

Changes to the City of Taunton Zoning Ordinance
Approved November 18, 2025

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440-201 Definitions

~~Family—One person or two or more persons, related by blood, foster relationship, marriage or adoption, and, in addition, any domestic servants or gratuitous guests thereof; or one or more persons who need not be so related, and, in addition, domestic servants or gratuitous guests thereof, who are living together in a single, nonprofit dwelling unit and maintaining a common household with single cooking facilities. A roomer, boarder or lodger shall not be considered a member of the family~~

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

~~Group Home Includes halfway house, group residence, group dwelling unit, and limited group residence— shall include any dwelling unit designed, intended or used for congregate living by individuals who do not constitute a "Family" as defined under this Ordinance.~~

~~A. HALFWAY HOUSE—An intermediate care center which provides temporary residential accommodation, guidance and supervision for three or more persons. (See § 440-1001.)~~

~~B. GROUP RESIDENCE—A dwelling designed, intended, or used for occupancy by several adults not related by blood, marriage, or adoption who use in common some or all of the cooking, bathroom, and living facilities and require no special training, care, or treatment.~~

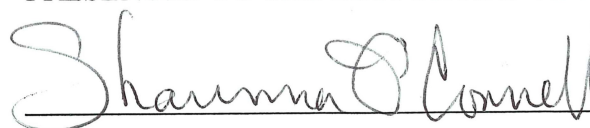
~~C. GROUP DWELLING UNIT—A dwelling unit licensed by or operated by the Department of Developmental Services or the Department of Mental Health as a special residence for up to four persons who may or may not be capable of self-preservation from fire or other related hazards.~~

~~D. LIMITED GROUP RESIDENCE—A building licensed by or operated by the Commonwealth Department of Mental Health or the Office for Children as a limited group residence. This is a residence for people not capable of self-preservation.~~

IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 18, 2025
ADOPTED,

 CITY CLERK

PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR AND APPROVED, NOVEMBER 25, 2025

 MAYOR