

Residential Occupancy

(3 or More Unrelated)

Code Enforcement is a division of the City of Greenville's Police Department.

The Code Enforcement Unit exists to enhance the quality of life and protect the health, safety, and welfare of OUR community.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT

The City of Greenville prohibits residential occupancy in any structure or dwelling unit of more than 3 unrelated individuals. (City Ordinance Sec. 9-4-22, Definitions).

But, we are like family...

A household may feel and act as a family, however, the City defines a "family" as:

- An individual living alone, or
- Two or more persons related by blood, adoption or marriage, or
- A group of not more than three unrelated persons living together as a single housekeeping unit in a shared dwelling unit.

How do you tell "related" versus "unrelated"?

"Related" means by blood, adoption, or marriage. The City defines these terms as:

Adoption

A manner provided by law, such as foster parent/child, custody consent order, or other legally recognized form of guardianship.

Blood Relations

- Parents (including grandparents)
- Sons and daughters;
- Siblings
- Uncles and aunts (including great uncles and aunts)
- Nephews and nieces (children of a brother or sister); and
- First cousins (children of brothers and/or sisters).

Marriage

- Spouse
- Step relations (mother/father, son/daughter, brother/sister)
- Half relations (brother/sister)
- In-laws (mother/father, son/daughter, brother/sister)

IF YOU ARE NOT ONE OF THESE, YOU ARE DEEMED TO BE "UNRELATED"!!!

What about renting out my extra room?

Renting to unrelated people within a dwelling unit is allowed as long as occupancy is limited to no more than 2 unrelated people in addition to any resident owner and related people.

What's Considered a "Dwelling Unit"?

A "Dwelling Unit" is a single, independent housekeeping unit with sanitary living, dining, sleeping, and permanently installed kitchen facilities for use by one (1) family.

Enforcement Information

Don't get evicted!

Code Enforcement Officers typically inspect for occupancy violations Monday through Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm. Questions about compliance should be directed to the Code Enforcement Division.