

Proposed new UDC definition of “Family”

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Family.

~~(1) — An individual, married couple, or registered domestic partnership and the children thereof, including foster children placed in the household by a public agency, and no more than two (2) other persons related directly to the individual, married couple or registered domestic partnership by blood or marriage, occupying a single housekeeping unit on a nonprofit basis. A family may include not more than one additional person, not related to the family by blood or marriage; or~~

~~(2) a. In zoning districts R-1 and PD (when the PD development density is five (5) or less dwelling units per acre), a group of not more than three (3) persons not related by blood, marriage, or registered domestic partnership, living together by joint agreement and occupying a single housekeeping unit on a nonprofit cost-sharing basis; or the use of a dwelling unit by four (4) persons not related by blood, marriage, or registered domestic partnership, living together by joint agreement and occupying a single housekeeping unit on a nonprofit cost-sharing basis, prior to February 4, 1991, shall be allowed to continue in districts R-1 and R-1 PUD as a lawful nonconforming use.~~

~~b. — In all other applicable zoning districts, a group of not more than four (4) persons not related by blood, marriage, or registered domestic partnership, living together by joint agreement and occupying a single housekeeping unit on a nonprofit cost-sharing basis.~~

Family. The following living arrangements shall constitute a family for the purposes of this chapter:

One or more persons related by blood, marriage, adoption or custodial relationship living together within a dwelling unit as a single housekeeping unit;
or

Up to 4 unrelated persons, plus their biological, adopted or foster children or other minors for whom they have legally established custodial responsibility, living together within a dwelling unit as a single housekeeping unit.

In no case shall the maximum occupancy of a dwelling unit exceed that allowed by the most current City of Columbia adopted edition of the International Property Maintenance Code.

Single housekeeping unit. When used in the context of determining “family” this term shall mean one or more people living together within a dwelling unit as a relatively permanent household and bearing the character of a generic family such as sharing in household activities, expenses, experiences, and responsibilities. All occupants of the dwelling unit shall enjoy a common right to use the entire dwelling, regardless of non-contractual arrangements among occupants or with the property owner to designate certain areas of the dwelling as individual sleeping spaces.