

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
Jim Hartshorn, Comm. Dev. Dir.
From: **Melissa Sonnek, City Planner**
Date: **January 11, 2021**

Ordinance Amendment for Sections 150.036 & 153.004 Regarding the Definition of Family – City of West St. Paul

BACKGROUND:

Per City Council request, Staff has reviewed and is now proposing an update to the ordinance definition of “family” to include individuals in a domestic partnership.

Currently the Rental Dwelling Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance definition for “Family” does not include individuals in a domestic partnership. When originally established, the intent of the language was to avoid having multiple families and/or boarding house situations in single family homes. City Staff does not believe the language change to include domestic partnerships will alter the intent of the language.

More specifics on this change can be found in the Planning Commission report dated December 15th, 2020.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission met in regular session to review the proposed change and held a public hearing on the item. No one from the public wished to speak on the item. The Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the amendment.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff is requesting that the council review the proposed ordinance amendment and approve of the first reading.

ATTACHMENT:

Planning Commission Report – 12/15/2020
Draft Ordinance