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Single-Family to Extra-Occupancy Rental A.K.A. Boarding House Conversion Requirements

Converting a single family dwelling to an Extra-Occupancy Rental (Boarding House) will require the issuance of a new Certificate of Occupancy (CO). The following items are required to be provided prior the issuance of a new CO.

- 1. Contact Zoning 970-416-2745 for the Change of Use process
- 2. A building permit shall be issued through the Community Development and Neighborhood Services office.
- 3. Permit fees are based on valuation of all work required for the conversion with a minimum fee of \$100.00.
- 4. The permit shall list all work required for the conversion including electric upgrade, plumbing or mechanical work and egress window installations.
- 5. Submit 2 sets of *site plans* showing the building outline, lot lines and parking spaces, *floor plans* showing all rooms and sizes, windows and sizes and mechanical equipment location.
- 6. Below grade (basement) sleeping rooms shall be provided with an emergency escape window with a clear opening of 5 square feet and maximum sill height of 48 inches above the floor.
- 7. Engineered plans/details required for foundation alterations needed to install egress windows (if applicable).
- 8. All habitable rooms shall have a ceiling height of not less than 6 feet 6 inches to the lowest projection.
- 9. One habitable room shall be a minimum of 120 square feet, with all other habitable rooms a minimum of 70 square feet, with no horizontal dimension less than 7 feet.
- 10. All water heating and mechanical heating equipment shall have been serviced by a City licensed mechanical contractor within the past 12 months. (*Proof of service required.*)
- 11. The electrical service shall be a three-wire, 120/240 volt system having a rating of not less than 60 amperes as per the National Electrical Code adopted by the City. Outlet devises shall be three-pronged and either grounded or GFCI protected.
- 12. Extra-occupancy rentals with more than 10 sleeping rooms or more than 10 occupants shall be considered a Change of Occupancy and shall require a full plan submittal and plan review process.

The property shall also comply with the Rental Housing Minimum Requirements (attached) and the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) as adopted by the City.

Licensed specialized trade contractors are required to perform any electric, plumbing, or HVAC work.

A licensed general contractor is required for any construction project involving more than one specialized trade, or involving structural alterations and repairs, and/or for any project that exceeds \$5,000 in construction value.