

Comparison of Qualifying Criteria for Domestic Partnerships

Registered Domestic Partnerships -- RCW 26.60	Ordinance No. 348	Ord. 348 compared to Registered Domestic Partnerships
Submit declaration to Washington Secretary of State and pay \$50.		Less restrictive
Same sex couple OR Opposite sex couple when at least one is over the age of 62.		Less restrictive
	Domestic Partners for at least six months.	More restrictive
Share common residence:	Share the same regular and permanent residence.	More restrictive
	Have a close, personal relationship.	More restrictive
	Are jointly responsible for "basic living expenses". Basic living expenses" means the cost of basic food, shelter, and any other expenses of a Domestic Partner which are paid at least in part by a program or benefit for which the partner qualified because of the Domestic Partnership. The individuals need not contribute equally or jointly to the cost of these expenses as long as they agree that both are responsible for the cost.	More restrictive
Neither is married or in a registered domestic partnership with anyone else.	Are not married to anyone.	Less restrictive
Both at least 18 years old.	Are each eighteen (18) years of age or older.	Same
No closer than second cousins:	Are not related by blood closer than would bar marriage in the State of Washington.	Same
Both capable of consent.	Were mentally competent to consent to contract when domestic partnership began.	Same
	Are each other's sole domestic partner.	More restrictive
	Are responsible for each other's common welfare.	More restrictive

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a complex and multifaceted story. It begins with the early Native American civilizations, such as the Mayans, Aztecs, and Incas, who built great empires in the Americas. The arrival of European explorers in the late 15th century marked the beginning of a new era. The United States was founded in 1776, and its history is marked by significant events, including the American Revolution, the Civil War, and the rise of the industrial revolution.

The United States has a rich and diverse cultural heritage. It is a melting pot of different ethnicities, languages, and traditions. The country has produced many world-renowned artists, writers, and scientists. The American dream, the idea that anyone can achieve success through hard work and determination, is a central theme in the country's history.

The United States has played a major role in world history. It was a leading power in the world during the 20th century, and it has been instrumental in shaping the modern world. The country has fought in several major wars, including the American Civil War, World War I, and World War II. The United States has also been a leader in the space program, and it has made significant contributions to science and technology.

The United States is a country of great diversity and opportunity. It is a land of freedom and democracy, where the rights of all people are protected. The country has a long and proud history, and it continues to play a vital role in the world. The United States is a country that has inspired people from all over the world, and it will continue to do so for many years to come.

ATTACHMENT 2

2010 Medical, Dental, Vision Premium Costs

Employee + Partner/Spouse

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annual</u>
City	\$1,091.75	\$13,101.00
Employee	<u>\$ 51.64</u>	<u>\$ 619.68</u>
Total	\$1,143.39	\$13,720.68

Employee + Partner/Spouse + 2 Dep

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annual</u>
City	\$1,565.15	\$18,781.80
Employee	<u>\$ 97.58</u>	<u>\$ 1,170.96</u>
Total	\$1,662.73	\$19,952.76

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**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON****ORDINANCE NO. 537**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON,
RELATING TO DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS, CONFORMING
BMC CH. 2.27 TO REFERENDUM 71, PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2001, the City Council of the City of Burien enacted Ordinance No. 348 (codified at BMC Ch. 2.27) which, in part, established the qualifying criteria for domestic partner status as identified in Section 1.06 of the City Personnel Policies, and

WHEREAS, in the November 3, 2009, election via Referendum 71, the Washington State voters approved Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill (ESSSB) 5688, the 2009 Registered Domestic Partnership Expansion Bill, and

WHEREAS ESSSB 5688 amended RCW Ch. 26.60 establishing state registered domestic partnerships and requiring the benefits available to married couples also be made available to state registered domestic partners, and

WHEREAS, the City is permitted to adopt its own qualifying criteria for domestic partner status as long as the requirements do not conflict with the qualifying criteria for state registered domestic partnerships under RCW CH. 26.60, and

WHEREAS, the City finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to amend BMC Ch. 2.27 to conform to state law while retaining the City' s current qualifying criteria for domestic partner status;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 2.27 of the Burien Municipal Code is hereby amended by amending BMC 2.27.020 to read as follows:

2.27.02 Eligibility.

Eligibility for domestic partnership status will be established by the presentation of either a certificate of state registered domestic partnership issued by the Washington Secretary of State pursuant to Chapter 26.60 RCW or an affidavit of domestic partnership meeting the definition of domestic partner as defined in the city of Burien personnel policies. The affidavit is attached to the ordinance codified in this chapter as Exhibit "A" and is on file in the office of the city clerk.



Section 2. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2010, AND SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION OF ITS PASSAGE THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2010.

CITY OF BURIEN

Joan McGilton, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Monica Lusk, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Craig Knutson

Filed with the City Clerk: May 10, 2010

Passed by the City Council:

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Date of Publication: