



RECOGNIZED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (RCO) 45 - DAY PUBLIC INPUT NOTICE

TO: All recognized Community Organizations
DATE: March 31, 2026

Definition of Family Text Amendment

DESCRIPTION

In April 2025, the City Council adopted a legislative intent to update the definition of “family” in the zoning code and neighborhood parking limitations section in Title 12. This definition applies citywide.

Background

The term “family” is an integral part of the housing definitions. It determines the type of dwelling (single family, two family or multifamily) and how many people can live in each dwelling unit . The current definition has three parts: a definition for related people living as a single household, a definition of unrelated people living as a single household, and a definition of two unrelated people and their children living as a single household. All households must fit one of the definitions to occupy a dwelling in Salt Lake City. The definition creates different rules based on the relationship of the occupants of a dwelling by not restricting the number of related people living together but only permitting 3 unrelated people living together. It also prohibits the mixing of unrelated and related individuals except for the children of two unrelated people. The current definition is difficult to enforce, limits living arrangements within a dwelling unit and limits housing options by forcing smaller households regardless of the number of bedrooms or dwelling size. This leads to reduced housing availability, increased housing costs, increased barriers for ownership, and underutilized bedrooms in larger dwellings.

Proposal

This text amendment amends the definition of family in the zoning code to simplify the definition by removing occupant limits and relationship distinctions. This proposed change allows enforcement to focus on addressing actual impacts like illegal and on street parking, excess garbage, noise, and yard maintenance and creates flexibility for different types of living arrangements. These changes have the potential to improve housing costs and benefit demographics that may be more comfortable with having roommates such as adult college students,

APPLICANT

Salt Lake City Council
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PETITION NUMBER(S)

Zoning Text Amendment
PLNPCM2026-00244

REVIEW THE PROPOSAL

Want staff to present the proposal at your next meeting? Submit a request within 14-days of this notice.

End Date // 4/14/2026

SUBMIT YOUR INPUT

Please submit your written comments via email to the Assigned Planner within the 45-day public input period.

End Date // 5/15/2026

ASSIGNED PLANNER

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young professionals, individuals working in various service and hospitality industries, those on fixed incomes, and those who work in small, local businesses.

To aid your review of the proposal, a draft of the proposed ordinance has been provided as an attachment.

45-DAY PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD *

This type of application requires a 45-day public input period before a decision is made. The purpose of the 45-day comment period is to identify potential impacts by the proposal and recommend potential solutions to mitigate the impacts.

*** Comments received after the end of the 45-day input period will be provided to the Planning Commission. However, the comments might not be incorporated into the staff report or included in the analysis of the project.**

PROPOSAL REVIEW

Public outreach opportunities to learn more about the proposal and provide comments are listed below.

For additional information on the proposal visit the project **Online Open House**. All materials submitted by the applicant are a public record and are available to download.

To access and download this information:

1. Visit www.slc.gov/openhouses.
1. Click on the **project title** for this petition (located under the “**Active Online Open Houses**” section).
2. Click the “**Additional Information**” tab.
3. Click on the desired attachments to view or download.

PROVIDING INPUT

As a Recognized Community Organization, we ask that you address the following in your comments:

- *Summary of potential issues, impacts, or community concerns with the proposal discussed during your organization’s meeting.*
- *Recommendations to mitigate potential issues, impacts, or community concerns.*
- *Number of attendees (not including those with the Applicant or Planning Staff).*
- *If a vote was taken on the matter, please provide the vote tally.*
- *Questions the community would like to see addressed.*

STANDARDS FOR THE ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT REQUEST

The following factors will be considered by the Planning Commission and City Council when making a decision on the proposal. City Staff will review the proposal to ensure compliance with adopted policies and regulations. Input from your organization may be more general in nature but we recommend that you also consider the following:

1. *Whether a proposed text amendment is consistent with the purposes, goals, objectives, and policies of the city as stated through its various adopted planning documents;*
2. *Whether a proposed text amendment furthers the applicable purpose statements of the zoning ordinance.*
3. *Whether a proposed text amendment is consistent with the purposes and provisions of any applicable overlay zoning districts which may impose additional standards;*
4. *The extent to which a proposed text amendment implements best current, professional practices of urban planning and design.*
5. *The impact that the proposed text amendment may have on city resources necessary to carry out the provisions and processes required by this title.*
6. *The impact that the proposed text amendment may have on other properties that would be subject to the proposal and properties adjacent to subject properties.*
7. *The community benefits that would result from the proposed text amendment, as identified in 21A.50.050.C.*

Your Recognized Community Organization has 45-days from the date of this notice to review the proposal and provide comments. A public hearing may be held within 14-days from this notice, but a final decision will not be made within the 45-day input period. **This 45-day input period ends on:**

May 15, 2026

For questions regarding this notice or the proposal, please contact the Assigned Planner listed on the front of this notice.