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The direct answer

A Declaration of Domicile is a sworn statement, signed in front of a notary and recorded with your county's Clerk of Courts, that Florida is your true, fixed, permanent home (Fla. Stat. §222.17). I don't draft this form; the Florida Department of Legal Affairs prescribes it under the statute, and each county clerk publishes its own current version built on that state template. My role is confirming your identity, witnessing the signature, completing the notarial certificate, and making sure the filing goes to the correct county.

Section 1 — Before the appointment

- ☐ Confirm your filing county (where you actually live — that clerk's office records and keeps the declaration).
- ☐ Pull the current form from that county's Clerk of Courts. Counties update these periodically.
- ☐ Fill in the factual fields yourself before the appointment: current address, prior state and county of residence, any other place you keep a home. I witness the signature; I don't complete the form's factual content.
- ☐ One current government-issued photo ID.

Section 2 — Current form links by county

County	Form source	Status
Miami-Dade	http://www.miamidadeclerk.gov/resources-clerk/library/county_recorder/578-Web.pdf	Confirmed live 2026-07-09
Broward	https://www.broward.org/RecordsTaxesTreasury/Records/Documents/DeclarationOfDomicileEnglish.pdf	Confirmed live 2026-07-09
Palm Beach	https://www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/Home/ShowDocument?id=1036	Confirmed live 2026-07-09
Hillsborough	Not yet located	Pull current form from hillsclerk.com before use
Orange	Not yet located	Pull current form from occompt.com before use
Duval	Not yet located	Pull current form from duvalclerk.com before use
Pinellas	Not yet located	Pull current form from mypinellasclerk.gov before use (note: this domain returned HTTP 403 on automated fetch during 2026-07-13 research; a manual browser check will likely be needed)

Section 3 — Recording fee

A Declaration of Domicile is typically one page, so budget for the statewide \$10.00 first-page recording fee under Fla. Stat. §28.24 in most cases. Confirm the current fee with the filing county before the appointment.

Section 4 — At the signing

1. Sign the declaration in front of me.
2. I complete the notarial certificate and, where the county requires it, apply my seal.
3. File the signed, notarized declaration with the county Clerk of Courts, along with the recording fee. Some counties accept e-recording through an approved vendor if you're not filing in person (see `county-registry.json` for that county's vendor list).
4. Keep your recorded copy; a certified copy later costs an additional fee.

What EMC does not do

I don't determine whether a Declaration of Domicile is the right document for your specific tax, immigration, or probate situation, and I don't advise on how a filing will be treated by another state's tax authority, a visa office, or a probate court. Those are questions for your accountant, immigration attorney, or estate attorney.

Disclaimer, Fla. Stat. §117.05(10), verbatim: "I am not an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Florida, and I may not give legal advice or accept fees for legal advice."

Next step

Tell me your filing county, and I'll confirm the current form and fee before your appointment. If you also need documents apostilled for use abroad, see [templates/apostille-request-kit.md](#) .