

Establishing Legal Florida Residency



What is a Domicile Certificate in Florida?

A domicile certificate, which might also be called a declaration of domicile, is a sworn statement by an individual who wish to become Florida residents file. This document creates a record of your intent to permanently maintain a home in Florida.

Why Is It Necessary?

As a retirement capital, many people who live in Florida also maintain residences in other states. Additionally, Florida residency affords its residents many benefits. Florida does not have an income tax and it has a generous homestead exemption from creditors.

How to File

In accordance with Section 227.17 of the Florida Statutes, you will need to fill out a declaration of domicile. This document must be signed under oath before an official who is authorized to take affidavits. The declaration is then filed with the clerk of the local circuit court of the county in which you reside.

Effects of Filing

Upon filing a domicile certificate in Florida, you will become a bona fide resident of Florida and will be afforded all the benefits associated with that residency. The declaration remains in effect until you move to another state.

References

- 2010 Florida Statute Section 222.17: Manifesting and Evidencing Domicile in Florida
- Florida Residency, <https://www.stateofflorida.com/residency.aspx>

After Recording Return to: _____

DECLARATION OF DOMICILE

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court [County Comptroller] _____ County, Florida.

This is my declaration of domicile in the State of Florida that I,
_____, am filing this day in accordance and in
conformity with Section 222.17, Florida Statutes.

FOR DOMICILIARIES OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

I hereby declare that I reside in and maintain a place of abode at:

_____ (Street and
number) _____, Florida
(City and County)

which place of abode I recognize and intend to maintain as my permanent home and, if I maintain another place
or places of abode in some other state or states, I hereby declare that my above-described residence and abode
in the State of Florida constitutes my predominant and principal home, and I intend to continue it permanently
as such. I am, at the time of making this declaration, a bona-fide resident of the State of Florida residing at:

(Street and number) _____, Florida
(City and County)

and have been a permanent resident since
_____. Month/Day/Year

I formerly resided at:

(Street and number) _____
(City and County)

and the place or places where I maintain another or other place or places of abode are as follows:

(Here list street address, city, county and state of any other place or places of abode.)

_____ (Signature)

State of Florida County of Lake Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this

_____ of _____, by Month/Year

(Signature of Notary Public)

personally known ____ or produced identification ____ Type of identification produced
_____.