

## ARTICLE 19.0 DEFINITIONS

### Section 19.01 Purpose.

For the purpose of this Ordinance certain terms are herewith defined.

### Section 19.02 Rules of Construction.

The following rules of construction apply to the text of this Ordinance:

1. All words and phrases shall be construed and understood according to the common and approved usage of the language; but technical words and phrases which have acquired a particular and appropriate meaning in the law or within this Ordinance shall be construed and understood according to such particular and appropriate meaning.
2. The particular shall control the general.
3. Words used in the present tense shall include the future; words used in the singular number shall include the plural; and the plural shall include the singular, unless the context clearly indicates the contrary.
4. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not discretionary. The word "may" is permissive as determined by the Planning Commission.
5. All measurements shall be to the nearest integer, unless otherwise specified herein.
6. The phrase "used for" includes "arranged for," "designed for," "intended for," "occupied for," and "maintained for."
7. The word "building" includes the word "structure." The word "build" includes the words "erect" and "construct." A "building" or "structure" includes any part thereof.
8. The word "dwelling" includes the word "residence," and the word "lot" includes the words "plot" or "parcel."
9. The word "person" includes an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an incorporated association, or any similar entity.
10. Whenever a word or term defined hereinafter appears in the text of this Ordinance, its meaning shall be construed as defined herein. Any term not defined herein shall have the meaning of common or standard use.
11. Unless the context clearly indicates the contrary, where a regulation involves two (2) or more items, conditions, provisions, or events connected by the conjunction "and," "or," "and/or," or "either/or," the conjunction shall be interpreted as follows:
  - a. "And" indicates that all the connected items, conditions, provisions, or events shall apply.
  - b. "Or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, provisions, or events may apply singly or in any combination.

- c. "Either/or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, provisions, or events shall apply singly but not in combination.
  - d. "And/or" indicates that either the conjunctive or the disjunctive may apply, as appropriate in the circumstances.
- 12. Words or phrases in headings shall in no way by their presence or absence limit or affect the meaning of this Ordinance.
  - 13. Where an illustration accompanies any item within this Ordinance, the written text shall have precedence over said illustrations.
  - 14. In computing a period of days in connection with petitioner or applicant submissions, the first day is excluded and the last day is included. If the last day of any period is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the period is extended to include the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

### Section 19.03 Definitions.

Whenever used in this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section:

- 1. **Access Drive.** A private way or improvement designed to provide a physical connection for vehicles from a public road to a developed site.
- 2. **Access Management.** A technique to improve traffic operations along a major roadway and decrease the potential for accidents through the control of driveway locations and design; consideration of the relationship of traffic activity for lots adjacent to, and across from, one another; and the promotion of alternatives to direct access.
- 3. **Access, Reasonable.** A property owner's legal right, incident to property ownership, to access a public road right-of-way. Reasonable access may be indirect and certain turning movements may be prohibited for improved safety and traffic operations.
- 4. **Accessory Use, Building, or Structure.** A use, building, or structure that is clearly incidental to, customarily found in connection with, subordinate to, and is located on the same zoning lot as the principal use to which it is exclusively related. An accessory structure shall not include dwellings, or be used for residential or lodging purposes or sleeping quarters for human beings.
  - a. **Accessory Dwelling.** See "Dwelling, Accessory."
- 5. **Adult Foster Care Facility.** An establishment that provides supervision, personal care, and protection for up to 24 hours a day, five (5) or more days a week, and for two (2) or more consecutive weeks for compensation for adults over 18 years of age. It includes facilities and foster care homes for adults who are aged, mentally ill, developmentally disabled or physically handicapped who require supervision on an ongoing basis but who do not require continuous nursing care.

These facilities may be licensed and regulated by the state under Michigan Public Act 218 of 1979, as amended. An adult foster care facility does not include dependent housing facilities, hospitals, alcohol or substance abuse rehabilitation centers or

residential center for persons released from or assigned to a correctional facility. Adult foster care facilities are classified as follows:

- a. **Adult Foster Care Family Home.** A private residence with the approved capacity to receive six (6) or fewer adults to be provided with foster care for 24 hours a day for five (5) or more days a week and for two (2) or more consecutive weeks. The adult foster care family home licensee is a member of the household and occupant of the residence.
  - b. **Adult Foster Care Small Group Home.** An adult foster care facility with the approved capacity to receive twelve (12) or fewer adults to be provided with foster care.
  - c. **Adult Foster Care Large Group Home.** An adult foster care facility with approved capacity to receive at least 13 but not more than 20 adults to be provided with foster care.
6. **Adult Entertainment Uses and Sexually Oriented Businesses:**
- a. **Adult Arcade.** Any place to which the public is permitted or invited wherein coin-operated or slug operated or electronically, electrically or mechanically controlled still or motion picture machines, projectors or other image-producing devices are maintained to show images to five (5) or fewer persons per machine at any one time, and where the images so displayed are distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matters exhibiting, depicting or describing "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."
  - b. **Adult Book or Video Store.** An establishment having a substantial portion equaling more than twenty percent (20%) of its stock in trade in books, magazines, periodicals or other printed matter, photographs, drawings, slides, films, motion pictures, videos, animations, or other visual representations, recordings and novelty items which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas," or instruments, devices or paraphernalia which are designed for use in connection with "specified sexual activities" or "simulated nudity," which are offered for sale or rental or an establishment with a segment or section devoted to the sale, rental or display of such material, which segment or section exceeds ten percent (10%) of the usable floor area of the establishment. This does not include items used for conception control or for protection from sexually transmitted diseases.
  - c. **Adult Entertainment Cabaret.** A nightclub, bar, lounge or similar commercial establishment, whether licensed by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to offer beer or intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises or not, which provides or features to customers live performances by employees or entertainment personnel which are distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on the exposure of "specified anatomical areas;" an emphasis on "specified sexual activities;" an emphasis on "nudity," "state of nudity," or "simulated nudity;" or a combination of any of the above.

- d. **Adult Model Studio.** Any place where models who display "specified anatomical areas" are present to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed or similarly depicted by persons who pay some form of compensation or gratuity. This definition shall not apply to any accredited art school or similar educational institution.
- e. **Adult Motel.** A hotel, motel or similar commercial establishment which rents or otherwise permits a room to be occupied in exchange for any form of consideration, and also:
- (1) Offers accommodations to the tenant or occupier of the room for any television transmissions, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other photographic reproductions which are distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matters exhibiting, depicting or describing "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas," and has a sign visible from the public right-of-way or otherwise advertises the availability of this type of adult accommodations; or
  - (2) Offers a sleeping room(s) for rent for a period of time that is less than ten (10) hours; or
  - (3) Allows a tenant or occupant of a sleeping room to sub-rent the room for a period of time that is less than ten (10) hours.

Evidence that a sleeping room in a hotel, motel or similar commercial establishment has been rented and vacated two or more times in less than a ten (10) hour period creates a rebuttable presumption that the establishment is operated as an adult motel.

- f. **Adult Motion Picture Theater.** An enclosed building or structure wherein still or motion pictures, videos, animations or similar material is presented or viewed which is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing, or relating to "**Specified Sexual Activities**" or "**Specified Anatomical Areas**" for observation by patrons therein.
- g. **Adult Personal Service Business.** A business having as its principal activity a person, while nude or while displaying specified anatomical areas, providing personal services for another person. Such a business includes, but is not limited to, modeling studios, body-painting studios, wrestling studios and conversation parlors. An adult personal service establishment may include, but is not limited to, establishments commonly known as massage parlors, health spas, sauna baths, Turkish bathhouses, and steam baths.

The following uses shall not be included within the definition of an adult personal service establishment:

- (1) Any establishment, club or business by whatever name designated, which offers or advertises or is equipped or arranged to provide as part of its services, massages, body rubs, body painting, alcohol rubs, physical stimulation, baths or other similar treatment by any person.

- (2) Establishments which routinely provide such services by a licensed physician, a licensed chiropractor, a licensed physical therapist, a licensed practical nurse practitioner or any other similarly licensed or certified medical or healing arts professionals;
- (3) Establishments which offer massages performed by certified massage therapists;
- (4) Gymnasiums, fitness centers and health clubs;
- (5) Electrolysis treatment by a licensed operator of electrolysis equipment;
- (6) Continuing instruction in martial or performing arts or in organized athletic activities;
- (7) Hospitals, nursing homes, medical clinics or medical offices;
- (8) Barber shops, beauty parlors, hair stylists and salons which offer massages by certified massage therapists;
- (9) A bar, nightclub or lounge or other non-sexually oriented business that occasionally promotes a swimsuit or similar contest in which the contestants do not appear "nude" or in "a state of nudity;"
- (10) Adult photography studios whose principal business does not include the taking of photographs of "specified anatomical areas" as defined herein.

h. **Adult Physical Culture Establishment.** Any establishment, club, or business by whatever name designated, which offers or advertises or is equipped or arranged so as to provide as part of its services, massages, body rubs, alcohol rubs, physical stimulation, baths, or other similar treatment by any person. The following uses shall not be included with the definition of an Adult Physical Culture Establishment:

- (1) establishments which routinely provide such services by a licensed physician, a licensed chiropractor, a licensed osteopath, a licensed physical therapist, a licensed practical nurse, or any other similarly licensed medical professional;
- (2) electrolysis treatment by a licensed operator of electrolysis equipment;
- (3) continuing instruction in martial or performing arts or in organized athletic activities;
- (4) hospitals, nursing homes, medical clinics, or medical offices;
- (5) barbershops, beauty parlors, or salons which offer massages to the scalp, face, neck, and shoulders only; and
- (6) therapeutic massage establishments as defined and regulated by this Ordinance.

- i. **Adult Supply Store.** Premises used for the sale, distribution, display, or storage of books, magazines, periodicals, advertisements, devices, objects, toys, paraphernalia, videos, or similar materials which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matter depicting, describing, or relating to "**Specified Sexual Activities**" or "**Specified Anatomical Areas.**"
- j. **Adult Theater.** A theater, concert hall, auditorium or similar commercial establishment which regularly features persons who appear in a state of nudity or features live performances which are distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on the exposure of "specified anatomical areas" or by an emphasis on "specified sexual activities."
  - (1) **Adult Motion Picture Arcade or Miniature-Motion Picture Theater.** Any place where motion picture machines, projectors or other image producing devices are maintained to show images to five (5) or fewer persons per machine at any one time, and where the images displayed depict, describe or relate to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."
  - (2) **Adult Motion Picture Theater.** A commercial establishment which regularly features non-live performances or entertainment such as films, motion pictures, videos, animations or similar photographic reproductions which are distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matters exhibiting, depicting or describing "specified sexual activities or "specified anatomical areas."
  - (3) **Adult Outdoor Motion Picture Theater.** A drive-in theater where a substantial portion of the material presented is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" for observation by patrons of the theater. Such establishment is customarily not open to the public generally, but only to one or more classes of the public, excluding any minor by reason of age.
- k. **Escort Service.** An establishment that provides the services of escorting members of the opposite sex for payment of a fee.
- l. **Nude Modeling Business.** An establishment where an employee or entertainment personnel performs a massage or "specified sexual activities" while appearing in a "state of nudity," "simulated nudity" or while displaying "specified anatomical areas," and is also provided or allowed to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed or similarly depicted to customers.
- m. **Nude Modeling Studio.** An establishment where an employee or entertainment personnel appears in a "state of nudity," "simulated nudity" or displays "specified anatomical areas," and is also provided or allowed to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed or similarly depicted to customers.
- n. **Sexually Oriented Encounter Center.** A commercial enterprise that, for any form of consideration or prize, offers physical activities, contact, wrestling or tumbling between male and female persons or between persons of the same sex, when one or more of the persons is in a "state of nudity" or

“simulated nudity” and the activity is intended to provide sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to its customers.

- o. **Sexual Paraphernalia Store.** An establishment having a substantial portion of its stock-in-trade devoted to the distribution, display or storage, of instruments, devices or paraphernalia designed for use related to “specified anatomical areas” or as part of, in connection with or related to “specified sexual activities” (as defined herein) or an establishment with a segment or section devoted to the sale or display of such material.
  
- p. **Special Definitions.** With respect to adult uses or sexually oriented businesses, the following terms and phrases shall have the following meanings:
  - (1) **Massage Parlor.** An establishment wherein private massage is practiced or made available as a principal use of the premises.
  
  - (2) **Nudity or State of Nudity.** Appearing while any of the following portions of the human body are less than completely and opaquely covered:
    - (a) Genitals, whether or not in a state of sexual arousal;
    - (b) Pubic region or pubic hair;
    - (c) Buttock(s);
    - (d) The portions of the female breast(s) beginning from a point immediately above the top of the areola and continuing downward to the lowest portion of the breast(s); or
    - (e) Any combination of the above.
  
  - (3) **Nudity, Simulated.** A state of dress in which any artificial device of covering is worn on a person and exposed to view so as to simulate an actual “state of nudity.”
  
  - (4) **Sexual Intercourse.** Fellatio, cunnilingus, anal intercourse or any other intrusion, however slight, of any part of a person’s body or of any object, into the genital or anal openings of another’s body.
  
- q. **Specified Anatomical Areas.** Portions of the human body defined as follows:
  - (1) Less than completely and opaquely covered;
    - (a) Human genitalia and pubic region;
    - (b) Buttock and anus; or
    - (c) Female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola.
  
  - (2) Human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered.

- r. **Specified Sexual Activities.** The explicit display of one or more of the following:
    - (1) Human genitals in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal;
    - (2) Fondling or other erotic touching of human genitalia, pubic region, buttocks, anus or female breast;
    - (3) Human sex acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated including, but not limited to human masturbation oral copulation, sexual intercourse or sodomy;
    - (4) Human excretory functions as part of or as related to, any of the activities described above;
    - (5) Physical violence, bondage, mutilation or rape, actual or simulated, as part of or related to, any of the activities described above.
  - s. **Substantial Portion.** A use of activity accounting for more than twenty percent (20%) of any stock-in-trade, sales revenue, display space, floor space, viewing time, movie display time or entertainment time measured per month.
7. **Agriculture.** The use of land for the production of plants and animals useful to humans, including, but not limited to, forage and sod crops, grains, feed crops, field crops, dairy products, poultry and poultry products, livestock, herbs, flowers, seeds, grasses, nursery stock, fruits, vegetables, Christmas trees, and other similar uses and activities operated on contiguous, neighboring, or associated land as a single unit carried on by the owner-operator, manager, or tenant farmer by his or her own labor or with assistance of members or his or her household or hired employees. See also "**Farming...**"
8. **Agricultural Service Establishment.** A facility for the performing of corn shelling; grain storage; hay baling and threshing; sorting, grading, and packing fruits and vegetables for the grower; farm produce milling and processing for the grower; grain cleaning; and similar animal husbandry, horticultural, and farm-support services.
9. **Aircraft Landing Strip.** The use of land solely by the owner of the property for the landing or takeoff of aircraft, and which may provide facilities and services for the shelter, supply or care of privately owned aircraft, but does not include the regular receiving or discharging of passengers or cargo for remuneration. The landing strip shall not make a commercial district, nor shall its use be deemed a commercial activity.
10. **Alterations.**
- a. **Structural.** A change, addition or modification to; or enlargement, rearrangement, replacement or removal of the construction of structural parts, means of egress or supporting members of a building, such as bearing walls, columns, beams, girders, roof or exterior walls.
  - b. **Building.** A change, addition or modification to; or enlargement or rearrangement of the type of occupancy, height, area, location, design or approved method of functioning.



- c. **Sign.** A change, addition or modification to; or enlargement, rearrangement, replacement or removal of any part of any sign, including the sign copy area.
11. **Amusement Center, Indoor.** Business from which the proprietor's primary income is derived from the operation of pool tables, billiard tables, or amusement devices, or equipment of a similar nature, as distinguished from those businesses wherein such tables, devices or similar equipment are clearly accessory uses and do not generate the proprietor's primary income.
- a. **Amusement Device.** A pinball machine, video game, ski-ball machine, air-hockey machine, motion picture machine, shuffleboard, miniature pool table or any other similar machine, instrument or contrivance which may be operated or set in motion upon the insertion of a coin or where the proprietor charges a flat rate to use the device.
  - b. **Arcade.** A place of business that has in operation an excess of five (5) mechanical amusement devices; electronic tables featuring bowling, basketball, football, or the like; or electronic games of skill or dexterity utilizing video tapes or video screen or T.V. adaptations; or similar activities for hire or amusement.
- 11a. **Amusement Center, Outdoor.** Business conducted primarily outside of a building from which the proprietor's primary income is derived from the operation of miniature golf, batting cages, outdoor paintball or laser tag courts, and similar facilities.
12. **Animal, Domestic.** An animal that has traditionally, through long association with humans, lived in a state of dependence upon humans or under the dominion and control of humans and has been kept as tame pets no longer possessing a disposition or inclination to escape or to bite without provocation nor cause death, maiming, or illness of a human, nor used for commercial breeding purposes. Domestic animals shall include the following:
- a. Bird (caged)
  - b. Cat (domestic)
  - c. Prairie Dog (bred)
  - d. Chinchilla
  - e. Dog
  - f. Ferret
  - g. Fish (non-biting or non-poisonous)
  - h. Lizard (non-poisonous)
  - i. Marmoset (bred)
  - j. Primate (only as a trained aide for a disabled person)
  - k. Rodent (bred)
  - l. Snake (non-poisonous)
  - m. Spider (non-poisonous)
13. **Animal, Wild or Exotic.** Any animal not indigenous to the Township; incapable of being completely domesticated; requiring the exercise of art, force, or skill to keep it in subjection; or that a person is prohibited from possessing by law. Wild or exotic animals shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- a. Alligator and crocodile (family)
  - b. Badger
  - c. Bear
  - d. Bird (wild)
  - e. Cat (wild family)

f.	Wolf or coyote	m.	Primate (family)
g.	Deer (family)	n.	Raccoon
h.	Fish (biting and or poisonous)	o.	Snake and other reptile (poisonous)
i.	Lemur	p.	Skunk
j.	Lizard (poisonous)	q.	Spider (poisonous)
k.	Marten	r.	Weasel (family)
l.	Opossum (family)	s.	Wild boar or swine (family)

14. **Appeal.** An entreaty or petition for a hearing or review of facts or actions in connection with the public enforcement of this Ordinance.
15. **Architectural Feature.** The architectural style, design, general arrangement, and components of the exterior surfaces of a building, including the type, color, and texture of building material(s), cornices, eaves, gutters, belt courses, sills, lintels, bays, ornaments, windows, doors, lights, and other surface or raised details and fixtures appurtenant to the building.
16. **Automobile Service and Repair.** See “**Motor Vehicle Repair Station**” and “**Motor Vehicle Service Center.**”
17. **Awning.** Any overhead protective structure that is constructed in such a manner as to allow pedestrians or vehicles to pass under.
18. **Balcony.** An exterior floor projecting from and supported by a structure without additional independent supports.
19. **Bar.** An establishment licensed by the State of Michigan and principally used for the retail sale and service of beer, wine or intoxicating liquor for consumption by patrons on the premises; where more than thirty percent (30%) of the gross floor area is made up of a barrier or counter at which any alcoholic beverages are sold or served to and consumed by customers. Also see “**Controlled Uses.**”
20. **Basement.** That portion of a building wholly or partly below grade, but so constructed that the vertical distance from the average grade to the basement floor is greater than the vertical distance from the average grade to the basement ceiling. This definition shall not apply to earth-bermed or earth-sheltered homes. A basement shall not be counted as a story except as provided for in the definition of “**Story.**” (see “**Basic Structural Terms**” illustration).
21. **Bed and Breakfast Inn.** A dwelling in which overnight accommodations are provided or offered for transient guests for compensation as an accessory use, including provisions for a morning meal for overnight guests only.
22. **Bedroom.** A room in a dwelling used for or intended to be used solely for sleeping purposes by human beings.
23. **Berm.** See “**Landscaping.**”

24. **Big Box.** A principal building designed, intended, or used by one (1) or more COMMERCIAL USES, as specified in Article 20.0 (Land Use Table), and with 50,000 square feet or more of ground floor area.
  - a. **Big Box COMMERCIAL USE.** A COMMERCIAL USE, as specified in Article 20.0 (Land Use Table) that occupies or is intended to occupy 50,000 square feet or more of ground floor area in a principal building.
25. **Block.** The property abutting one (1) side of a road and lying between the two (2) nearest intersecting roads; railroad right-of-way; alley; un-subdivided acreage; lake, river or stream; boundary lines of the Township; or any other barrier to the continuity of development (see "**Block**" illustration).
26. **Brewpub.** A restaurant or tavern (as defined within this Ordinance) licensed by the State of Michigan to produce and manufacture not more than 5,000 barrels of beer per calendar year in Michigan, and sell at retail on the premises the beer produced and manufactured for consumption on or off the premises, as provided for in MCLA 436.31b and 436.31c.
27. **Buffer, Land Use.** A transitional land use for the purpose of limiting the impact of one land use on another (such as but not limited to a greenbelt, planting strip, undeveloped zone of defined width, or combination thereof) which is placed as a separating element between different land uses or between new development and abutting rural areas.
28. **Buffer, Wetland or Watercourse.** A land area of defined width consisting of or improved with native or natural vegetation, abuts a water course or wetland, and which is intended or designed to impact water temperature, reduce soil erosion, filter surface water runoff or intercept contaminants that would otherwise degrade water quality or wildlife habitat.
29. **Builder.** A person or entity that oversees and is responsible for the construction or alteration of a building or structure within the Township.
30. **Building.** A structure having a roof supported by columns or walls for the housing or enclosure of persons, animals, chattels, materials, equipment or similar items. This shall include tents, awnings or vehicles situated on private land and used for purposes of a building.
  - a. **Accessory Structure.** A structure or portion of a principal building, subordinate to and on the same premises as the principal building(s), the use of which is incidental to, customarily associated with, and subordinate to that of the principal building and use. Accessory structures shall include garages, garden equipment sheds, small greenhouses, and swimming pools (see "**Accessory Structure**" illustration).
  - b. **Principal Building.** A building or, where the context so indicates, a group of buildings, which are permanently affixed to the land and which are built, used, designed, or intended for the shelter or enclosure of the principal use of the parcel.
  - c. **Building Setback.** The line parallel to the front lot line or road right-of-way line that defines the separation distance required from the road right-of-way or front lot line.

31. **Building Envelope.** The portion(s) of a lot located outside of all road and other rights-of-way, utility and other easements, and required perimeter yard setback areas. The building envelope shall not include any areas determined to be unbuildable due to soil conditions, slopes, wetlands or other factors (see "**Building Envelope**" illustration).
32. **Building Line.** The line formed by the junction of the plane of the outer surface of the building with the plane of the finish grade or surface of the adjoining ground (see "**Accessory Structure**" illustration).
33. **Building Inspector.** The person or persons designated to administer and enforce the State Construction Code.
34. **Bulk.** The size and setback of a building or structure and the location of same with respect to another building or structure or to a lot line and includes the following:
  - a. the size and height of a building or structure;
  - b. the location of the exterior wall of a building in relation to a lot line, street or other building;
  - c. the floor area of a building in relation to the area of the lot on which it is located;
  - d. the open spaces allocated to and surrounding a building; and
  - e. the amount of lot area per dwelling unit.
35. **Cabaret.** See "**Cocktail Lounge.**"
36. **Caliper-inch.** The measurement of the diameter of a tree trunk. The caliper of a multiple-trunk tree is determined by the full caliper of the largest trunk plus half the caliper of the other trunks.
37. **Car Wash.** A commercial establishment contained within a building or premises or portion thereof where the exterior or interior of automobiles, trucks or other motor vehicles or recreational vehicles are automatically or manually cleaned.
38. **Carport.** A partially open accessory structure and shelter for housing of vehicles. Such structure shall comply with all yard requirements applicable to private garages.
39. **Child Day Care Home.** See "**Day Care Center.**"
40. **Cemetery.** Land used for the burial of the dead, including columbiums and mausoleums.
41. **Certificate of Zoning Compliance.** See "**Zoning Compliance Permit.**"
42. **Child Day Care Home.** See "**Day Care Center.**"
43. **Church, Temple, Place of Worship or Religious Institution.** A type of institutional use or site used for the regular assembly of persons, for the conducting of religious services, and for related accessory uses, including offices and living quarters for church ministry and other members of the religious order who carry out their duties primarily on the site, religious education classes, day care and limited

recreation facilities. Rescue missions, tent revivals and other temporary assemblies are not included in this definition. See also "**Institutional Uses.**"

44. **Civic Club.** A type of institutional use or organization of persons for special purposes or for the promulgation of sports, arts, sciences, literature, politics or the like, but not operated for profit.
45. **Clinic, Medical.** An establishment where human patients who are not lodged overnight are admitted for examination and treatment by a group of physicians, dentists, or similar professionals. A medical clinic may incorporate customary laboratories and pharmacies incidental to or necessary for its operation or to the service of its patients, but may not include facilities for overnight patient care or major surgery.
46. **Cocktail Lounge.** An establishment licensed by the State of Michigan to sell at retail and serve alcoholic beverages on the premises where more than thirty percent (30%) of the gross floor area is made up of a barrier or counter at which any alcoholic beverages are sold or served to and consumed by customers, and also including areas dedicated for the use of stages, dance floors, standing-room areas, pool tables and similar mechanical amusement devices. Also see "**Controlled Uses.**"
47. **Commercial Shooting Range.** A business that is established with the goal of making a profit by providing individuals with a place to participate in organized or casual target shooting. This does not include recreational shooting by private property owners and their guests on their privately owned property.
48. **Commercial Vehicle.** Any motor vehicle or trailer whose characteristics are described below:
  - a. Used for the transportation of passengers for hire;
  - b. Constructed or used for the transportation of goods, wares, or merchandise for hire or sale;
  - c. Designed and used for carrying, towing, or pulling other vehicles;
  - d. A commercial vehicle capable of attaching to and propelling semi-trailers and similar units, and which is not customarily operated without an attached trailer;
  - e. A semi-trailer unit customarily attached to and propelled by a truck tractor vehicle, but which can be detached to stand alone, including trailers with flat beds, stake beds, roll-off beds, tanker bodies, dump bodies and full or partial box-type enclosures, any of which above units exceeds twelve (12) feet in height;
  - f. A cab and chassis with a stake, rack, dump body, wrecker body, tanker body or any other body, the mounted height of which exceeds the height of the cab roof by more than eight (8) inches;
  - g. Construction equipment such as backhoes, power shovels, bulldozers, earth moving equipment, and similar vehicles; and
  - h. Any vehicle that has or requires commercial license plates.

49. **Common Land.** A parcel or parcels of land with the improvements thereon, the use, maintenance and enjoyment of which are intended to be shared by the owners or occupants of individual building units in a subdivision or a planned unit development.
50. **Composting.** A controlled process of degrading compostable organic material by microorganisms.
- a. **Compostable Material.** Compostable or organic matter and material shall include typical yard wastes and clippings, such as and limited to leaves, grass clippings, vegetable, garden, or agricultural plantings debris, shrubbery or brush, weeds, tree trimmings less than four (4) feet in length and two (2) inches in diameter, that can be converted to compost humus. This term does not include stumps, roots, animal waste, sewage sludge, or garbage.
- b. **Composting Methods.** Composting may be achieved by several methods:
- (1) **Mechanical.** A method in which the compost is continuously and mechanically mixed and aerated;
- (2) **Ventilated cell.** Compost is mixed and aerated by being dropped through a vertical series of ventilated cells; and,
- (3) **Windrow.** An open-air method in which compostable material is placed in windrows, piles, or ventilated bins or pits and occasionally turned or mixed. The process may be anaerobic or aerobic, however, for purposes of this Ordinance only aerobic is permitted. Furthermore, sheet composting is not permitted.
- c. **Composting Support Service Facility.** Those structures and spaces necessary for the operation of a composting facility. Such support services shall be devoted exclusively to the facility to which they are adjacent.
- d. **Sheet Composting.** The composting of material that is spread in a thin layer over a large surface area on the ground in a sheet-like manner.
51. **Conditional Use.** See "Use, Special."
52. **Condominium.** A condominium is a system of separate ownership of individual units or multiple-unit projects according to the state Condominium Act. In addition to the interest acquired in a particular unit, each unit owner is also a tenant in common in the underlying fee and in the spaces and building parts used in common by all the unit owners.
- a. **Condominium Act.** Act 59 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1978, as amended.
- b. **Condominium Conversion.** A condominium project containing condominium units that were occupied before the establishment of the condominium project.
- c. **Condominium Master Deed.** The condominium document recording the condominium project as approved by the Township, including attached exhibits, and incorporated by reference the approved bylaws for the project and the approved condominium subdivision plan.

