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MIKE WILDGEN, CITY MANAGER

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Mr. John Evans  
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1037 Vermont Street  
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Dear Mr. Evans:

I am following up on our telephone conversation earlier this week. You asked for an interpretation of the City Code provisions relating to the number of unrelated persons who may reside in a residence in a RS zoning district when an owner also resides at the premises.

Section 20-2002.5 of the City Code states in pertinent part:

- (1)(a) Family. In RS zoning districts, Family shall be defined to mean:
- i) a person living alone, or
  - ii) two or more persons related by blood, marriage, legal adoption, guardianship or other legally authorized custodial relationship, or
  - iii) a group of not more than three (3) persons unrelated by blood, marriage, and their children, living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit, as distinguished from a group occupying a boarding house, a lodging house, motel, hotel, fraternity house or sorority house.

City staff has interpreted this provision of the Code to limit the number of persons who may reside in a dwelling in a RS zoning district to not more than three persons if all occupants are not related by blood, marriage, legal adoption, guardianship or other authorized relationship. Children are not counted for the purposes of this provision.

Sincerely,

Toni Ramirez Wheeler  
Staff Attorney

cc: David L. Corliss, Assistant City Manager and  
Director of Legal Services  
Linda Finger, Planning Department Director  
Victor Torres, Neighborhood Resources Department Director



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