

**§ 160D-1202. Definitions.**

The following terms shall have the meanings whenever used or referred to as indicated when used in this Part unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

- (1) Owner. – The holder of the title in fee simple and every mortgagee of record.
- (2) Parties in interest. – All individuals, associations, and corporations who have interests of record in a dwelling and any who are in possession thereof.
- (3) Public authority. – Any housing authority or any officer who is in charge of any department or branch of the government of the city, county, or State relating to health, fire, building regulations, or other activities concerning dwellings in the local government.
- (4) Public officer. – The officer or officers who are authorized by ordinances adopted hereunder to exercise the powers prescribed by the ordinances and by this Article. (2019-111, s. 2.4; 2020-3, s. 4.33(a); 2020-25, s. 51(a), (b), (d).)