- d. **Condominium Subdivision Plan.** Drawings and information which show the size, location, area, and boundaries of each condominium unit, building locations, the nature, location, and approximate size of common elements, and other information required by Section 66 of the Condominium Act.
- e. **Condominium Unit.** The portion of the condominium project designed and intended for separate ownership as described in the master deed, regardless of whether it is intended for residential, office, industrial, business, recreational, use as a time-share unit or any other type of use.
- f. **Contractible Condominium.** A condominium project from which any portion of the submitted land or building may be withdrawn per provisions of the condominium documents, this Ordinance, and the Condominium Act.
- g. **Convertible Area.** A unit or a portion of the common elements of the condominium project referred to in the condominium documents within which additional condominium units or general or limited common elements may be created pursuant to provisions in the condominium documents and in accordance with this Ordinance and the Condominium Act.
- h. **Expandable Condominium.** A condominium project to which additional land may be added pursuant to express provision in the condominium documents and in accordance with this Ordinance and the Condominium Act.
- i. **General Common Element.** The common elements other than the limited common elements intended for the common use of all co-owners.
- j. **Limited Common Element.** A portion of the common elements reserved in the master deed for the exclusive use of less than all of the co-owners.
- k. **Site Condominium.** All allocation or division of land permitted under the Condominium Act, which permits single-family detached housing pursuant to a master deed.
- l. **Site Condominium Project.** A condominium project designed to function in a similar manner or as an alternative to a platted subdivision. A residential site condominium project shall be considered as equivalent to a platted subdivision for purposes of regulation in this Ordinance.
- m. **Site Condominium Lot.** The area designating the perimeter within which the condominium unit must be built. After construction of the condominium unit, the balance of the condominium unit site shall become a limited common element. The term "condominium unit site" shall be equivalent to the term "lot" for purposes of determining compliance of a site condominium subdivision with the provisions of this Ordinance pertaining to minimum lot size, minimum lot width, minimum lot coverage and maximum floor area ratio. Condominium setbacks shall be measured as described below:
  - (1) **Front Yard Setback.** The distance between the centerline of the public road right-of-way or private road easement line and the foundation of the unit site. Where there is no public right-of-way or access easement, the front yard setback required in the district shall equal two hundred percent (200%) of the minimum required setback

for the zoning district, and shall be measured from the centerline of the road pavement to the foundation of the unit.

- (2) **Side Yard Setback.** The distance between the side of a condominium building unit and the side unit (lot) line. Where no unit (lot) lines are provided, the distance between the closest points of two (2) units shall be double the side yard setback required in the zoning district.
  - (3) **Rear Yard Setback.** The perimeter shall be the distance between the limit of the development and the rear of the unit; within the development rear yards setbacks shall be measured as the distance between the rear building line and the rear site (lot) line or where lot lines are not defined, the space between the rear building lines of two (2) buildings shall be double the rear yard setback required in the zoning district.
53. **Construction.** The mass grading and similar site work conducted upon land in preparation for a new use, establishment of necessary site improvements for a new use, and development of a new structure, relocation of a structure, or addition to an existing structure on land in the Township.
  54. **Controlled Uses.** Certain uses that are recognized as an impediment to stable growth and development because of their disruptive and deleterious effect on adjacent properties, especially when constructed near residential zones. The following uses are defined as controlled uses for the purposes of this Ordinance:
    - a. Adult businesses and sexually oriented uses.
    - b. Bars, cabarets, cocktail lounges, nightclubs, and pool or billiard halls and other amusement centers where beer, wine, or intoxicating liquor is sold for consumption on the premises. Pool or billiard halls without liquor sales shall be regulated as an "amusement center" under this Ordinance.
    - c. Pawnshops or collateral loan and/or exchange establishments.
    - d. Specially designated distributor's establishment or specially designated merchant's establishment, as licensed by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.
  55. **Convenience Store.** A retail store designed to attract a large volume of stop-and-go customer traffic, and stocked primarily to sell food, beverages, and other household supplies to customers who purchase relatively few items per visit.
  56. **Corner Clearance Zone or Area.** A triangular area, formed at an intersection of road rights-of-way by a straight line drawn from one right-of-way line to the other at points set a specific distance from the intersection point.
  57. **Cul-de-Sac.** A dead-end public or private road that terminates in a circular or semicircular section of road that allows for vehicle turnaround.
  58. **Curb Cut.** The entrance to or exit from a property provided for vehicular traffic to or from a public or private thoroughfare.



59. **Day Care Center.** A non-residential facility, as licensed by the State of Michigan, receiving one (1) or more adults or preschool or school age children for care and supervision for periods of less than 24 hours a day, unattended by a parent or legal guardian. This includes a facility that provides care for not less than two (2) consecutive weeks, regardless of the number of hours of care per day. This shall not include a facility or program operated by a religious organization where children are cared for while their parents or guardians attend associated religious services. This facility is also described as a childcare center, day nursery, nursery school, parent cooperative preschool or drop-in center.
- a. **Adult Day Care Facility.** A facility which provides daytime care for part of a day but less than 24 hours for functionally impaired elderly persons through a structured program of social and rehabilitative or maintenance services in a supportive group setting other than the client's home.
  - b. **Family Child Day Care Home.** A private residential dwelling, as licensed by the State of Michigan, in which up to six (6) minor children are received for care and supervision for periods of less than 24 hours a day, unattended by a parent or legal guardian, except children related to an adult member of the resident family by blood, marriage or adoption.
  - c. **Group Child Day Care Home.** A private residential dwelling, as licensed by the State of Michigan, in which up to twelve (12) children are given care and supervision for periods of less than 24 hours a day unattended by a parent or legal guardian except children related to an adult member of the resident family by blood, marriage or adoption.
60. **Dealership.** A building or premises used primarily for the sale or rental of new and used motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, or trucks.
61. **Deck.** A platform, commonly constructed of wood, which is typically attached to a dwelling unit, and which is typically used for outdoor leisure activities.
62. **Dedicated Open Space.** See "Open Space."
63. **Demolition.** An act or process which destroys a site or structure in its entirety, or which destroys a part of a site or structure and permanently impairs its structural, historic or architectural integrity.
64. **Density.** The number of dwelling units per net acre of land.
65. **Detention basin.** A facility designed for holding stormwater runoff for a limited period before releasing it to a natural watercourse.
66. **Development.** The construction of a new building, reconstruction of an existing building, or improvement of a structure on a parcel or lot, the relocation of an existing building to another lot, or the site work conducted upon land in preparation for a new use. See also "Construction."
67. **Development Agreement.** An agreement, as required under this Ordinance, entered into between the Township and the owner(s)/developer(s) of any property upon which a residential, commercial, industrial, or other land use is to take place.
68. **Developer.** A person or entity that owns, oversees, and is responsible for construction of a new building, reconstruction of an existing building, or

improvement of a structure on a parcel or lot, the relocation of an existing building to another lot, or the site work conducted upon land in preparation for a new use.

69. **Diameter Breast Height (D.B.H.).** The diameter of a tree measured in inches at four and one-half (4½) feet above the existing ground level.
70. **Distribution Center.** A use which typically involves both warehouse and office/administrative functions, where short- and/or long-term storage takes place in connection with the distribution operations of a wholesale or retail supply business.
71. **District.** A portion of the Township within which certain uses of land or buildings are permitted and within which certain regulations apply under this Ordinance. This term is synonymous with the term "**Zoning District.**"
72. **Downshielded.** See "**Lighting.**"
73. **Drive-In Establishments.** A business establishment that provides facilities or spaces for the purpose of serving patrons in or momentarily stepped away from their motor vehicles, or to facilitate consumption within motor vehicles.
74. **Drive-Through Lanes or Establishments.** Facilities or spaces for the purpose of serving patrons from a window or booth while in their motor vehicles, rather than within a structure.
75. **Driveways.** A hard-surfaced access connecting parking spaces for motor vehicles with a road or alley, and permitting ingress/egress of a motor vehicle.
76. **Dwelling.** A residential unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one (1) family, including permanent living, sleeping, cooking, eating, and sanitation facilities.
  - a. **Apartment.** A suite of rooms or a room in a multiple-family or commercial building arranged and intended as a place of residence for one (1) family or a group of individuals living together as a single housekeeping unit.
  - b. **Accessory Dwelling.** A dwelling unit for one (1) family located within a principal building occupied by a permitted use in the district, with separate and individual kitchen, bath and toilet facilities, and a separate and distinct private entrance. Examples may include a caretaker's residence, resident manager's dwelling unit, "mother-in-law" apartment, and residence for security personnel, as permitted in the district.
  - c. **Efficiency Apartment.** A dwelling unit with a bathroom and principal kitchen facilities designed as a self contained unit for living, cooking, and sleeping purposes, and having no separate designated bedroom.
  - d. **Attached Dwelling.** A dwelling unit attached to one (1) or more dwelling units by common major structural elements.
  - e. **Detached Dwelling.** A dwelling unit that is not attached to any other dwelling unit by any means.
  - f. **Manufactured Dwelling.** A building or portion of a building designed for long-term residential use and characterized by all of the following:

- (1) The structure is produced in a factory in accordance with the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act, as amended.
  - (2) The structure is designed to be transported to the site in a nearly complete form, where it is placed on a foundation and connected to utilities.
  - (3) The structure is designed to be used as either an independent building or as a module to be combined with other elements to form a complete building on the site.
- g. **Modular Dwelling.** A dwelling which consists of prefabricated units transported to the site in two (2) or more sections on a removable undercarriage or flat-bed and assembled for permanent location upon a permanent foundation on the lot, and to which such major elements as the heating system or a substantial portion of the siding are installed after transport.
  - h. **Multiple Family Building.** A building divided into apartments, townhouses or stacked flats and designed for residential occupancy by three (3) or more families and so designed and arranged as to provide cooking and kitchen accommodations and sanitary facilities for three (3) or more families.
  - i. **Site Built Dwelling.** A dwelling unit that is substantially built, constructed, assembled, and finished on the lot intended to serve as its final location. Site-built dwelling units shall include dwelling units constructed of precut materials, and paneled wall, roof and floor sections where such sections require substantial on-site assembly and finishing.
  - j. **Single-Family Dwelling.** A building designed exclusively for residential occupancy by not more than one (1) family.
  - k. **Stacked Flats Building.** A building occupied by three (3) or more families, where dwellings are divided by party walls in the horizontal plane and floor-ceiling assemblies in the vertical plane. Each dwelling unit is capable of individual use and maintenance, and access, utilities, and service facilities are independent for each dwelling.
  - l. **Townhouse.** A dwelling in a multiple-family building that is divided from the dwelling adjacent to it by a party wall extending the full height of the building. Each townhouse dwelling shall be capable of individual use and maintenance, and access, utilities, and service facilities shall be independent for each dwelling.
  - m. **Two-Family or Duplex Dwelling.** A building designed exclusively for residential occupancy by two (2) families, where dwellings are divided by party walls in the horizontal plane or floor-ceiling assemblies in the vertical plane.
77. **Earth-Sheltered Home.** A complete building partially below grade that is designed to conserve energy and intended to be used as a single-family dwelling.

