

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK  
COMMON COUNCIL  
RECORD OF VOTE**

*1888 --- 2013  
125<sup>th</sup> City of Middletown Celebration*

THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED

By Ald. Smith

Sec'd by Ald. Ramkissoon

Date of Adoption 06-04-13

Index No: 167-13

NAMES	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ald. Amodio	X			
Ald. Burr	X			
Ald. Ramkissoon	X			
Ald. Smith	X			
Ald. Sommers	X			
Ald. Masi	X			
Ald. Sabnis	X			
Ald. Sierra	X			
Pres. Rodrigues	X			
TOTAL	9			

WHEREAS, the Common Council has been advised by the Corporation Counsel and Department of Public Works that landlords are attempting to disguise de facto boardinghouses as family units by claiming that persons residing therein are cousins or are otherwise distantly related by blood or marriage, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to further clarify the definition of family in the context of relations by blood or marriage.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT Resolved, and be it Ordained, by the Common Council of the City of Middletown, New York, as follows:

Section 1 - The Code of the City of Middletown, N.Y., Chapter 475, Zoning, Article I, General Provisions, Section 475-4, Definitions, Family, be and is hereby further amended by replacing Paragraph B to read as follows:

B. It shall be presumptive evidence that four or more persons living in a single dwelling unit who are not related by blood, marriage or legal adoption do not constitute the functional equivalent of a traditional family. Relation by blood or marriage is limited to the following relationships upon appropriate documentary proof: spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, great-grandparent, great-grandchild, step-parent and step-child.

Section 2 - This ordinance shall take effect immediately.