

BILL NO. 1006

ORDINANCE NO. 974

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND HOUSING CODE BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "FAMILY" AND ENACTING A NEW DEFINITION FOR "STUDENT HOUSING"

Whereas, the City has authority to adopt regulations pertaining to buildings, land uses and occupancy in order to preserve the public health, safety and welfare; and

Whereas, the City has established certain areas as single-family zoning districts; and

Whereas, certain land uses, when located in single-family residential districts, cause disruption to the peace and enjoyment of the residents and, therefore, are detrimental to the public's welfare; and

Whereas, due to the extremely close proximity to the adjacent university, the City has experienced a particular problem with student housing attempting to intrude into the City's single-family residential zoning districts; and

Whereas, the adverse effects of student housing (such as late night noise, increased parking demands and increased traffic) are inconsistent and detrimental to single-family zoning districts; and

Whereas, it is necessary to define, in greater detail, a "family" for purposes of the City's various property regulations, in order to preserve the character of the City's neighborhoods and the welfare of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BEL-NOR, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The definition of "family" set forth in Section 400.050 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

FAMILY: A group of one (1) or more persons occupying a premises and living as a single non-profit housekeeping unit and whose relationship with one another descends from an immediate common ancestor, is by marriage or is by a parent/child relationship. A family may include not more than one additional person, not related to the family. The total number of occupants shall not exceed the maximum occupancy for the structure based on the size of the structure. A family shall not be construed or interpreted to include a group of university students or members of any society, organization, fraternity, sorority, class or other numbers of persons who may reside in a dwelling as a single housekeeping unit, unless related as provided in this definition. This definition shall apply when interpreting provisions relating to zoning, occupancy, and building regulations.

Section 2. The definition of "family" set forth in Section 510.020 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

FAMILY: A group of one (1) or more persons occupying a premises and living as a single non-profit housekeeping unit and whose relationship with one another descends from an immediate common ancestor, is by marriage or is by a parent/child relationship. A family may include not more than one additional person, not related to the family. The total number of occupants shall not exceed the maximum occupancy for the structure based on the size of the structure. A family shall not be construed or interpreted to include a group of university students or members of any society, organization, fraternity, sorority, class or other numbers of persons who may reside in a dwelling as a single housekeeping unit, unless related as provided in this definition. This definition shall apply when interpreting provisions relating to zoning, occupancy, and building regulations.

Section 3. A new definition concerning "Student Housing" is hereby added to Sections 400.050 and 510.020 of the Municipal Code and shall read as follows:

STUDENT HOUSING: Not more than three (3) persons not related by related by blood or marriage within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity, living together as a single non-profit housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit.


Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN ON THIS 19 DAY OF June, 2017.



Presiding Officer

Attest:




City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 19 DAY OF June, 2017.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk