

(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:

(I) DIETARY MATTERS;

(II) ELDERLY CARE;

(III) ENVIRONMENT;

(IV) PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT;

(V) SAFETY;

(VI) SANITATION; AND

(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.

(D) TO ENFORCE THIS SECTION AND THE REGULATORY SCHEME ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ENTER AN ELDERLY CARE HOME AT ANY REASONABLE TIME TO CONDUCT AN ANNOUNCED OR UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION.

(E) AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE REGULATORY SCHEME UNDER THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO OPERATES AN ELDERLY CARE HOME IN CHARLES COUNTY WITHOUT THE PERMIT REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.