



ARTICLE 24 – ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY BYLAW

Have you ever thought about how you would take care of yourself if you were unable to? Performing routine everyday tasks such as dressing, bathing, and cooking might not be so routine someday.

So where would you go for this care? The answer would be an **Assisted Living Facility**. However, **no such facilities exist here in Seekonk** and without a bylaw they cannot.

How did we get here? Mark Shane, the owner of Swan Brook Assisted Living Facility in Swansea, is exploring the development of a facility in Seekonk since none exists. In response, the Planning Board drafted a bylaw, summarized here:

Synopsis of Bylaw

- Would allow Facilities in residential zones with a special permit. These facilities are residences. They would not be in harmony with commercial or industrial areas.
- Establishes standards to **protect surrounding residential neighborhood**. The Planning Board would decide on the number of units based on the neighborhood.
- A Facility would offer supportive services to individuals who are unable to live independently (see attached definitions).

Benefits to the Town

- Contribute to the tax base and limited need for town services.
- Would be a great neighbor to anyone due to the confined nature of the facility and clientele being served.
- **A needed use because of an aging population and no such facilities exist in Town.**

So if you're interested in planning for your future and staying in this Town, we need you to ***vote YES on Article 24.***

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Assisted Living Residence or Residence - Any entity, however organized, whether conducted for profit or not for profit, which meets all of the following criteria:

- (a) provides room and board; and
- (b) provides, directly by its employees or through arrangements with another organization which the entity may or may not control or own, Personal Care Services for three or more adults who are not related by consanguinity or affinity to their care provider; and
- (c) collects payments or third party reimbursements from or on behalf of Residents to pay for the provision of assistance with the Activities of Daily Living, or arranges for the same.

Activities of Daily Living (ADL) - Tasks related to bathing, dressing, grooming, ambulation, eating, toileting and other similar tasks related to personal care needs.

Personal Care Service - Assistance with one or more of the Activities of Daily Living and Self-Administered Medication Management, either through physical support or supervision. Supervision includes reminding or observing Residents while they perform activities.

Self-Administered Medication Management (SAMM) - A process which includes reminding Residents to take medication, opening containers for Residents, opening prepackaged medication for Residents, reading the medication label to Residents, and observing Residents while they take the medication.