

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 09-0384  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Henry, Middleton, Branch, Curran, Conaway, Kraft,  
Cole

Introduced and read first time: August 10, 2009

Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, City  
Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Zoning – Dwelling Units – Defining “Family”**

3 FOR the purpose of redefining an alternative element of what constitutes a “family” under the  
4 Zoning Code of Baltimore City; requiring for that purpose that persons unrelated by blood,  
5 marriage, or adoption and living together in a dwelling unit must be occupying the unit  
6 subject to a single lease, rental, or other occupancy arrangement applicable to the entire  
7 dwelling unit; and generally relating to the permitted and prohibited occupancy of dwelling  
8 units.

9 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

10 Article - Zoning  
11 Section(s) 1-142(a)  
12 Baltimore City Revised Code  
13 (Edition 2000)

14 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
15 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

16 **Baltimore City Revised Code**

17 **Article – Zoning**

18 **§ 1-142. Family.**

19 (a) *In general.*

20 “Family” means one of the following, together with usual household helpers:

21 (1) an individual;

22 (2) 2 or more people related by blood, marriage, or adoption, living together IN A  
23 DWELLING UNIT as a single housekeeping unit [in a dwelling unit]; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (3) a group of not more than 4 people, who need not be related by blood, marriage, or  
2 adoption, living together IN A DWELLING UNIT:

3 (I) as a single housekeeping unit [in a dwelling unit]; AND

4 (II) SUBJECT TO A SINGLE LEASE, RENTAL, OR OTHER OCCUPANCY  
5 ARRANGEMENT APPLICABLE TO THE ENTIRE DWELLING UNIT.

6 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
7 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior  
8 Ordinance.

9 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
10 after the date it is enacted.