

SRO Definitions

The following are Single Room Occupancy definitions from several cities throughout the country. Below each definition or group of definitions (if a city had more than one) there is a link provided that can be used to access the document where the definitions were found. Please hold down your control (Ctrl) Button while you click on the link to make the link active.

Atlanta, GA

Single room occupancy *residence*: A building containing 50 or more dwelling units, all of which are available for rental occupancy for periods of seven days or longer, in which said dwelling units are accessed through a common primary entrance, which contains lounges, living rooms, and other congregate living space of not less than five square feet per dwelling unit, and in which on-site management is provided on a 24-hour basis. Single room occupancy residences shall be classified as commercial uses for the purposes of determining allowable floor area ratios in C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, SPI-1, SPI-2, SPI-3, and SPI-4 districts and for the purpose of determining required off-street parking in C-5, SPI-1, SPI-2, SPI-3, and SPI-4 districts. Found here:

<http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=10376&stateId=10&stateName=Georgia>

Chicago, IL

Single-Room Occupancy. A residential building containing 5 or more single-room occupancy units in which at least 90% of the units are single room occupancy units occupied by the same tenants for a continuous period of at least 32 days.

Single-Room Occupancy Unit. A dwelling unit within a single-room occupancy (building) that is used or intended to be used as sleeping quarters or living quarters with or without cooking facilities, and that contains not more than one habitable room consisting of not more than 250 square feet of floor area, excluding from the calculation of floor area any kitchen having less than 70 square feet of floor area.

Found here:

[http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Illinois/chicagozoning/chicagozoningordinanceandlanduseordinanc?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:chicagozoning_il](http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Illinois/chicagozoning/chicagozoningordinanceandlanduseordinanc?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:chicagozoning_il)

Eugene, OR

Single Room Occupancy. A building containing at least 9 residential rooms for occupancy by individuals. Each room is without a kitchen, but may have provision for counter-top appliances and refrigerator. The toilet/bath may be private or shared with another single room occupancy (SRO) room(s). Four SRO rooms shall constitute 1 SRO dwelling. For purposes of determining residential density, 4 SRO rooms equal 1 dwelling. Fractional dwellings shall be rounded to the next highest integer, e.g. 5 SRO rooms equal 2 dwellings. Found here:

<http://www.eugeneor.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=269&PageID=1790&cached=true&mode=2&userID=2>

Greensboro, NC

Single room occupancy (sro) residence. A building containing twenty-five (25) or more rooming units, which are available for rental occupancy for periods of seven (7) days or longer. This term does not include boarding houses, tourist homes, motels, hotels, private dormitories, congregate care facilities, family care homes, and group care facilities.

Found here: <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/10F8B763-5C83-4D93-803A-04615BE8C0D7/0/Article11.pdf>

Las Vegas, NV

Single Room Occupancy Residence. A residential facility in which furnished rooms are rented on a weekly or monthly basis and which provides common facilities and services for laundry, cleaning and meals.

Found here: http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/files/Chapter_19.20.pdf

Pasadena, CA

Single-Room Occupancy (land use). A facility providing dwelling units where each unit has a minimum floor area of 150 square feet and a maximum floor area of 220 square feet. These dwelling units may have kitchen or bathroom facilities and shall be offered on a monthly basis or longer.

Found here: <http://ww2.cityofpasadena.net/zoning/P-8.html#s>

Portland, OR

Single Room Occupancy Housing (SRO). A structure that provides living units that have separate sleeping areas and some combination of shared bath or toilet facilities. The structure may or may not have separate or shared cooking facilities for the residents. SRO includes structures commonly called residential hotels and rooming houses.

Found here: http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/title33_complete.pdf

San Jose, CA

Single room occupancy (SRO) living unit facility.

A "single room occupancy (SRO) living unit facility" is a residential facility where individual secure rooms, of a smaller size than normally found in multiple dwellings, are rented to a one or two-person household. SRO living units are provided for a weekly or monthly period of time, in exchange for an agreed payment of a fixed amount of money or other compensation based on the period of occupancy.

Single room occupancy (SRO) residential hotel.

A "single room occupancy (SRO) residential hotel" is a commercial facility where individual secure rooms are rented to a one or two-person household. SRO residential hotel units are provided on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis, in exchange for an agreed payment of a fixed amount or money or other compensation based on the period of occupancy.

Found here:

[http://sanjose.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/California/sanjose_ca/sanjosemunicipalcode?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:sanjose_ca](http://sanjose.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/California/sanjose_ca/sanjosemunicipalcode?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:sanjose_ca)