b. Are not married under that laws of this state.
- c. Are competent to enter into a contract.
- d. Are jointly responsible to each other for the necessities of life.
- e. Are committed to one another to the same extent as married persons are to each other, except for the traditional marital status and solemnities.

- f. Do not have any other domestic partner(s).
- g. Are both at least 18 years of age.
- h. At least one of whom resides in or is employed in Crystal.

Subdivision 3. "Domestic Partnership" includes, upon production of valid, government-issued documentation, in addition to domestic partnerships registered with the city of Crystal, and regardless of whether partners in either circumstance have sought further registration with the city of Crystal:

- a. Any person who has a currently-registered domestic partnership with a governmental body pursuant to state, local or other law authorizing such registration. The term domestic partnership shall be construed liberally to include unions, regardless of title, in which two individuals are committed to one another as married persons are traditionally committed, except for the traditional marital status and solemnities.
- b. Marriages that would be legally recognized as a contract of lawful marriage in another local, state or foreign jurisdiction, but for the operation of Minnesota law.

Subdivision 4. "Health Care Facility" means a medical facility such as a hospital, sanitarium, a nursing home or similar facility licensed under Minnesota law.

340.03. Registration of Domestic Partnerships. Subdivision 1. Application. The city clerk shall accept an application in a form provided by the city to register domestic partners who state in such application that they meet the definition of domestic partners.

Subd. 2. Application Fee. The city clerk shall charge an application fee for the registration of domestic partners and shall charge a fee for providing certified copies of registrations, amendments, or notices of termination. The fees required by this subsection shall be established from time to time by resolution of the City Council and set forth in Appendix IV to this code.

Subd. 3. Certificate. The city clerk shall provide each domestic partner with a registration certificate.

Subd. 4. This application and certificate may be used as evidence of the existence of a domestic partner relationship.

Subd. 5. Records. The city clerk shall keep a record of all registrations of domestic partnership, amendments to registrations and notices of termination. The records shall be maintained so that amendments and notices of termination are filed with the registration of domestic partnership to which they pertain.

Subd. 6. Data. The application and amendments thereto, the registration certificate, and termination notices shall constitute government data and will be subject to disclosure pursuant to the terms of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

340.04. Amendments. The city clerk may accept amendments for filing from persons who have domestic partnership registrations on file, except amendments that would replace one of the registered partners with another individual.

340.05 Termination of Domestic Partnership. Domestic partnership registration terminates when the earliest of the following occurs:

- a. One of the partners dies; or
- b. Forty-five days after one partner: 1) sends the other partner written notice, on a form provided by the city, that he or she is terminating the partnership; and 2) files the notice of termination and an affidavit of service of the notice on the other partner with the city clerk.

340.06. Benefits. Subdivision 1. This section does not create any rights, privileges, or responsibilities for domestic partners other than those expressly provided in this section.

Subd. 2. City Fees for Recreational Programs and General Services. If the city offers a family fee, family membership or family registration for any city-provided recreation program or service available to residents or the general public, domestic partners are entitled to the same family fee, family membership or family registration.

Subd. 3. Visitation in health care facilities. If a patient has not designated permitted or restricted visitors, or does not have a health care directive as defined in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 145 C, as amended, a health care facility shall allow the patient's domestic partner, the children of the patient's domestic partner, or the domestic partner of the patient's parent or child to visit the patient. Such visitation rights shall be consistent with the health care facility's visitation policy pertaining to other family members. A health care facility may reasonably determine based on the patient's medical condition not to allow visitors. The health care facility may deny visitation upon the reasonable determination that the presence of a particular visitor would endanger the health or safety of a patient or patients, or would endanger the primary operations of the facility.

Subd. 4. Other code provisions. Domestic partners shall be entitled to rights or benefits as expressly provided by this code for registered domestic partners.

Section 2. This ordinance is effective in accordance with Section 3.09 of the Crystal City Charter.

ReNae J. Bowman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christina Serres, City Clerk