

## Appendix Z

### Definitions Regarding “Independent Apartments”

#### §46.27(11)(c) and 46.277(5)(d), Wisconsin Statutes

**“Bathroom”** means a separate room within an apartment accessed by a door within the dwelling unit, and that is useable by the resident in a safe manner and contains a fixed basin and a shower or a tub with hot and cold running water, and a flush toilet, all in proper operating condition. The bathroom shall not be shared with other apartments.

**"Kitchen"** means a room or area within an apartment that is useable by the resident in a safe manner and contains suitable space and equipment to store, prepare and serve foods in a sanitary manner. A kitchen must contain: a cooking stove with at least 2 burners or a built-in cook-top or a microwave oven; a refrigerator with freezer and of appropriate size for the number of residents, and a kitchen sink with hot and cold running water.

**"Separate kitchen, bathroom, sleeping and living areas"** means identifiable and useable facilities which may be located within a single habitable room, except for the bathroom which shall always be enclosed and accessed by a door within the dwelling unit. Together these form a complete dwelling unit.

**"Separate lockable entrance and exit"** means individual dwelling unit entry and exits, as required in number, size, type and location by building code, under the control of the resident(s) of the apartment.

**"Independent apartments"** means separate and complete dwelling units each with separate lockable entrance and exit, and for which rent is paid and the premises are occupied by a single family, including a single individual, or household of not more than 2 unrelated adults and their children, in accordance with a written lease or admissions agreement covering a period not less than 30 days. This term shall not include any type of housing in which sleeping accommodations are provided but toileting or cooking facilities are shared by more than 1 family or household.

**"Entirely consists of independent apartments"** means that there are only complete dwelling units on the premises in addition to any public and common space features such as lobby, community recreation, laundry, mail, kitchen and congregate dining areas. Such places shall not be within the same building as a facility providing skilled or intermediate nursing care. Nor shall such place be physically connected to such a facility except by common service units for laundry, kitchen or utility purposes, unless the department finds that residential character is not compromised. Such places may only offer temporary shelter or respite care for less than 30 days in a number of apartments not exceeding 1 per 50 apartments of licensed capacity.