

## Proposed Definition of Family in Zoning Code Rewrite

### Family.

- A. A family is an individual, or two (2) or more persons related by blood, marriage, domestic partnership, or legal adoption, living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit, including foster children, and up to four (4) roomers, with the following exceptions:
1. Within the SR-C1, SR-C2, SR-C3, TR-C1, TR-C2, TR-C3, TR-R and TR-P residential districts, dwellings that are not owner-occupied are limited to one (1) roomer.
  2. In any residence district, a family may consist of two (2) unrelated adults and the minor children of each. Such a family may not include any roomers except where the dwelling unit is owner-occupied. For the purpose of this section, "children" means natural children, grandchildren, legally adopted children, stepchildren, foster children, or a ward as determined in a legal guardianship proceeding.
- B. For the purpose of this definition, an owner-occupied dwelling unit shall mean any dwelling unit where an individual or two or more persons who reside in such unit constitute one hundred percent (100%) of the owners of either the entire fee simple interest or the entire land contract vendee's interest in said dwelling unit.

Provided, however, dwelling units occupied by owner-occupants holding less than one hundred percent (100%) interest in the fee simple shall nonetheless be considered owner-occupied for the purposes of this definition where the remainder of said interest is held by an investor pursuant to a shared equity purchase arrangement and the owner-occupant has continuously resided in said dwelling unit for at least four (4) years;

- C. Absence of any owner from the dwelling unit for health reasons or by virtue of a marital separation or divorce or any temporary absences of any owner from the dwelling unit shall not constitute a reduction in the number of owners who reside in such unit for the purpose of determining whether such unit continues to be owner-occupied.