

The definition of **Family** per the 2045 LDC

- Family

One (1) or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption, exclusive of family servants, occupying a single dwelling unit, and living as a single household unit as distinguished from a group occupying a boarding house, lodging house, hotel or motel, or fraternity or sorority. **A number of persons, not exceeding three (3), occupying a dwelling and living as a single household unit, though not related by blood, marriage or adoption, shall be deemed to constitute a family.**

Roommates share amenities:
bathrooms, kitchen and common areas

- Intent

To allow a limited number of unrelated persons to share a dwelling unit, usually catered for college students and young professionals.

- Impact

It helps accommodate for roommates, but it is difficult to enforce. The City controls the nuisances: excessive cars, noise etc.

The definition of Family in other jurisdictions

- City of Orlando - *Family*: One or more persons occupying a single dwelling unit and living as a single housekeeping unit, provided that unless all members are related by blood, marriage, adoption or foster care responsibility, **no such family shall contain over five persons.**
- City of Winter Park – *Family* means one or more persons occupying a single dwelling unit, provided that unless all members are related by blood, marriage or adoption, **no such family shall contain over three unrelated persons**, but further provided that domestic service employees employed on the premises may be housed on the premises without being counted as a family or families.
- City of Longwood – *Family*: One or more persons occupying a single dwelling unit; provided that **such family shall not contain over three persons unless all persons are related** by law, blood, adoption, or marriage and are not immediate kindred
- City of Sanford - *Family*: One person, or group of two or more persons occupying a dwelling unit as a separate and independent housekeeping unit with a single set of culinary facilities. The persons thus constituting a family may also include gratuitous guests and domestic servants. **Unless all persons are related by blood, marriage, adoption or foster care responsibility, no such family shall contain over five persons.**
- City of Casselberry – *Family* One or more persons occupying a single dwelling unit and living as a single household unit. **Unless all members are related by law, blood, adoption, or marriage, no family shall contain more than four persons;** however, domestic servants employed on the premises may be housed on the premises without being counted as separate or additional family or families. The term "family" shall not be construed to mean a fraternity, sorority, club, monastery, convent, or institutional group.

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- City Altamonte Springs - *Family*: One or more persons occupying a single dwelling unit: **provided that such family shall not contain over three persons unless all persons are related** by law, blood, adoption, or marriage and, provided further that domestic servants employed on the premises may be housed on the premises without being counted as a separate or additional family or families. The term "family" shall not be construed to mean fraternity, sorority, club, monastery or convent, or institutional group.
- City of Maitland – *Family*: One or more persons occupying a single dwelling unit, provided that unless all members are related by law, blood or marriage, **no such family shall contain over five persons**. Persons employed on the premises may be housed on the premises without being counted as a separate or additional family or families.