



## Department of Community Development

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# HOW IS RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCY LOAD DETERMINED?

Occupancy load is figured by two main factors. It is calculated by bedroom square footage, and it is limited by living room and dining room square footage.

## Defining the Square Footage of Legal Bedrooms

Legal bedrooms must meet all the requirements prescribed by the Property Maintenance Code of University City (see bulletin). Using the table below, the possible occupancy load is figured for each bedroom and added together to determine the total possible occupancy load.

### Possible Occupancy Load Allowed Per Bedroom

SPACE	MINIMUM AREA IN SQUARE FEET		
	1 occupants	2 occupants	3 occupants
Bedroom	70-99 SF	100-149 SF	150+ SF

## Limitation Due to Living and Dining Area

Once the total possible occupancy load of the bedrooms is determined, the occupancy load is limited by the square footage of the living and dining areas as indicated in the table below.

### Occupancy Load Limits

SPACE	MINIMUM AREA IN SQUARE FEET		
	1-2 occupants	3-5 occupants	6+ occupants
Living Room	No Requirements	120 SF	150 SF
Dining Room	No Requirements	80 SF	100 SF

The maximum occupancy possible is 11 people per housing unit.

### ***Example:***

*3 bedrooms have the following square footages: 75 SF = 1 occupant, 145 SF = 2 occupants, and 150 SF = 3 occupants*

*Total Possible Occupancy Load: 6 occupants*

*The living room (130 SF) and the dining room (95 SF) only allow for 3-5 occupants.*

*Therefore, the total possible occupancy load of 6 occupants as figured by the bedrooms is limited by the dining/living area limitation of 3-5 occupants and results in a total occupancy load for the housing unit of 5 occupants.*