## § 42A-4. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this Chapter:

- (1) Advanced payments. All payments made by a tenant in a vacation rental agreement to a landlord or the landlord's real estate broker prior to occupancy for the purpose of renting a vacation rental property for a future period of time as specified in the vacation rental agreement.
- (1a) Landlord. An owner of residential property offered for lease as a vacation rental with or without the assistance of a real estate broker.
- (1b) through (1f) Reserved.
- (1g) Real estate broker. A real estate broker as defined in G.S. 93A-2(a).
- (2) Residential property. An apartment, condominium, single-family home, townhouse, cottage, or other property that is devoted to residential use or occupancy by one or more persons for a definite or indefinite period.
- (3) Vacation rental. The rental of residential property for vacation, leisure, or recreation purposes for fewer than 90 days by a person who has a place of permanent residence to which he or she intends to return.
- Vacation rental agreement. A written agreement between a landlord or the landlord's real estate broker and a tenant in which the tenant agrees to rent residential property belonging to the landlord for a vacation rental. (1999-420, s. 1; 2016-98, s. 1.1; 2017-102, s. 13.1.)

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