

## Representative 'Family' Definitions

### *Massachusetts College Communities*

#### Northampton – Smith College [4]

FAMILY - A. Individual or two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or legal adoption living together as a single housekeeping unit and including necessary domestic help such as nurses or servants.

B. A group of individuals not related by blood, marriage, or legal adoption, but living together as a single housekeeping unit. For purposes of controlling residential density, each such group of **four individuals shall constitute a single family**.

#### South Hadley – Mount Holyoke College [4]

FAMILY - One or more persons occupying a dwelling unit and living as a single housekeeping unit. For purposes of the By-Law, **a family shall not exceed four (4) persons** not related by blood or marriage.

#### Greenfield – Greenfield Community College [4]

FAMILY - Any number of individuals related by blood or marriage or **not more than four (4) individuals not so related**, living and cooking together on the premises as a single housekeeping unit. Each additional unrelated individual over four (4) shall constitute another family.

#### Holyoke – Holyoke Community College [?no limit?]

FAMILY - **Any number of individuals** living and cooking together on the premises as a single housekeeping unit.

#### Springfield – Springfield College, American International College, Springfield Technical Community College, Western New England College, Cambridge College [3]

FAMILY - An individual or two (2) or more persons related by genetics, adoption or marriage, living and cooking together as a single housekeeping unit or a group of **three (3) or fewer** persons who are or who are not related by genetics, adoption or marriage, living and cooking together as a single housekeeping unit.

#### Westfield - Westfield State College [?no unrelated?]

FAMILY - **Any number of persons within the second degree of kindred** living and cooking together as a single housekeeping unit. The word "Family" as used herein includes residents of a residential rehabilitation center and foster children.'

**Pittsfield** – Berkshire Community College [8]

FAMILY - One or more persons occupying a single dwelling unit, provided that unless all members are related by blood, marriage, or adoption, **no such family shall contain over eight persons**, but further provided that domestic servants employed on the premises may be housed on the premises without being counted as a family or families.

**Williamstown** – Williams College [?no limit?]

FAMILY -- **Any number of individuals** living and cooking together as a single housekeeping unit, plus no more than two domestic employees, boarders or lodgers.

**Worcester** – College of the Holy Cross, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, UMass Medical Center, Becker College [3]

FAMILY - One (1) or more persons occupying a dwelling unit and living as a single housekeeping unit, **not including a group of more than three (3) persons** who are not within the second degree of kinship.

Accessory Uses:

8. The renting of rooms by a resident family may be allowed in a Residence District to not more than two (2) non-transients provided that **not more than three (3) persons, who are not within the second degree of kinship**, are living in a dwelling unit.

**Lowell** – UMass Lowell, Middlesex Community College, Lincoln Technical Institute [3]

FAMILY - An individual, or two (2) or more individuals related by blood, marriage, or adoption living together, or **not more than three (3) individuals** not related by blood, marriage, or adoption living together.

**Boston** – UMass/Boston, Northeastern Univ., Suffolk Univ., Boston, Univ., Boston College, many others

(19) "Family", one person or two or more persons related by blood, marriage, adoption, or other analogous family union occupying a dwelling unit and living as a single non-profit housekeeping unit, provided that **a group of five or more persons who are enrolled as full-time, undergraduate students at a postsecondary educational institution shall not be deemed to constitute a family**. A group residence, limited, as defined in clause (22B) of this Section 2-1 shall be deemed a family. (As amended on February 22, 1991, March 13, 2008, and March 12, 2010)

**Cambridge** – Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge College, etc. [3]

FAMILY - One or more persons occupying a dwelling unit and living as a single nonprofit housekeeping unit; provided that **a group of four or more persons who are not within the second degree of kinship shall not be deemed to constitute a family**. [i.e., up to three unrelated persons is a family]

Cambridge (cont.)

Notwithstanding the definition in the preceding paragraph, a family shall be deemed to include four or more persons not within the second degree of kinship occupying a dwelling unit and living as a single, nonprofit housekeeping unit, if said occupants are handicapped persons as defined in Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the "Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988." Such unrelated individuals shall have the right to occupy a dwelling unit in the same manner and to the same extent as any family in the first paragraph of this definition.

