

Single Room Occupancy (SRO) residence. (Proposed changes are highlighted in yellow)

A building containing at least eleven (11), but not more than one hundred and twenty (120) rooming units, which are available for rental occupancy for periods of thirty (30) days or longer. SRO developments typically house and provide support services for individuals with special needs but are not limited to special needs populations.

Section 12.527. Single Room Occupancy (SRO) residences.

Single room occupancy (SRO) residences are permitted in the B-1, B-2, R-22MF, R-43MF, UMUD, UR-2, UR-3, UR-C, TOD-R, TOD-E, TOD-M, TOD-RO, TOD-EO, and TOD-MO districts subject to the standards of the individual district in addition to the following requirements. If any conflict should occur between the standards of the individual district and the following requirements, the following shall apply.

(1) Minimum Rooming Unit Size: Rooming units shall be a minimum of eighty (80) square feet with an additional minimum of fifty (50) feet for each additional occupant, not to exceed one-hundred fifty (150) square feet total.

(2) Minimum Common Space: The building shall contain common space such as recreation areas, lounges, living rooms, dining rooms, or other congregate living spaces at a rate of five (5) square feet per rooming unit, but totaling not less than two hundred and fifty (250) square feet. Bathrooms, laundries, hallways, the main lobby vending areas, and kitchens shall not be counted as common space.

(3) Operation: Rooming units must be accessed through one primary location. On-site management shall be provided on a twenty-four (24) hour basis per building. Adequate on-site management includes having an employee on premises twenty-four hours a day. The employee must be accessible to residents, law enforcement personnel, and any other individuals who need to establish communication upon or about the premises. Adequate on-site management also requires that the employee has the authority to exercise control over the premises to ensure that the use of the premises does not result in littering, nuisance activities, noise, or other activities that interfere with the peaceful enjoyment and use of surrounding properties.

Cleaning services shall be provided and utilities shall be mass metered.

(4) Density Requirements: Density (number of rooming units permitted) shall be based upon the maximum non-residential Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of the nonresidential zoning district where located with a maximum of 120 and a minimum of 11 rooming units per site.

(5) Off-Street Parking Requirements: 0.20 space per rooming unit - may be reduced by 50% within a quarter mile of a transit line.

(6) Signs: Any signage which identifies the use shall be in accordance development standards Section 13.109 (1)(c) of the City of Charlotte Zoning Ordinance.

(7) Buffers: All buildings, outdoor active recreation facilities, and off- street parking and service areas will be separated by a Class B buffer from any abutting property zoned or used for single-family residential use.

(Petition No. 2003-90 §12.527, 10/20/03)

(8) Proximity: Single room occupancy (SRO) residences shall maintain a min. separation distance of 1000 square feet from any other SRO.

(9) Single Room Occupancy projects whose development is assisted by the use of public funding shall comply with the Housing Locational Policy.