

Gov. Sources for Definition of Family & Household

Illinois Municipal Code

*"...**Family relationship** may be defined as one or more persons each related to the other by blood, marriage or adoption and maintaining a common household;"*¹

Census Bureau

*"**Families** are defined as two or more people living together related by birth, marriage or adoption."*

***Households** are defined as all people living in a housing unit including people living alone or in families."*²

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Website

***Family:** [A]ll persons living in the same household who are related by birth, marriage or adoption.*

***Household:** All the people who occupy a housing unit. A household includes the related family members and all the unrelated people, if any, such as lodgers, foster children, wards, or employees who share the housing unit. A person living alone in a housing unit, or a group of unrelated people sharing a housing unit such as partners or roomers, is also counted as a household."*³

HRSA (Health Resources & Services Administration)

***Family:** A family is a group of two or more persons related by birth, marriage or adoption who live together; all such related persons are considered as members of one family.*

***Household:** As defined by the Census Bureau for statistical purposes, a household consists of all the persons who occupy a housing unit (house or apartment), whether they are related to each other or not. If a family and an unrelated individual, or two unrelated individuals, are living in the same housing unit, they would constitute (two family units), but only one household..."*⁴

FHA (Fair Housing Act)

Family: *"Family" includes the single individual*

Familial Status: "Familial Status" means one or more individuals (who have not attained the age of 18 years) being domiciled with --

- (1) a parent or another person having legal custody of such individual or individuals; or
- (2) the designee of such parent or other person having such custody, with the written permission of such parent or other person.

The protection afforded against discrimination on the basis of familial status shall apply to any person who is pregnant or is in the process of securing legal custody of any individual who has not attained the age of 18 years.⁵

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CURRENT Proposed Definitions from Planning and Zoning:

To align with federal law, defining “family” as two or more persons related by blood, marriage or adoption. And that obviously includes children, placed by the state, living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit.

And “household” to be defined as both types B and C.

Type B) Unrelated persons and their children (including foster children placed by the state) living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit.

Type C) A group of not more than five unrelated persons living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit.

COMMENTS for Revision to Definitions:

Family:

Family is a single adult or two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption including children placed by the state, living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit.

Household:

i. A family of any number living in the same dwelling unit.

OR

ii. Up to 5 unrelated adults, each of whom has one or more minor children (including foster children placed by the state), living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit

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iii. A group of at least two and not more than five persons, all of whom are adults, living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit.

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