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## **University City Leads the Way in St. Louis County with Domestic Partnership Ordinance**

University City has become the first municipality in St. Louis County to adopt a Domestic Partnership Ordinance on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at its 6:30 p.m. Council meeting. This ordinance established a Domestic Partnership Registry that would provide those in the partnership the same rights as spouses at all City facilities and in City operations.

To register a domestic partnership, both individuals must share a common residence; affirm that they share responsibility for each other's common welfare; not be married to a third party; not be part of an existing Domestic Partnership with any third party; and be eighteen (18) years of age or older. Individuals will be able to apply for the registry on June 1, 2011 at the City Clerk's office.

University City has joined Saint Louis City, Kansas City, Columbia and Jackson County, Missouri in establishing Domestic Partnership registries in the State of Missouri.

"The City of University City has a long tradition of supporting the rights of all our residents," says Mayor Shelley Welsch. "This domestic partnership ordinance is the final piece of the puzzle in ensuring fair treatment for our residents who have chosen to form a domestic partnership. I am glad we can lead the way on this issue in St. Louis County."

Mayor Welsch brought the Domestic Partnership Ordinance to the City Council with Councilmember Terry Crow.

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