

Case No. 11-097M

Modifying the Definition of a
Church or Rectory to Allow a
Temporary Not-for-Profit Housing
Shelter as an Accessory Use.

Current Definition

“Church or rectory means a place of worship and religious training including the on-site housing of ministers, rabbis, priests, nuns, and similar staff personnel. Church or rectory shall also include church-operated preschools if the church is situated on a legally conforming lot under applicable subdivision or zoning controls.”

Proposed Definition

“Church or rectory means a place of worship and religious training including the on-site housing of ministers, rabbis, priests, nuns, and similar staff personnel. Church or rectory shall also include church-operated preschools (if the church is situated on a legally conforming lot under applicable subdivision or zoning controls) and/or on-site accessory not-for-profit overnight housing shelter sponsored and operated by the religious entity as a part of its goals, mission or ministry providing temporary free overnight lodging for individuals having no regular home or residential address (“Guests”). The provision of temporary free overnight lodging allowed hereby shall be limited to a maximum of 30 nights per calendar year, shall provide housing for no more than 14 Guests per night, and shall require an annual permit for such accessory use issued by the Chief Building Official.”

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Regulations.