



## A Guide for Group Housing for Persons with Disabilities

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Oakland Park City Commission adopted regulations to accommodate group housing for persons with disabilities.

All group homes must register with the City and obtain all available (even if optional) certifications by a state credentialing agency, applicable to the type of disability (examples include FARR or Oxford House Charter)

The new regulations identify Group Homes in the form of Community Residence and Recovery Community.

There are two types of Community Residences:

- **Family Community Residence** is a dwelling unit where four to ten people, live together for an indefinite time period in a family-like setting supported by staff and/or fellow residents.
- **Transitional Community Residence** is similar to a family community residence, but residents live there for shorter specified time periods as they recover from a disability and prepare to return to conventional housing.

Recovery Communities:

- **Recovery Communities** consist of larger groups of people that collectively do not emulate a family-like setting, typically a multi-family building where all the units are inhabited solely by people in recovery with staff and/or peers supporting recovery.

### Group Home Requirements:

- Must be permitted in the Zoning district.
- Must obtain all applicable certifications by a state credentialing agency.
- All Family, Transitional, and Recovery Communities must meet the parking requirements of the City code.
- All Family, Transitional, and Recovery Communities must meet the “Distance Separation” requirements of the code.
- The building, home or structure must meet all applicable Florida Building Codes and Florida Fire code.

Permits are valid for 365 days and need to be renewed yearly.

If you have questions regarding a “Reasonable Accommodation” please contact, the Planning and Zoning Division.

### [Permit Application Package](#)

For more information, please contact The City of Oakland Park Planning and Zoning Division at 954-630- 4350 or visit the office at 5399 N. Dixie Hwy. Oakland Park. Florida