78. **Easement.** A grant of one (1) or more of the property rights by a property owner to or for use by the public or another person or entity.
79. **Elderly Housing.** See "**Senior Housing.**"
80. **Enforcement Official.** The person or persons designated by the Township to be responsible for enforcing and administering this Ordinance. The Enforcement Official may be referred to as the **Zoning Administrator, Township Planner, Township Engineer** or their agents. Such titles do not refer to a specific individual, but rather indicate the office to which the person(s) may hold.
81. **Erect.** To build, construct, reconstruct, move, attach, hang, place, suspend, affix, paint or undertake any physical operation on the premises required for development of a building, sign, site or structure; including, but not limited to construction, grading, excavations, fill, and drainage activities.
82. **Essential Services.** The erection, construction, alteration or maintenance, by public utilities or municipal departments, of underground, surface or overhead gas, electrical, steam, fuel or water transmission or distribution systems or collection, communication, supply or disposal systems therewith that are reasonably necessary for the furnishing of adequate service for the general health, safety and welfare.
- a. Poles, wires, mains, drains, sewers, pipes, conduits, transformers, splice boxes, cables, towers, fire alarm boxes, police call boxes, traffic signals, hydrants or similar equipment and accessories associated with an essential service shall be considered essential services under this Ordinance.
- b. Wireless communication facilities, wind energy conversion systems (WECS), private community wastewater treatment and disposal systems (PCWS), and utility buildings and storage yards shall not be considered essential services under this Ordinance.
83. **Excavation.** Any act by which an amount in excess of fifty (50) cubic yards of any soil or rock which is cut into, dug, quarried, uncovered, removed, displaced, or relocated in any calendar year is excavated or removed except excavation in connection with the construction of a building or within public highway rights-of-way.
84. **Extraction Operation.** Any pit, excavation or mining operation for the purposes of searching for or removing any earth, sand, gravel, clay, stone or other non-metallic mineral in excess of 50 cubic yards per calendar year. The term shall not include an oil well or excavation preparatory to the construction of a structure, road or pipeline.
85. **Exception.** An exclusion from the normal Zoning Ordinance rules and regulations allowed by the Zoning Board of Appeals under certain conditions.
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87. **Facade.** The vertical plane of the exterior surface of a building, including all visible architectural, decorative, and structural features.
88. **Family.** Means either of the following:
- a. A domestic family, that is, one or more persons living together and related by the bonds of consanguinity (blood), marriage, or adoption, together with servants of the principal occupants and not more than one additional

unrelated person, with all of such individuals being domiciled together as a single, domestic, housekeeping unit in a dwelling.

- b. The functional equivalent of the domestic family, that is, persons living together in a dwelling unit whose relationship is of a permanent and distinct character and is the functional equivalent of a domestic family with a demonstrable and recognizable bond that constitutes the functional equivalent of the bonds that render the domestic family a cohesive unit. All persons of the functional equivalent of the domestic family must be cooking and otherwise housekeeping as a single, nonprofit unit. This definition shall not include any society, club, fraternity, sorority, association, lodge, coterie, organization or group where the common living arrangement or the basis for the establishment of the functional equivalency of the domestic family is likely or contemplated to exist for a limited or temporary duration. There shall be a rebuttable presumption enforceable by the Zoning Administrator in the first instance that the number of persons who may reside as a functional equivalent family shall be limited to six (6). Such presumption may be rebutted by appeal of the Zoning Administrator's determination to the Zoning Board of Appeals, subject to the standards of this Ordinance for such appeals.

89. **Farm-Based Tourism/Entertainment Activities.** Activities accessory to an active farming or agricultural operation that promote agriculture, rural lifestyle, or farm product sales; preserve rural open space; enhance the local agricultural economy; expand the range of revenue sources from agriculture; improve understanding and knowledge of agriculture among non-farmers; and/or diversify the types of farm products available to consumers. Such activities may include but are not limited to agricultural festivals and events, farm-based attractions, corn mazes, farm markets, wineries, cider mills, and farm-based educational centers.
90. **Farm Market.** A principal or temporary use that may include the sale of agricultural, horticultural, or aquacultural farm products including but not limited to perennials, annuals, bulbs, herbs, fruits, vegetables, seeds, mulch, dried flowers, honey, and similar products.
91. **Farm Products Direct Marketing Business.** A business operation accessory to an active farm operation for sales, trade, and delivery of farm produce, herbs, flowers, seeds, fruits, vegetables, Christmas trees, and other agricultural products directly to the end user, but which does not include an on-site store or retail sales to the general public. Examples: direct sales and deliveries of fruits and vegetables to area restaurants; and cooperatives with regular deliveries of produce in season to co-op owners.
92. **Farming and Active Agricultural Uses.** See also "Agriculture."
  - a. **Farm.** The land, buildings, and machinery used in the commercial production of farm products. Farm products are plants and animals useful to human beings, including forages and sod crops, grains and feed crops, dairy and dairy products, poultry and poultry products, livestock, fruits, vegetables, flowers, seeds, grasses, trees, fish, apiaries, equine, and other similar animals and products.
    - (1) Farms shall not include establishments exclusively for keeping or raising of fur-bearing animals, private riding arenas or boarding

stables, kennels, or greenhouses; except where such RURAL USES are permitted by this Ordinance.

- (2) A farm permitted by this Ordinance is not intended nor implied to permit storage or use of the site for trucking, equipment, vehicle repairs or sales, contractor yards, stump removal or processing, snow removal businesses, lawn maintenance businesses or any other activities other than those RURAL USES permitted by this Ordinance or incidental to the active agricultural use.
- b. **Farm Structures.** Any structure constructed, maintained, and used on a farm, and which is essential and customarily used for agricultural operations, including barns, silo, granary, milkhouse, and similar structures, but not including any building used as a dwelling.
- c. **Farm Labor Housing.** Temporary facilities provided for the housing of workers who are employed in the seasonal planting, harvesting, or processing of crops. This term is synonymous with "migratory labor camp."
- d. **Feed Lot.** Includes any of the following facilities:
- (1) any tract of land or structure wherein any type of fowl or the by-products thereof are raised for sale at wholesale or retail; and
- (2) any structure, pen, or corral wherein cattle, horses, sheep, goats, or swine are maintained in close quarters for the purpose of fattening such livestock for final shipment to market.
- e. **Livestock or Farm Animals.** Animals used for human food and fiber or animals used for service to humans, including cattle, swine, sheep, llamas, goats, bison, equine, poultry, and rabbits. Farm animals do not include companion animals, such as dogs and cats, which are capable of being trained and adapting to living in a human environment.
93. **Fence.** Linear structures or partitions of definite height and location erected upon or near the dividing line between adjoining owners intended to serve as: a physical barrier to ingress or egress; a screen from objectionable vista or noise; a marker; an enclosure in carrying out the requirements of this Ordinance; or for decorative use.
94. **Filling.** Filling shall mean the depositing or dumping of ground, soil, gravel, stone or fill dirt, except common household gardening, farming, and general ground care of a residential or agricultural character.
95. **Fixed costs and expenses.** Monetary charges incurred by the Township that are generally shared by all functions performed under the authority of this Ordinance, including costs for telephone, copy services, supplies, equipment, utilities, per diem-hourly-salary expenses, facility construction, maintenance and repair, postage, and publication.
96. **Flood or Flooding.** A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from the overflow of Inland or tidal waters or the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.
- a. **Flood, 100-Year.** A flood having an average frequency of occurrence in the order of once in 100 years, although the flood may occur in any year.

- b. **Floodplain.** Any land area susceptible to being inundated by floodwaters when high amounts of precipitation are experienced or natural cyclic conditions raise the water levels. Determinants of a floodplain are as follows:
- (1) That area which typically is adjacent to a river, stream, or other body of water, and is subject to flooding from a 100-year flood.
  - (2) Principal estuary courses of wetland areas that are part of the river flow system.
  - (3) Contiguous areas paralleling a river, stream, or other body of water that exhibit unstable soil conditions for development.
97. **Floor Area.** The sum of the gross horizontal floor areas of the several stories of a building, as measured to the exterior face of the exterior walls, plus that area, similarly measured of all other stories that are accessible by a fixed stairway, ramp, escalator, or elevator; including all enclosed porches and balconies, and all stairways, breezeways, storage areas, recreational rooms, boiler rooms, and other areas within or contiguous to the structure. The measurement shall include the floor space of all accessory buildings measured similarly.
98. **Floor Area Ratio.** The ratio of the floor area of a building to the area of the lot on which it is located, calculated by dividing the floor area by the lot area and expressing it as a percentage. For example, if a floor area ratio of eighty percent (80%) is specified and the lot area is 10,000 square feet, the maximum permitted floor area on the lot is 8,000 square feet. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance regarding height and story limitations, the building area may be 4,000 square feet for each of two (2) stories, 2,000 square feet for each of four (4) stories, or 1,000 square feet for each of eight (8) stories.
99. **Foster Family Home.** A private home in which one (1) but not more than four (4) minor children, who are not related to an adult member of the household by blood, marriage or adoption, are given care and supervision for 24 hours a day, for four (4) or more days a week, for two (2) or more consecutive weeks, unattended by a parent or legal guardian.
100. **Foster Family Group Home.** A private home in which more than four (4) but less than seven (7) children, who are not related to an adult member of the household by blood, marriage or adoption, are provided care for 24 hours a day, for four (4) or more days a week, for two (2) or more consecutive weeks, unattended by a parent or legal guardian.
101. **Frontage.** A linear measurement of the lot line(s) abutting a road right-of-way, as measured along the right-of-way line, or at the front yard setback line for lots on cul-de-sacs.
102. **Garage.** An accessory structure that is used for storage and maintenance of occupant-owned motor vehicles as an accessory use.
103. **Garbage.** Refuse, accumulation of all waste, animal, fish, fowl, fruit or vegetable matter incident to the preparation, use, cooking, dealing in or storage of meat, fish, fowl, fruit and vegetables; including spoiled food, dead animals, animal manure and fowl manure.

