

## **R18-02 DEFINITIONS**

- (a) Apartment. A building containing multiple residential dwelling units. For the purposes of these Rules, townhouses, row houses, and/or condominiums shall be considered apartments.
- (b) Apartment complex. Premises where one or more buildings under common ownership comprising 15 or more apartments are available for rental to lessees.
- (c) Contiguous dwelling units. An apartment complex or manufactured home park located on property that is not separated by property owned by others. Property will be considered contiguous even if intersected by a public thoroughfare if, absent the thoroughfare, the property would be contiguous.
- (d) Dwelling unit. A house, mobile home, apartment, building, or other structure used for residential purposes.
- (e) Leased premises. A house, mobile home, apartment, building, or any combination thereof which are leased for residential purposes.
- (f) Lessee. A person who leases a dwelling unit from the lessor.
- (g) Lessor. A person, entity, corporation, or agency who owns 15 or more dwelling units which are available for lease. The lessor is also known as the landlord.
- (h) Manufactured home park. Premises where a combination of 15 or more manufactured homes, as defined in G.S. 143-145(7), or spaces for manufactured homes, are rented to or are available for rental to lessees.
- (i) Provider. The lessor purchasing water or sewer utility service from a supplier and charging for the costs of providing the service or services to lessees. The provider shall be the owner of the residential premises served.
- (j) Single-family dwelling. An individual, freestanding, unattached dwelling unit, typically built on a lot larger than the structure itself, resulting in an area surrounding the house known as a yard, which is rented or available for rental as a residence.
- (k) Supplier. A public utility or an agency or organization exempted from regulation from which a provider purchases water or sewer service.
- (l) Supplier's base charge. The fixed charge imposed by the supplier for providing water and sewer utility service to the provider. This charge may include charges related to the provision of utility service such as the cost of meter reading, billing, and collecting, but may not include charges not related to the provision of utility service, such as stormwater fees, trash collection, or property taxes.

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