

Zoning Terminology Explained

“SINGLE HOUSEKEEPING ESTABLISHMENT” is not a defined term in the City’s Zoning By-law or Licensing By-law, but it has been judicially considered. Following are excerpts from the Courts Analysis.

“A **single housekeeping establishment** would generally approximate a typical family group of one or two adult persons, together with minor or adult children or a similar social unit either by relationship or some other common bond for living together as a housekeeping establishment, not simply the need by boarders for temporary sleeping quarters for which each pays rent to the landlord/landlady”.

“I find that a **single housekeeping establishment**, when read in context, means a use typical of a single family unit or other similar basic social unit. For example, it could include a group of unrelated persons, one or more of whom are dependent on the other due to physical or related challenges; or one person, or a couple cohabitating with children (not theirs biologically), to whom they stand in *loco parentis*. There are many examples of such basic social units in today’s society which do not follow the traditional family model. However, they involve more between them as a unit than simply short-term temporary sleeping quarters and shared facilities on a rental basis.”