104. **Garden Center.** An establishment with retail sales of trees, fruits, vegetables, shrubbery, plants, seeds, topsoil, humus, fertilizer, trellises, lawn furniture, playground equipment, and other home garden supplies, landscaping materials, and equipment.
105. **Golf Course or Country Club.** The premises upon which the game of golf is played, including clubhouses, parking lots, swimming pools, tennis courts, or other facilities or uses customarily incidental to a golf course or country club.
  - a. **Par-3 Golf Course.** A golf course consisting of shortened fairways, typically no longer than 200 yards. Par-3, eighteen-hole golf courses typically occupy 50 to 60 acres.
106. **Grade.** A reference plane representing the average of the finished ground level adjoining the building at all exterior walls established for the purpose of regulating the number of stories and the height of buildings. If the ground is not entirely level, the grade shall be determined by averaging the elevation of the ground for each face of the building.
  - a. **Grade, Average.** The arithmetic average of the lowest and highest-grade elevations in an area within five (5) feet of the foundation line of a structure.
  - b. **Grade, Finished.** The lowest point of elevation between the exterior wall of the structure and a line five (5) feet from the exterior wall of the structure.
  - c. **Grade, Natural.** The elevation of the ground surface in its natural state, before construction begins.
107. **Greenbelt.** See "**Landscaping.**"
108. **Ground Floor Coverage (GFC).** The total ground floor area of the principal and all accessory buildings, divided by the net lot area, both areas being in the same unit of measure, and expressed as a percentage. The term is commonly referred to as GFC.
109. **Greenhouse.** A glass or similar transparent or translucent structure in which plants are grown that need protection from cold weather.
  - a. **Residential Greenhouse.** A greenhouse structure accessory to a single-family dwelling in which plants are grown by the dwelling occupants for personal use or other activities permitted in the zoning district.
110. **Groundwater.** Water stored in, and slowly filtering through, geologic formations.
111. **Groundwater Recharge Area.** A land surface and subsurface with limited filtering and purification capabilities and of high permeability that readily permits water to move downward into an aquifer to a depth where it is likely to be tapped by wells.
112. **Growth Management Plan.** See "**Master Plan.**"
113. **Grubbing.** The effective removal of understory vegetation, groundcover, shrubs or trees, but not including removal of individual trees subject to the regulations of this Ordinance.



114. **Height.** The vertical distance measured from the grade of the building to the top of the highest roof beams of a flat roof, to the deck line for mansard roofs and to the mean height level (between eaves and ridges) for gable, hip and gambrel roofs. Where a building is located upon a terrace, the height may be measured from the average grade of the terrace at the building wall. When a building faces on more than one road, the height shall be measured from the average of the grades at the center of each road front (see "**Building Height**" illustration).
115. **Hazardous Materials.** Pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (P.A. 451 of 1994, as amended), "hazardous substance" shall include one (1) or more of the following, but not including fruit, vegetable, or field crop residuals or processing by-products, or aquatic plants, that are applied to the land for an agricultural use or for use as an animal feed, if the use is consistent with generally accepted agricultural management practices developed pursuant to the Michigan Right to Farm Act (P.A. 93 of 1981, as amended):
- a. Any substance that is demonstrated, on a case by case basis, to pose an unacceptable risk to the public health, safety, welfare, or the environment, considering the fate or final disposition of the material, dose-response toxicity, or adverse impact on natural resources.
  - b. "Hazardous substance" as defined in the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-510, 94 Stat. 2767).
  - c. "Hazardous waste" as defined in the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (P.A. 451 of 1994, as amended).
  - d. "Petroleum" as defined in the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (P.A. 451 of 1994, as amended).
116. **Hobby.** An incidental activity, not meeting the definition of a home occupation, carried on by the occupant of the premises for personal enjoyment, amusement or recreation; where the articles produced or constructed are not sold, other than incidental sales.
117. **Home Occupation:** Any business, occupation or activity undertaken for compensation within a dwelling unit that is incidental and secondary to the use of the structure as a dwelling unit.
- a. **Home Office.** A type of home occupation in which work for compensation may include receiving or initiating telephone calls, mail, facsimiles or electronic-mail; preparing or maintaining business records; word or data processing; and similar activities.
118. **Hospital.** An institution providing in-patient or out-patient medical or surgical care for the acutely sick or injured, who are generally confined for relatively short periods of time, plus such accessory uses as laboratories, educational facilities, food services, and staff offices.
119. **Hotel or Inn.** One or more buildings containing individual living or sleeping units primarily designed as temporary quarters for transient guests.

120. **Improvements.** Those features and actions associated with a project which are considered necessary to protect natural resources or the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township, and future users or inhabitants of the proposed project or project area; including parking areas, landscaping, roadways, lighting, utilities, screening, and drainage. Improvements do not include the entire project subject to zoning approval.
121. **Ingress and Egress.** Used in this Ordinance in reference to a driveway that allows vehicles to enter or leave a parcel of property, or to a sidewalk that allows pedestrians to enter or leave a parcel of property, a building, or another location.
122. **Institutional Uses.** The following specific uses of an educational, social, or religious character, as defined or used in this Ordinance:
- a. Public and private elementary and secondary schools, business schools or private schools operated for profit, and institutions for higher education.
  - b. Auditoriums, theaters, concert halls, and similar places of assembly.
  - c. Libraries, museums, and similar centers for cultural activities.
  - d. Churches, temples, and other places of worship.
  - e. Post offices.
  - f. Private clubs, fraternal organizations, and lodge halls.
123. **Junk.** Building debris, scrap material, or any motor vehicles, machinery, appliances, products, or merchandise with parts missing, or other scrap materials that are damaged, deteriorated, or are in a condition which prevents their use for the purpose for which the product was manufactured.
124. **Kennel.** Any building, lot or premises where more than four (4) animals of the same species that are more than six (6) months old, such as dogs, cats, outdoor fowl, or other domestic animals, are kept; or any structure, lot or premises where animals are kept or housed for remuneration. This definition shall not include the raising of animals for agricultural purposes, or premises used for residential purposes where the occupant keeps personal pets.
125. **Laboratory.** A facility devoted to experimental study such as testing and analyzing, but not devoted to the manufacturing of a product or products.
126. **Landmark Tree.** Any tree that has a Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) of 24 inches or greater, or that is of a type and DBH that meets the eligibility requirements of this Ordinance to be labeled as a landmark tree.
127. **Landscaping.** The treatment of the ground surface with live plant materials such as, but not limited to, grass, ground cover, trees, shrubs, vines, and other live plant material. In addition, a landscape design may include other decorative materials, such as wood chips, crushed stone, boulders, or mulch. Structural features such as fountains, pools, statues, and benches shall also be considered a part of landscaping, but only if provided in combination with live plant material. Artificial plant materials shall not be counted toward meeting the requirements for landscaping. Various landscaping-related terms are defined as follows:
- a. **Berm.** A mound of soil graded, shaped and improved with landscaping in such a fashion so as to be utilized for screening purposes.

- b. **Groundcover.** Low-growing perennial plants that form a dense, extensive growth after one (1) complete growing season, and that tend to prevent weeds and soil erosion.
  - c. **Hedge.** A row of closely planted shrubs or low growing trees which commonly form a continuous visual screen, boundary, or fence.
  - d. **Screen or Screening.** A wall, wood fencing, or combination of plantings of sufficient height, length, and opacity to form a visual barrier.
  - e. **Shrub.** A self-supporting, deciduous or evergreen woody plant, normally branched near the base, bushy, and less than 15 feet in height.
  - f. **Sod.** An area of grass-covered surface soil held together by matted roots.
  - g. **Tree.** A self-supporting woody, deciduous, or evergreen plant with a well-defined central stem which normally grows to a mature height of 15 feet or more in Washtenaw County, Michigan. Types of trees are defined as follows:
    - (1) **Deciduous Tree.** A variety of tree that has foliage that is shed at the end of the growing season.
    - (2) **Evergreen Tree.** A variety of tree that has foliage that persists and remains green throughout the year.
    - (3) **Ornamental Tree.** A deciduous tree which is typically grown because of its shape, flowering characteristics, or other attractive features, and which grows to a mature height of about 25 feet or less.
    - (4) **Shade Tree.** For the purposes of this Ordinance, a shade tree is a deciduous tree which has a mature crown spread of 15 feet or greater in Washtenaw County, Michigan, having a trunk with at least five (5) feet of clear stem at maturity.
  - h. **Vine.** A plant with a flexible stem supported by climbing, twining, or creeping along the surface, and which may require physical support to reach maturity.
128. **Landscaping Business.** A land use characterized by the use of trucks, trailers, grading equipment, and tree-moving equipment for installation of plants, soils, and other landscaping materials at off-site locations, or for ongoing, regular maintenance of established off-site landscaping improvements. This use may also include on-site retail sales of plants, soils, and other landscaping materials; and storage and use of snow-removal equipment to remove snow from parking lots, driveways, streets, or sidewalks at off-site locations.
129. **Lighting.** The following definitions are related to lighting:
- a. **Downshielded.** The method by which light from an outdoor lighting fixture is directed at the surface to be lighted, using interior or exterior shields to prevent light, glare, or reflection from illuminating adjacent properties or the area above the height of the light fixture.

