

**Town of Brunswick  
Shelter Task Force**

***Working Definitions***

The Shelter Task Force has approved the following working definitions<sup>i</sup>:

*Homeless Shelter - Non-Apartment-Style* means a facility, operated by a not-for-profit corporation or public agency, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary accommodations to homeless persons, free of monetary charge or at nominal cost, in either a dormitory-style or barrack-style arrangement. Accommodations are provided on a temporary basis, meaning that the facility is intended to serve as a refuge and a bridge between homelessness and residency in a suitable fixed location. The facility does not offer, or only minimally may offer, separate units consisting of separate sleeping, eating, and bathroom facilities. Such facility may also provide support services such as food, hygiene, laundry, counseling, job training, and referrals to other agencies.

*Homeless Shelter - Apartment-Style* means a facility, operated by a not-for-profit corporation or public agency, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary accommodations to homeless individuals, grouped as single housekeeping units, free of monetary charge or at nominal cost, in apartment-style units. Accommodations are provided on a temporary basis, meaning that the facility is intended to serve as a refuge and a bridge between homelessness and residency in a suitable fixed location. Each apartment provides housing to a single housekeeping unit and contains sleeping, eating, and bathroom facilities. Such facility may also provide support services such as food, hygiene, laundry, counseling, job training, and referrals to other agencies.

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<sup>i</sup> These working definitions serve as the foundation for the Task Force's discussions regarding zoning and performance standards. The definitions are subject to change as the Shelter Task Force works to fulfill its responsibilities as established by the Town Council.