



Council Considers Modification To Definition of Family

Ordinance Proposes Moving Unrelated Individuals Living Together in Multiple-Family Unit from 5 to 6

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-November 28, 2018-City Council is considering a proposed change to the Community Development Code (CDC) amending the definition of family to permit six or fewer unrelated persons living together in any multiple-family dwelling unit.

City Council first discussed the subject during an initial reading of the ordinance at its November 13 meeting. Prior to arriving before Council, the Planning Commission also weighed in, voting 7-0 to approve the code change, during their Oct 25 session. The ordinance comes back to Council during the December 4 meeting for a second and final decision on matter.

Some on council recall active public dialogue when the issue was originally reported. In an effort to ensure all sides are heard before a decision, council is seeking input prior to and/or during the Dec. 4 meeting. Interested parties can [email City Council](#) or attend the Council meeting to comment when the ordinance is raised on the agenda.

Rental housing has become scarce in the community. This issue came to light last season when Ski Corp. looked to fill its two-bedroom employee housing units at The Ponds to accommodate an additional person, moving from five to six individuals.

After ongoing discussion between the city and Ski Corp., staff evaluated the request and recommended a broader code amendment that would apply to all multiple-family dwelling units regardless of size, management or purpose.

The proposed amendment would modify the definition of family to specifically permit **six** or fewer unrelated persons to live together in any multiple-family dwelling unit. The city code capping the number of unrelated individuals living together was originally adopted in 1991.

The city is committed to regular, ongoing review of the CDC so that the provisions contained therein are relevant and applicable to the community at any given point in time and to amend the CDC when necessary or desired.

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