

[(2)]2. Assistance with or supervision in bathing, dressing, feeding, grooming, walking, or in any other essential activity of daily living.

(3) [ELDERLY CARE HOME – A] “ELDERLY CARE HOME” MEANS A home:

[(1)](I) Where elderly care is provided to at least [one (1)] 1 but not more than [eight (8)] 8 unrelated individuals; and

[(2)](II) That is operated to provide elderly care for compensation.

(4) [PERSON – An] “PERSON” MEANS AN individual, receiver, trustee, guardian, personal representative, fiduciary or representative of any kind and any partnership, firm, association, corporation, or other entity.

(5) [UNRELATED INDIVIDUAL – Anyone] “UNRELATED INDIVIDUAL” MEANS ANYONE who is not:

[(1)](I) A child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, sibling, stepparent, stepchild, or spouse of the operator; or

[(2)](II) An in-law of any of these individuals.

B. (1) The County Commissioners may enact ordinances or resolutions necessary to govern a person who operates an elderly care home in Charles County.

(2) The ordinance or resolution shall establish service standards concerning:

[(a)](I) Dietary matters;

[(b)](II) Elderly care;

[(c)](III) Environment;

[(d)](IV) Physical environment;

[(e)](V) Safety;

[(f)](VI) Sanitation; and

[(g)](VII) Other matters that the County Commissioners consider appropriate.

(3) In order to carry out the intent of the regulatory scheme adopted under this section, the County Commissioners may establish and implement an ombudsman program, subject to the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 3027(A)(12)(A) of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, to assist the County Commissioners in overseeing and accomplishing its duties that are required under this section.

C. Unless specifically exempted by ordinance or resolution adopted under this section, the County Commissioners shall require a person who operates an elderly care home in Charles County to obtain from the county a permit before operating the elderly care home.