

To better align the proposal with existing code provisions in § 15.2-2201 and § 15.2-2305.1, which address local programs for affordable housing, two definitions need to be changed to recognize that housing burdens result from the combination of rent and utilities and that some rental agreements include utilities while others do not.

Two alternative ways to achieve this friendly amendment are

1. Use the phrase “sum of rent and utilities” as follows:

Change Line 20 either to:

20 "Affordable housing" means a dwelling for which the sum of rent and utilities is no greater than 30 percent of the total

AND

Change Line 30 to:

30 "Moderately priced housing" means housing for which the sum of rent and utilities is no more than 30 percent of the

2. ALTERNATIVELY use the language of other code sections “gross housing costs, including utilities” or similar language “gross housing costs, including rent and utilities”

Change Line 20 to state:

20 "Affordable housing" means a dwelling for which the gross housing costs, including rent and utilities, are is no greater than 30 percent of the total

AND

Change Line 30

"Moderately priced housing" means housing for which the gross housing costs, including rent and utilities, are is no more than 30 percent of the