

Residential Occupancy



Pullman City Code Section 17.75.075 regulates the number of people that can occupy a dwelling unit. Subsections 17.75.075(1) and (2) read as follows:

17.75.075 Unlawful Occupation.

- (1) It shall be unlawful to occupy a single dwelling unit in an R1 district by more than one of the following living units:
 - (a) a traditional family as defined in Section 17.05.020; or
 - (b) a functional family as defined in Section 17.05.020.A traditional or functional family may have one additional unrelated person and no others residing with the family in an R1 district.
- (2) It shall be unlawful to occupy a single dwelling unit in an RT or R2 district by more than one of the following living units:
 - (a) a traditional family as defined in Section 17.05.020; or
 - (b) a functional family as defined in Section 17.05.020.A traditional or functional family may have two additional unrelated persons and no others residing with the family in an RT or R2 district.

Based on the provisions of Section 17.75.075, the following basic rules apply:

- In an **R1 Single Family Residential zoning district**, no more than **three** unrelated persons may live together in a residence, so long as two of those individuals are acting as a single housekeeping unit, operating a common household.
- In an **R2 Low Density Multi-Family Residential zoning district** or an **RT Residential Transitional zoning district** no more than **four** unrelated persons may live together in a residence, so long as two of those individuals are acting as a single housekeeping unit, operating a common household.

For more information regarding the issue of occupancy (including the definition of a traditional or functional family, and a description of the different zoning districts) , please see the Pullman City Code available at <http://www.pullman-wa.gov/city-code>, view a copy in the Planning Department office at 325 SE Paradise Street, or give us a call at (509)338-3213.