

# Recovery Residences

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Zoning Text Amendment

Zoning Committee Meeting

July 16, 2024



# Recovery Residences

Alcohol- and drug-free housing for persons with substance abuse disorders which provides supportive, congregate living environments

- Self-sufficient households
- In single-family neighborhoods
- In rental dwellings



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*“a housing facility that is certified by the Department in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board and provides alcohol-free and illicit-drug-free housing to individuals with substance abuse disorders and individuals with co-occurring mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders that does not include clinical treatment services.”*

[Code of Virginia §37.2-461.1]



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## Residential Facilities:

- ✓ Operated & managed by community service organizations
- ✓ Provide care and assistance for activities of daily living [ADL]
- ✓ Professional staff reside or attached to premises
- ✓ Licensed by Virginia BHDS

## Recovery Residences:

- ✓ Independently operated & managed by residents
- ✓ No care or assistance provided on premises
- ✓ No professional staff attached to premises
- ✓ Not licensed by Virginia BHDS

***\*\*Certified by Virginia BHDS\*\****

# Recovery Residences: Proposed Provisions

- **New Definition for Recovery Residences**
- **Modifications to Household Living and Group Living Residential Use Categories**
- **Modifications to the Principal Use Tables**
- **New Use Standard for Recovery Residences**

## Definition:

*“A dwelling certified by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services providing alcohol-free and illicit-drug-free housing to persons with substance abuse disorders and/or co-occurring mental illnesses but where no clinical and/or substance abuse treatment services are provided on premises.”*

## Use Standard:

*“In any district, recovery residences with eight or fewer residents are permitted by-right in one-family detached dwellings. Recovery residences with more than eight residents and/or located in a dwelling other than a one-family detached dwelling shall require County Board approval of a use permit, per §15.4”*

# Amendment Schedule

- **July 22:** County Board Request to Advertise
- **September 4/6:** Planning Commission (PC)
- **September 14:** County Board Hearings
  
- **July 10:** memorandum transmitted to the Disabilities Advisory Commission [DAC]