- b. **Fixture.** The assembly that holds the lamp in a lighting system. The Fixture includes the elements designed to give light output control, such as a reflector, lens, ballast, housing, and attachments.
- c. **Floodlight.** A fixture or lamp designed to direct light over a broad area.
- d. **Footcandle.** Lumination produced on a surface one (1) foot from a uniform point source of one (1) candela, or when one (1) lumen is distributed into an area of one (1) square foot.
- e. **Fully Shielded Fixture.** An outdoor lighting fixture shielded or constructed so that all light emitted is projected onto the site and away from adjoining properties. Light from a fully shielded fixture is not visible from adjoining properties, and does not cause glare or interfere with the vision of motorists.
- f. **Glare.** An intense or blinding light that results in reduced visual performance and visibility, and is often accompanied by discomfort.
- g. **Lamp or Bulb.** The source of electric light (to be distinguished from the whole assembly, which is called the luminaire). "Lamp" is often used to denote the bulb and its housing.
  - (1) **High Pressure Sodium (HPS) Lamp.** High-intensity discharge lamp where radiation is produced from sodium vapor at relatively high partial pressures.
  - (2) **Incandescent or Tungsten-Halogen Lamp.** A lamp that produces light by a filament heated to a high temperature by electric current.
  - (3) **LED Lighting.** A fixture or lamp that produces light by means of electricity transmitted through light emitting diodes.
  - (4) **Low Pressure Sodium (LPS) Lamp.** A discharge lamp where the light is produced by radiation from sodium vapor at a relatively low partial pressure.
  - (5) **Mercury Vapor Lamp.** A high-intensity discharge lamp where the light is produced by radiation from mercury vapor.
  - (6) **Metal Halide Lamp.** A high-intensity discharge lamp where the light is produced by radiation from metal-halide vapors.
- h. **Laser Source Light.** An intense beam of light, in which all photons share the same wavelength.
- i. **Light Pollution.** The illumination of the night sky caused by unshielded artificial light sources on the ground, typically causing a brightening of the night sky and diminished star visibility, due to the scattering of artificial light by aerosol particles (water droplets, dust, etc.).
- j. **Light Trespass.** Light falling where it is not wanted or needed (also called spill light).

- k. **Lumen.** Unit of luminous flux; the flux emitted within a unit solid angle by a point source with a uniform luminous intensity of one candela. One (1) footcandle is equal to one (1) lumen per square foot. One lux is one lumen per square meter.
  - l. **Recessed Fixture.** An outdoor lighting fixture recessed into a structure so that the bottom of the fixture is flush with the ceiling or underside of the structure.
130. **Livestock.** See "Farming..."
131. **Loading Space, Off-Street.** Space logically and conveniently located for bulk pick-ups and deliveries, scaled to delivery vehicles expected to be used, and accessible to such vehicles when required off-street parking spaces are filled. Required off-street loading space is not to be included as off-street parking space in computation of required off-street parking space.
132. **Lot.** A parcel of land consisting of one (1) or more lots of record occupied or intended to be occupied by a principal building or use and any accessory structures, and having frontage upon a public or private road (see "**Corner, Interior & Double Frontage Lots**" illustration).
- a. **Corner Lot.** A lot located at the intersection of two (2) roads or a lot bounded on two (2) sides by a curving road, where any two (2) chords of which form an angle of 135 degrees or less.
  - b. **Double Frontage or Through Lot.** A lot other than a corner lot having frontage on two (2) more or less parallel roads.
  - c. **Interior Lot.** A lot other than a corner lot with only one (1) lot line fronting on a road.
  - d. **Zoning Lot.** A parcel or tract of land under single ownership or control that is at least sufficient in size to meet the minimum requirements for use, coverage, area, setbacks, access, and open space as required herein. "Single ownership" may include ownership by an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an incorporated association, joint tenancy, or any similar entity. A zoning lot may consist of any one of the following:
    - (1) Single lot of record.
    - (2) Portion of a lot of record.
    - (3) Combination of lots of record, or portion(s) thereof.
    - (4) Condominium lot.
    - (5) Parcel or tract of land described by metes and bounds.
133. **Lot Area.** The total area of land contained within the boundaries of a zoning lot, including rights-of-way, easements, floodplains, wetlands, watercourses, and bodies of water. Also referred to as "**Gross Lot Area.**"
- a. **Net Lot Area.** Gross lot area minus any portions of the zoning lot located within dedicated rights-of-way, drainage easements or bodies of water.

134. **Lot Depth.** The mean horizontal distance measured from the front road right-of-way line to the rear lot line (see "**Yard Terms**" illustration).
135. **Lot Line.** Any line dividing one lot from another lot or from a road right-of-way or from any public place.
- a. **Front Lot Line.** The line separating a lot from a road right-of-way.
- (1) In the case of a private road that does not have a dedicated right-of-way, this line shall be parallel to and 33 feet back from the centerline of the pavement.
- (2) Where lots border upon a lake or river, the front lot line shall be designated as that line fronting on the water.
- (3) On a flag lot, the front lot line shall be the interior lot line most parallel to and nearest the road from which access is obtained.
- b. **Rear Lot Line.** The boundary that is opposite and most distant from the front lot line. In the case of a lot pointed at the rear, the rear lot line shall be an assumed line parallel to the front lot line not less than ten (10) feet long lying farthest from the front lot line and wholly within the lot.
- c. **Side Lot Line.** Any lot line not a front lot line or a rear lot line.
136. **Lot Of Record.** A parcel of land that meets any of the following conditions:
- a. An existing lot or parcel of which the dimensions are shown on an approved final subdivision plat recorded with the Washtenaw County Register of Deeds and the Township Assessor;
- b. An existing lot or parcel of which the dimensions are shown on an approved condominium subdivision plan recorded with the Washtenaw County Register of Deeds and the Township Assessor;
- c. An existing lot or parcel of which the dimensions are described by metes and bounds, the accuracy of which is attended to by a land surveyor registered and licensed in the State of Michigan, recorded with the Washtenaw County Register of Deeds and the Township Assessor.
137. **Lot Split or Consolidation.** The dividing or uniting of lots by virtue of changes in the deeds recorded with the Washtenaw County Register of Deeds and the Township Assessor.
138. **Lot Width.** The horizontal distance between the side lot lines, measured at the two (2) points where the building line or setback line intersects the side lot lines (see "**Yard Terms**" illustration).
139. **Manufactured Housing Park.** A parcel or tract of land under the control of a person upon which three (3) or more mobile homes are located on a continual non-recreational basis and which is offered to the public for that purpose regardless of whether a charge is made therefore, together with any building, structure, enclosure, road, equipment or facility used or intended for use incident to the occupancy of a manufactured or mobile home, subject to the rules and requirements

of the Mobile Home Commission Act, Public Act 96, of 1987, as amended (MCLA 139.2301 et seq.) and the Manufactured Housing Commission General Rules.

- a. **Manufactured Home.** See "Dwelling."
  - b. **Manufactured Home Site.** An area within a mobile home park that is designated for the exclusive use of a specific mobile home.
140. **Manufacturing.** The process of making products by hand, by machinery, or by other agency, often with the provision of labor and the use of machinery.
141. **Massage Therapist.** An individual specifically trained and licensed or certified in therapeutic massage by the American Massage and Therapy Association, International Myomassethics Federation or successor organizations.
- a. **Therapeutic Massage.** A method by which a person utilizes his or her hands, feet or an instrument for treating the superficial parts of a customer's body for medical, hygienic, relaxation or therapeutic purposes by rubbing, stroking, kneading, tapping, pounding or vibrating.
142. **Master Plan.** The adopted comprehensive future land use and growth management plan for Bridgewater Township, including any portions, supplements or amendments to such plan, and consisting of graphic and written text indicating the Township's development goals and objectives, planned future uses of all lands in the Township, general location for roads and other transportation infrastructure, public and community facilities, parks and recreation facilities, agriculture and open space preservation areas, and all physical development..
143. **Mezzanine.** An intermediate or fractional story between the floor and ceiling of any story occupying not more than one-third (1/3) of the floor area of such story (see "Basic Structural Terms" illustration).
144. **Michigan Planning Enabling Act.** Act 33 of the Michigan Public Acts of 2008, as amended. This statute is the successor to the former Township Planning Act, Act 168 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1959, as amended.
145. **Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.** Act 110 of the Michigan Public Acts of 2006, as amended. This statute is the successor to the former Township Zoning Act, Act 184 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1943, as amended.
146. **Mixed Use.** A structure or project containing residential and nonresidential uses.
147. **Mobile Home Commission Act.** Act 96 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1987, as amended.
148. **Motor Home.** See "Recreational Vehicle."
149. **Motor Vehicle Fueling Station.** A place used for the retail sale and dispensing of fuel together with the fixed equipment from which the fuel is dispensed directly into motor vehicles.
150. **Motor Vehicle Repair Station.** An enclosed building where minor and major motor vehicle repair services may be carried out.

