

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
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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 as well as verbiage for guardianship.

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 or guardianship will alter the intent of the language.

City Council held a first reading on the proposed changes at the January 11th meeting and recommended approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff is recommending that the City Council hold a public hearing and approve of the final reading for the proposed ordinance amendment.

ATTACHMENT:

Draft Ordinance