

[(5)](V) Zoning classifications.

(2) THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL REQUIRE SUPERVISION OF A RESPONSIBLE ADULT.

(c) (1) A public group home FOR MENTALLY RETARDED INDIVIDUALS may not be located in any area where a local zoning law specifically prohibits a public group home FOR MENTALLY RETARDED INDIVIDUALS.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection and for these purposes, a public group home:

(i) Is deemed conclusively to be a single-family dwelling;

(ii) Is permitted in all residential zones; and

(iii) May not be subject to any special exception, conditional use permit, or procedure that differs from that required for a single-family dwelling of similar density in the same zone.

7-319.

(a) The Director shall:

(1) In accordance with the rules and regulations described in § 7-318(b) of this subtitle, determine the need, if any, for one or more public group homes FOR MENTALLY RETARDED INDIVIDUALS in each county or multicounty region of this State; and

(2) Prepare a needs study.

7-320.

(a) (1) If the Director certifies that a public group home FOR MENTALLY RETARDED INDIVIDUALS is needed in a county or multicounty region, the county or the counties in the region, in consultation with local consumer groups, promptly shall choose a site that meets the requirements of the rules and regulations adopted under this subtitle.

(c) If, within 6 months after the Director certifies a need for a public group home FOR MENTALLY RETARDED INDIVIDUALS, a suitable site is not submitted to the Director, the Director shall declare the county or counties to be in default. However, for good cause shown, the Director may extend the 6-month period for not more than another 3 months.

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