

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA            )  
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COUNTY OF DORCHESTER            )        ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-01

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DORCHESTER COUNTY ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-13, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, WITH RESPECT TO ARTICLE VI, USE GROUP 15(c) “BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - INSTITUTIONAL” AND ARTICLE XXV “DEFINITIONS OF TERMS” (the purpose of this amendment is to add homeless shelters as a permitted use to Use Group 15(c) and establish a definition for said use)**

WHEREAS, Dorchester County has recently seen an increase in its unsheltered population; and

Whereas, through partnerships with other organizations, Dorchester County has been working to serve the needs of these individuals, and

Whereas, Dorchester County desires to provide living opportunities for all its residents; and

Whereas, currently, the Dorchester County Zoning and Land Development Regulations does not define homeless shelters or specifically list homeless shelters within a specific use group; and

Whereas, Dorchester County now desires to amend Use Group 15: Business, Professional Services to add homeless shelters to sub-group (c) Institutional to facilitate the location of a shelter within unincorporated Dorchester County:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Dorchester County Council, duly assembled that the Dorchester County Zoning and Land Development Standards Ordinance Number 04-13, as previously amended, is further amended by deleting Article VI, Use Group 15(c) and substituting in lieu thereof the below section bearing the same number, and by amending Article XXV to add the below definition for Homeless Shelter:

**ARTICLE VI. USE GROUPS**

**15. BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**


- (c) Institutional – Establishments for the care of a class or group of persons, including but not limited to homes and institutions for the deaf, blind, aged, orphaned, sanitariums, nursing and residential care facilities, and homeless shelters.

**XXV. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**Homeless Shelter:** A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter and service designed to provide temporary living accommodations, with or without associated ancillary services, to individuals or families who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

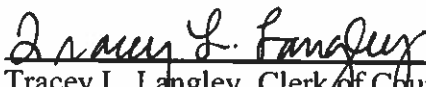
This Ordinance shall be effective upon third and final reading.

Approved and adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

  
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William R. Hearn, Jr., Chairman  
Dorchester County Council

First Reading: December 06, 2022  
Second Reading: January 04, 2022  
Public Hearing: February 07, 2022  
Third Reading: February 07, 2022

ATTEST:

  
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Tracey L. Langley, Clerk of Council