**Fitchburg** – Fitchburg State College, Mount Wachusett Community College [4]

FAMILY - A person or number of persons occupying a dwelling unit and living as a single housekeeping unit, provided that a group of **five or more** unrelated persons shall not be deemed a "family" where not related by blood, marriage or adoption, including wards of the state.

**Wellesley**- Wellesley College, Babson College [3]

FAMILY - (A) One (1) or more persons related by blood, adoption or marriage and not more than two (2) additional persons all residing together as a single housekeeping unit; (B) A number of persons but **not exceeding three (3)** residing together as a single housekeeping unit where such persons are not related to one another by blood, adoption or marriage.

**Brookline** – Newbury College, Holy Cross Hellenic College, etc. [4]

FAMILY - One or more persons, including domestic employees, occupying a dwelling unit and living as a single, non-profit housekeeping unit; provided, that **a group of five or more persons who are not within the second degree of kinship**, as defined by civil law, shall not be deemed to constitute a family.

### *A Connecticut College Town*

**Mansfield, CT** – Home of UConn (student pop. ≈ 24,000) [3]

Family. One or more persons who live together and maintain a common household, related by blood, marriage, or adoption. A family may also include domestic help and gratuitous guests. In addition, **a family may include not more than three persons who are not related** by blood, marriage or adoption.

### *Surrounding [‘ Bedroom ’] Communities*

**Hadley** [4]

RESIDENCE DISTRICTS, PERMITTED USES - Renting of rooms or furnishing or board for periods exceeding fourteen (14) days in duration **for not more than (4) persons in a dwelling regularly occupied for residential purposes** and which is not a Bed-And-Breakfast Facility.

**Shutesbury** [4]

FAMILY - One or more persons (**not to exceed four unrelated by blood, marriage, or adoption**) occupying a dwelling and living as a single housekeeping unit.

**Sunderland** [5]

FAMILY - An individual or two (2) or more persons related by blood or marriage, **or a group of not more than five (5) persons not legally related, living together as a single housekeeping unit**. Any unrelated individual over five (5) shall constitute another family. [Amended 11-29-1999 STM, Art. 1]

**Belchertown** [?no limit?]

DWELLING UNIT - A structure containing, under one roof and within exterior abutting walls, one or more rooms providing **complete living facilities for one or more individuals**, including equipment for cooking or provisions for same, and including room or rooms for living, sleeping, eating and sanitation.

**Leverett** [?no limit?]

DWELLING UNIT - Dwelling Unit shall mean a building or part of a building occupied or suitable for occupancy as a residence and arranged for the use of **one or more individuals living as a single housekeeping unit** with its own cooking, living, sanitary and sleeping facilities.

**Deerfield** [6?]

FAMILY - Family shall mean a number of individuals living and cooking together on the premises as a single unit.

2243. Boarders in Single-Family Dwelling. The renting of rooms and/or furnishing of board to not more than two persons in a single-family dwelling by the owner/occupant thereof shall be a permitted accessory use. **The renting of rooms and/or furnishing of board to more than two persons, but not more than six (6) persons, in a single-family dwelling by the owner/occupant thereof shall be deemed a boarding house** subject to the provisions of Section 2230, herein.

**Whately** [4]

FAMILY -- An individual residing in one dwelling unit, a group of persons related by blood, marriage or adoption **or a group of not more than four individuals not so related residing in one dwelling unit**.

**Hatfield** [3]

FAMILY - Any number of persons related by blood, marriage, adoption, or guardianship, and **not more than three persons not so related, living together as a single housekeeping unit**.

**Easthampton** [4]

FAMILY - A number of individuals related by blood, marriage and/or adoption **or a group of unrelated individuals not to exceed four (4) who are occupying a dwelling unit and living as a single nonprofit housekeeping unit.** This definition, however, does not apply to non-related disabled persons as defined by any applicable federal and/or state law and/or regulations.

**Southampton** [3]

FAMILY – Any number of persons related by blood or marriage living in the same dwelling, or **not more than three (3) persons unrelated by blood or marriage living together** as a single housekeeping unit.

**Williamsburg** [3]

DWELLING, SINGLE-FAMILY - A detached building designed for the use of one household, including one or more persons living as a family, **and wherein not more than three boarders are sheltered and/or fed for compensation.**