



REGIONAL SENIOR CARE

ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCES

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October 22, 2001

Mr. Jim Clark
City of Rapid City
Building Inspection Department
Rapid City SD 57701

Dear Jim,

This letter is in response to the Uniform Building Code classification of the "Cottages" property at 417 E. Fairmont and your request to be apprised of the physical and mental capacities of the residents of this facility.

The intent of the addition is to add 4 more beds to this facility making a total capacity of 16 residents. The operation and levels of care of the residents will remain the same as when the facility was originally built. The use is not changing just the bed capacity.

Attached are copies of our license and the regulations that state a facility cannot accept or care for residents that are beyond what it is licensed for. The Department of Health surveys each facility annually to make sure that the residents in the facility are not beyond the licenses of the facility.

This facility is a residential group care facility that provides assistance to residents that are capable of achieving mobility sufficient to exit the facility in case of an emergency. By licensure with the South Dakota Department of Health, our residents are required to meet these certain minimum capabilities.

This facility has fire emergency evacuation drills monthly and is inspected on an annual basis by the Department of Health for compliance with health and safety regulations. During the Department of Health inspection a fire drill is completed to assure the surveyors the residents are capable of achieving mobility sufficient to exit the facility in case of an emergency. The facility is staffed 24 hours a day.

If you need additional information please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Joe Linn,
Vice-President Post Acute/Support Services

Sincerely,

David Sandvik, MD
Medical Director

17.04.465

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Date 10-12-01

17.04.465 Lot lines.

"Lot lines" means the lines bounding a lot as defined herein. (Prior code Appendix A, Art. II (part))

17.04.470 Lot line, side.

"Side lot line" means any lot boundary line not a front lot line or a rear lot line. (Prior code Appendix A, Art. II (part))

17.04.475 Lot width.

"Lot width" means the width of a lot at the building setback line measured at right angles to its depth. (Prior code Appendix A, Art. II (part))

17.04.480 Medical facilities.

"Medical facilities" means:

A. "Convalescent, rest or nursing home" means a health facility where persons are housed and furnished with meals and continuing nursing care for compensation;

B. "Dental clinic or medical clinic" means a facility for the examination and treatment of ill and afflicted human outpatients, provided, however, that patients are not kept overnight except under emergency conditions;

C. "Dental office or doctors offices" means the same thing as dental or medical clinic;

D. "Funeral home" means an establishment with facilities for the preparation of the dead for burial or cremation, for the viewing of bodies, and for funerals;

E. "Hospital" means an institution providing health services primarily for human inpatient medical or surgical care for the sick or injured and including related facilities such as laboratories, outpatient departments, training facilities, central services facilities, and staff offices which are an integral part of the facilities;

F. "Public health center" means a facility primarily utilized by a health unit for the provision of public health services including related facilities such as laboratories, clinics, and administrative offices operated in connection therewith;

G. "Sanitorium" means an institution providing health facilities for inpatient medical treatment or treatment and recuperation using natural therapeutic agents. (Prior code Appendix A, Art. II (part))

17.04.485 Minimum floor elevation.

"Minimum floor elevation" means the lowest elevation permissible for the construction, erection, or other placement of any floor, including a basement floor. (Prior code Appendix A, Art. II (part))

17.04.490 Missions.

"Missions" means an activity providing personal assistance on a nonprofit basis to individuals of an indigent status. Such assistance must include food and/or shelter and may, in addition, include religious instruction, counseling, and other incidental services customarily provided by missions. (Prior code Appendix A, Art. II (part))

17.04.495 Mobile home.

"Mobile home" means a movable living unit designed for year-round occupancy, having no foundation other than wheels, jacks or skirtings, and which is capable of being moved, towed or transported by another vehicle. Sometimes referred to as a trailer home. (Prior code Appendix A, Art. II (part))

17.04.500 Mobile home park.

"Mobile home park" means any area, tract or site or plot of land whereupon a minimum of twenty-five mobile homes as herein defined are placed, located or maintained, or intended to be placed, located or maintained, and shall include all accessory buildings used or intended to be used as part of the equipment thereof. (Prior code Appendix A, Art. II (part))

17.04.505 Mobile home space.

"Mobile home space" means a plot of ground within a mobile home area which is designed for and designated as the location for only one automobile and one mobile home and not used for any other purposes whatsoever other than the customary