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Group Home Zoning Ordinance Amendments Effective January 5, 2012

Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Group Homes are located in Section 1 and Section 2 of the Avondale Zoning Ordinance. The group home amendments include revisions to the group home definition, a new definition of “family” as: One (1) or more persons occupying a single dwelling unit, provided that unless all members are related by blood, marriage, or legal adoption, no such family contains more than six (6) non-transient unrelated persons, except where disability requires that more than six (6) unrelated person reside together. This definition shall not include any society, club, coterie, or organization that is not a recognized religious order nor does it include any group of individuals whose association is temporary or seasonal or similar to a resort, boarding house, motel, hotel, or whose association is for a an anticipated limited duration or for a determinable period such as a school term.

Additional amendments to the Zoning Ordinance include elimination of the group home spacing requirements, permitted with conditions, and the addition of group homes as a permitted land use in the Agricultural (AG), Rural Residential (RR-43 and RR-18), Suburban Residential (R1-35 and R1-15), Urban Residential (R1-8, R1-6, and R1-5), Multi-Family Residential (R-2, R-3, and R-4), and Manufactured Home Park (MH). These amendments were completed to meet the City’s continuing commitment to fair housing practices and to ensure the Avondale does not impose conditions generally not applicable to other single family residences. The document can be accessed directly from the website at [Zoning Ordinance/Maps web site](#).

General Plan 2030

The proposed ***Avondale General Plan 2030*** is complete and scheduled for its second public hearing on March 15, 2012 in the Council Chambers. The proposed plan is located on the City of Avondale website located at www.avondale.org/generalplan. The Plan is scheduled for the April 2, 2012 City Council meeting and the August 28, 2012 ballot.

The purpose of the General Plan 2030 is to provide the City with a vision to guide growth through 2030. It focuses on the importance of creating a balance of land uses and establishing a new way for Avondale to grow as a healthy, sustainable community. For up to date information on the General Plan 2030 Update, please follow us on Twitter at [@AZAvondale](#) or on [Facebook](#).



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Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations by providing progressive, professional services and leadership that reflects the needs of all those who live, work, and play in the City of Avondale. Building on the past and looking to the future.