

Rental Occupancy Regulations for Allendale Township:

First, rental occupancy is not determined by the number of bedrooms contrary to popular belief. It is determined by what zoning district the property is in (R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4). Group housing such as an off-campus apartment complex, is usually zoned in the R-3 or R-4 category and are allowed more renters than those zoned in an R-1 or R-2 zoning district. These districts are usually single homes and duplexes and allow only up to 2 unrelated persons or a family all related by blood, marriage, adoption, or guardianship.

This information is found on our website at www.allendale-twp.org under the pictures you will find a button labeled "Ordinances" or under the "How do I..." tab. Here you will click on "Ordinances" under the "Find" heading. Scroll down and click on Zoning Ordinances and then on Article 3-General Provisions. Scroll all the way down to Sec. 3.15 Residential Occupancy Regulations.

In a nutshell, the way the house, duplex, apt. is zoned by the township determines the occupancy. Houses and duplexes will mostly be zoned as R-1, and R-2 which means occupancy will be no more than 2 unrelated persons, an owner plus 2 unrelated persons, a family all related by blood, marriage, adoption or guardianship, or a family plus one other non-related person. The bigger complexes are in an R-3- or R-4 zoning district which allows for 3-4 unrelated per unit.