What is a HOUSEHOLD?

The city defines “Household” as:

*Household.* "Household" means any of the following groups of individuals:

1. Any number of persons related by blood, marriage or adoption, plus
   (a) Domestic servants employed for service on the premises.
   (b) Up to four children under the age of 18 who may not be related to any or all of the other residents, but who are under the care and supervision of the adult family head.
   (c) Any combination of (a), or (b), above, not to exceed four individuals.
2. A group including not more than two adults, together with any number of children, related by blood or legal adoption to at least one of the adults; or
3. A group of not more than four unrelated or related and unrelated persons living together as a single housekeeping unit.
4. A household shall not, except for adjudicated delinquent children in foster care, include more than one individual who is a registered sex offender unless related by blood or marriage. For the purpose of this subsection, "registered sex offender" means any person required to register as a sex offender in accordance with article 22 of title 16 of the Colorado Revised Statutes as amended.

What exactly does that mean?

1. Parents, grandparents, children, siblings, etc., who are related by blood, marriage or adoption, can live together as a household. Regardless of the size of the dwelling unit, or number of bedrooms. We consider this a family structure.
   (a) In addition to the family structure, you may also have a caretaker, nanny, maid, house manager, etc. residing with the family.
   (b) The adult family head, may also be the caretaker of up to four children, under the age of 18, in addition to the family structure.
   (c) You can have no more than four domestic servants, or four unrelated children, or any combination of each group, in addition to the family structure.
2. Two adults, and any number of children related to either of the adults, may reside in a dwelling unit. This would allow, one or two single parents to live together with their children, without the need of the adults to be related.
3. You can have no more than four related or unrelated persons living together as a single household unit. Regardless of the size of the home, or number of bedrooms, there could be no more than four individuals in the dwelling unit.
   Examples: This allows a couple and up two individuals to reside together.
   It allows four students to rent a unit together.
   A single person to allow a family of three to reside with them.
   A family of three could rent a room to another individual.
FAQ’s on housing occupancy in the City of Golden

**How many students/individuals can live together in a rental unit in Golden?** The City of Golden zoning regulations allow no more than four unrelated individuals to reside together in a dwelling unit. If living as a family structure, any number of persons may live together who are related by blood, marriage or adoption.

**What if the home has six bedrooms?** Regardless of the size of the dwelling unit or the number of bedrooms, no more than four unrelated individuals may reside together in a dwelling unit, unless they are living as a family structure. Property owners and apartment buildings can be more restrictive than the city’s requirements, but not less restrictive by allowing more persons in the unit.

**How will the City know?** The City is most often informed of the violation from surrounding neighbors who are impacted by the increase of people, vehicles, and noise complaints at the property. Additionally, many of the neighborhoods are within a permit parking zone. If renting a home, a valid lease showing no more than four renters are living at a property and vehicle registration information is required. (Visit cityofgolden.net/ParkingPermits for more info)

**How does the City enforce this policy?** When the City is notified of a violation an investigation begins. The property owner is notified of the complaint and we work together with the owner to ensure compliance. If a violation is found, the property owner must remove renters from the property as needed. If the property is not brought into compliance, the owner will be cited and fined for the violation, with court action as a last resort.