



COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

CITY COUNCIL of SALT LAKE CITY

Item Schedule:

Potential Action: April 15, 2025

TO: City Council Members

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DATE: April 15, 2025

RE: Initiating a Legislative Action to Review City Code Pertaining to the Number of Unrelated People Living Together in a Dwelling Unit

For many years *Salt Lake City Code* has limited the number of unrelated people living together in a dwelling unit to three. It is not clear why this number was established.

During the April 8, 2025 work session announcements, the Council was supportive of initiating a legislative action asking the Administration to review City code pertaining to the number of unrelated people living together and the definition of “family” along with recommendations of how to potentially adjust or eliminate the maximum.

When a complaint of more than the allowed number of unrelated people living together is received, it is difficult to prove whether people are related by blood, marriage, or adoption without a cumbersome process of requesting documentation that demonstrates the relationship.

It is a priority of this Council to utilize available tools to facilitate affordable housing for those who want to live in Salt Lake City.

The Council can consider voting on the following motion to initiate a legislative action asking the Administration to review and recommend potential changes to City code.

I move the Council adopt a legislative action asking Administrative staff to review City code pertaining to the number of unrelated people living together in a dwelling unit and provide options for the Council to consider.

