

## 2.4 House Size Determination Policy

### Habitat for Humanity of Wake County House Size Determination Policy

The following document addresses five issues relevant to family assignment to housing. Those four issues include:

1. Number of bedrooms based on family size and configuration.
2. Additional space for same gender children with significant age differences
3. Additional space for dependent children of head of household with significant disability
4. Additional space for older (18+) relatives, who are not related as a dependent to head of household
5. Housing units and the “fit” to family size.

#### 1. Number of bedrooms based on family size and configuration.

Habitat for Humanity of Wake County will determine the appropriate new house size based on the following guidelines:

- Two children of same gender can share a bedroom
- Parent(s) will have a separate bedroom

The following table details the match of children, gender and number of bedrooms.

**Table of household size and number of bedrooms**

Household configuration	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom	5 Bedroom	6 Bedroom
Single person, couple with no children, single parent with one child	X				
Parent(s), 2 children, same gender	X				
Parent(s), 2 children, 1 boy, 1 girl		X			
Parent(s), 3 children, 3 boys or 3 girls		X			
Parent(s), 3 children, 2 boys, 1 girl or 1 boy, 2 girls		X			
Parent(s), 4 children, 4 boys or 4 girls		X			
Parent(s), 4 children, 3 boys, 1 girl or 1 boy, 3 girls			X		
Parent(s), 4 children, 2 boys, 2 girls		X			
Parent(s), 5 children, 5 boys or 5 girls			X		

Parent(s), 5 children, 4 boys, 1 girls or 1 boy, 4 girls			X		
Parent(s), 5 children, 3 boys, 2 girls or 2 boys, 3 girls			X		
Parent(s), 6 children, 6 boys or 6 girls			X		
Parent(s), 6 children, 5 boys, 1 girls or 1 boy, 5 girls				X	
Parent(s), 6 children, 4 boys, 2 girls or 2 boys, 4 girls			X		
Parent(s), 6 children, 3 boys, 3 girls				X	
Parent(s), 7 children, 7 boys or 7 girls				X	
Parent(s), 7 children, 6 boys, 1 girls or 1 boy, 6 girls				X	
Parent(s), 7 children, 5 boys, 2 girls or 2 boys, 5 girls				X	
Parent(s), 7 children, 4 boys, 3 girls or 3 boys, 4 girls				X	
Parent(s), 8 children, 8 boys or 8 girls				X	
Parent(s), 8 children, 7 boys, 1 girls or 1 boy, girls					X
Parent(s), 8 children, 6 boys, 2 girls or 2 boys, 6 girls					X
Parent(s), 8 children, 5 boys, 3 girls or 3 boys, 5 girls					X
Parent(s), 8 children, 4 boys, 4 girls				X	

**1. Additional space for same gender children with significant age differences**

Add 1 bedroom for each same gender, where the difference in age is greater than 5 years. For example, if the household has a single parent and 4 children, 2 boys (ages 6 and 10) and 2 girls (ages 5 and 12), the family would qualify for a 4 bedroom house. The 2 boys would share a room (same gender, age difference less than 5 years) the girls would each get separate rooms (same gender, however, age difference greater than 5 years).

**1. Additional space for dependent children of head of household with significant disability**

Add 1 bedroom for each household member who has a disability which would put undo strain on the family, if that person had to share a bedroom. This might be due to the

presence of health related medical equipment, or additional space requirements for access or other conditions which would cause sharing to be problematic.

**1. Additional space for older (18+) relatives, who are not related as a dependent to head of household**

Add one bedroom for each adult family member (aged 18 or older), not a dependent of head of household (i.e. brother, uncle, parent, etc).

**1. Housing units and the “fit” to family size.**

- a. Habitat for Humanity of Wake County will build townhouse units to accommodate families whose size would qualify them for a 2 bedroom unit (see table above). Two bedroom, detached, single family houses will no longer be offered. If a townhouse project is not on the build schedule within 12 months of a family qualifying to make a selection, then other options may be made available.
- b. Habitat for Humanity of Wake County will offer at least two locations for each family to make a choice. The offerings will differ based on locations and housing choices assigned to the build schedule. Special consideration may be given in the case of remote locations and the availability of rehab and recycled houses.