

# Arlington Town Meeting — Motion to Amend

ARTICLE NO. 15

Dated: April 27, 2021

I, Amos Meeks, Town Meeting Member from Precinct 3, hereby move that the proposed vote on the main motion under Warrant Article 15 presented to the Town Meeting be amended as indicated below (deletions struck, insertions bolded and underlined):

## VOTED:

### Section 2. Definitions

A. “Domestic partnership” shall mean two **or more** persons who meet all of the following requirements and who register their domestic partnership in accordance with Title I, Article 23, Section 3.

(1) They have made a commitment of mutual support and caring for ~~each other~~ **their domestic partners**;

(2) They reside together and intend to do so indefinitely;

(3) They share basic living expenses;

(4) They are at least eighteen (18) years of age;

(5) They are competent to enter into a contract; **and**

~~(6) They are each other's sole domestic partner; and~~

**(6)** They are not married to anyone or related to each other by blood closer than would bar marriage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

B. “Dependents” shall mean a child or step-child of ~~either~~ **any** domestic partner.

## FURTHER VOTED:

### Section 3. Registration, Amendment and Termination

A. Registration

(1) Statement of Domestic Partnership

- (a) Domestic partners who meet the requirements set forth in Title I, Article 23, Section 2(A) of this Bylaw may make an official record of their domestic partnership by completing, signing and submitting to the Town Clerk a statement of domestic partnership. Persons submitting a statement of domestic partnership must declare under penalty of perjury that they meet the requirements set forth in Title I, Article 23, Section 2(A) of this Bylaw.
- (b) The domestic partnership statement shall be on a form prescribed by the Town Clerk, which form shall include, but shall not be limited to, the names of the domestic partners and the date on which they became ~~each other's~~ domestic partners.
- (c) The names and dates of birth of any dependents of the domestic partnership.

B. Amendment

Domestic partners may file a Domestic Partnership Amendment Form with the Town Clerk to add or delete dependents or change an address. Any amendment shall be signed, under the pains and penalties of perjury, by ~~both~~ all of the domestic partners.

C. Termination

- (1) Domestic partners shall notify the Town Clerk of the termination of their domestic partnership. ~~Either~~ Any member of a domestic partnership may terminate the domestic partnership by filing a termination statement with the Town Clerk. Termination of a domestic partnership shall become effective ninety days (90) days after the termination statement is filed with the Town Clerk, ~~provided, however, that a domestic partnership shall terminate immediately upon the death of either of the partners.~~ Any person filing a termination statement must declare under the pains and penalties of perjury that the domestic partnership is thereby terminated and that ~~the other~~ all domestic partners ~~has~~ have been notified of such termination either personally or by mailing a copy of the termination statement to the ~~other~~ domestic partner's last and usual address by certified mail.

**FURTHER VOTED:**

~~SECTION 10. Effect on Other Town Bylaws~~

~~When the term "spouse" is used in other Town Bylaws, it shall be interpreted to include a domestic partner. When the term "family" is used, it shall be interpreted to include domestic partnerships. When the term "marriage" is used, it shall be interpreted to include domestic partnerships.~~

Signed:



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Amos Meeks, Precinct 3