- a. **Major Repair.** Engine and transmission rebuilding and general repairs, rebuilding or reconditioning; collision service such as body, frame or fender straightening or repair; and similar servicing, rebuilding or repairs.
151. **Motor Vehicle Service Center.** A place where motor oil and lubricants are sold directly to the public on the premises for the purposes of operation of motor vehicles; including the sale of minor accessories (such as tires, batteries, brakes, shock absorbers, window glass) and the servicing of and minor repair of motor vehicles.
- a. **Minor Repair.** Engine tune-ups and servicing of brakes, air conditioning exhaust systems; oil change or lubrication; wheel alignment or balancing; steam cleaning, undercoating and rust-proofing; or similar servicing or repairs that do not normally require any significant disassembly.
152. **Multiple-Family Housing.** See “**Dwelling, Multiple-Family Housing.**”
153. **Municipal Sanitary Sewerage System.** A Sanitary Sewer System owned and operated by the Township, another municipality, or a municipal-owned, multi-jurisdictional public agency.
154. **Natural Features.** Include, but are not limited to, soils, wetlands, floodplains, water bodies and channels, groundwater recharge areas, topography, hedgerows, trees and other types of vegetative cover, and geologic formations.
- a. **Activity.** Any use, operation, development, or action caused by any person, including but not limited to constructing, operating, or maintaining any use or development; erecting buildings or other structures; depositing or removing material; dredging; ditching, land balancing; draining or diverting water; pumping or discharging surface water; grading; paving; tree removal or other vegetation removal; excavation, mining or drilling operations.
  - b. **Critical Root Zone.** The circular area surrounding a tree that is considered to contain tree roots within 18 inches of the ground surface. The radius of the critical root zone is, in feet, the same numerical value as the tree’s Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) in inches and is measured outward from the center of the tree. For example, the critical root zone of a 12-inch DBH tree has a radius of 12 feet.
  - c. **Dripline.** An imaginary vertical line extending downward from the outermost tips of the tree branches to the ground.
  - d. **Removal or Remove.** The act of removing a tree by digging up or cutting down, the effective removal through damage or the infliction of damage to a tree or its root system.
  - e. **Site Inventory.** A plan showing the extent and character of natural features on the land subject to development or other alteration, and the extent, location, and character of proposed development activity.
  - f. **Threatened or Endangered Species Habitat.** The habitat necessary to maintain the existence of those plants and animals listed pursuant to law on the federal and state lists of endangered, threatened or special concern species.



155. **Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act.** Act 451 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1994, as amended.
156. **Nature Preserve.** A land area or combination of land and water that is:
- a. Is maintained as nearly as possible in its natural condition;
  - b. Is used in a manner and under limitation consistent with its continued preservation without impairment, disturbance, artificial development, or more intensive land use, such as a public park or recreation area;
  - c. Is generally not occupied by structures, roads, or other manmade elements; and
  - d. Which contains flora, fauna, biotic, geologic or other similar features having scenic, educational, or scientific value to residents.
157. **Nightclub.** See "**Cocktail Lounge**"
158. **Noise.** Any sound which annoys or disturbs humans or which causes or tends to cause an adverse psychological or physiological effect on humans.
- a. **A-weighted sound level.** The sound pressure level in decibels as measured on a sound level meter using the A-weighting network. The level so read may be designated dB(A).
  - b. **Day-night average sound level.** The 24 hour energy average of the A-weighted sound pressure level, with the levels during the period of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. the following day increased by ten (10) dB(A) before averaging.
  - c. **Emergency.** Any occurrence or set of circumstances involving actual or imminent physical trauma or property damage which demands immediate attention.
  - d. **Impulsive sound.** Sound of short duration, usually less than one (1) second, with an abrupt onset and rapid decay. Examples of sources of impulsive sound include explosions, drop forge impacts, and discharge of firearms.
  - e. **Noise disturbance.** Any sound which (a) endangers or injures the safety or health of humans or animals, or (b) annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities, or (c) endangers or injures personal or real property.
  - f. **Noise sensitive zone.** An area that contains noise-sensitive activities such as but not limited to schools, libraries, churches, hospitals, and convalescent or nursing homes.
  - g. **Pure tone.** Any sound that can be distinctly heard as a single pitch, or a set of single pitches.
  - h. **Sound.** An oscillation in pressure, particle displacement, particle velocity or other physical parameter, in a medium with internal forces that causes compression and rarefaction of that medium.

- i. **Sound level.** The weighted sound pressure level obtained by the use of a sound level meter and frequency-weighting network (for the purposes of this ordinance an A-weighted network), as specified by the *American National Standards Institute*.
  - j. **Vibration.** An oscillatory motion of solid bodies of deterministic or random nature described by displacement, velocity, or acceleration with respect to a given reference point.
159. **Nonconformities:**
- a. **Cease.** To terminate, abandon or discontinue a use of land for a period of time that, under the provisions of this Ordinance, would prevent the use from being resumed.
  - b. **Nonconforming Lot.** A platted or unplatted parcel of land lawfully existing at the effective date of this Ordinance or amendments thereto that does not conform to Ordinance provisions for the district in which it is located.
  - c. **Nonconforming Sign.** See **Signs**.
  - d. **Nonconforming Site.** A parcel of land that was developed or improved with structures and other site improvements prior to the date of adoption of current Ordinance provisions for site design, landscaping, pedestrian access, exterior lighting, paving and other site elements.
  - e. **Nonconforming Structure.** A structure or portion thereof lawfully existing at the effective date of this Ordinance or amendments thereto that does not conform to Ordinance provisions for the district in which it is located, but is otherwise in compliance with all other applicable federal, state, county and Township laws ordinances, regulations and codes.
  - f. **Nonconforming Use.** A use that lawfully occupied a parcel of land or structure and land in combination at the effective date of this Ordinance or amendments thereto that does not conform to the use regulations of the district in which it is located or does not have special use approval, where provisions of this Ordinance require such approval, but is otherwise in compliance with all other applicable federal, state, county and Township laws ordinances, and regulations.
  - g. **Unlawful Structure.** A structure or portion thereof, which is not a conforming or a nonconforming structure or is not in compliance with all applicable federal, state, county and Township laws ordinances, regulations and codes.
  - h. **Unlawful Use.** A use that occupies one or more contiguous parcels of land or structures and land in combination, which is not a conforming or a nonconforming use or is not in compliance with all applicable federal, state, county and Township laws ordinances, regulations and codes.
160. **Noxious.** An element creating an impact that may interfere with the enjoyment and use of property, including smoke, odors, noise, vibration, glare or heat.
161. **Nuisance.** Any offensive, annoying, or disturbing emission, practice, or object, which prevents the free use or comfortable enjoyment of one's property, or which

renders its ordinary use or physical occupation uncomfortable. Nuisance commonly involves continuous or recurrent acts that give offense to the senses, violate the laws of decency, obstruct reasonable and comfortable use of property, or endanger life and health.

162. **Nursery.** The use of land or greenhouses to grow plants intended to be transplanted for use in agriculture, forestry, or landscaping; or a space or structure where live trees, shrubs, or other plants used for gardening and landscaping are propagated, stored, or otherwise prepared for off-site installation.
- a. The definition of nursery does not include the on-site retail sale of fruits, vegetables, Christmas trees, soils, or landscape materials.
  - b. The definition of nursery does not include ongoing regular maintenance of established landscape improvements, or storage or use of snow-removal equipment to remove snow from parking lots, driveways, streets, or sidewalks at off-site locations. See also "**Landscape Business.**"
163. **Nursing Home.** See "**Senior Housing.**"
164. **Obscene Material.** As defined in the State of Michigan Public Act 343 of 1984; any "material" [as defined in MCL752.362.2(4), as amended] found to be "obscene" [as defined in MCL752.362.2(5), as amended].
165. **Occupancy or Occupied.** The purpose for which a building or part thereof is used or intended to be used. The term "occupied" includes "arranged," "designed," "built," "altered," "converted to," "rented," "leased" or "intended to be inhabited."
166. **Occupancy Load.** The maximum capacity of a structure or building space, expressed in the number of individuals normally permitted to occupy the structure or building space.
167. **Open Air Business.** Any business that is conducted primarily out-of-doors. Unless otherwise specified by this Ordinance, "open air business" shall include:
- a. Retail sales of garden supplies and equipment, including but not limited to trees, shrubbery, plants, flowers, seed, topsoil, trellises, and lawn furniture.
  - b. Roadside stands for the sale of agricultural products.
  - c. Various commercial outdoor recreation uses, including, but not limited to tennis courts, archery courts, shuffleboard, horseshoe courts, miniature golf, golf driving ranges, and amusement parks.
  - d. Outdoor display and sale of garages, swimming pools, playground equipment, and uses.
168. **Open Space.** All land within a development that has been set aside as common land, under public or private ownership or control, for recreation, conservation, agricultural uses, preservation in an undeveloped state or similar use.
- a. **Conservation easement.** A legal agreement and a conveyable interest in land in which the landowner retains ownership of private property, but conveys certain specifically identified rights to a land conservation organization or a public body.

- (1) A conservation easement provides limitation on the use of land or a body of water or development of structures or site improvements.
  - (2) A conservation easement defines the responsibilities of all parties for retaining or maintaining the land or body of water predominantly in its natural, scenic, or open condition, or in an agricultural, farming, open space, or forest use, or similar use or condition.
  - (3) A conservation easement may require or prohibit certain acts on or with respect to the land or body of water.
  - (4) Also see definition of "conservation easement" in Section 2140 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (P.A. 451 of 1994, as amended)].
- b. **Development rights.** The rights to develop land to the maximum intensity of development authorized by law.
  - c. **Greenway.** A contiguous or linear open space, including habitats, wildlife corridors, and trails, that link parks, nature preserves, cultural features, or historic sites with each other, for recreation and conservation purposes.
  - d. **Restrictive covenant.** An agreement between two or more parties to a written instrument establishing limitations on the use and enjoyment of interests in real property.
  - e. **Undeveloped state.** A natural state preserving natural resources, natural features, or scenic or wooded conditions; agricultural use; open space; or a similar use or condition. Land in an undeveloped state does not include a golf course but may include a recreational trail, picnic area, children's play area, greenway, or linear park. Land in an undeveloped state may be dedicated to the use of the public.
169. **Outdoor Sales or Display.** The placement or exhibition of products or services on a lot outside of a building. See also "**Open Air Business.**"
170. **Outdoor Storage.** An open area where goods, equipment, merchandise, components awaiting assembly, finished products, building materials, and similar items are kept or stored for use on-site or later distribution or shipment off-site. The term does not include uses established entirely within enclosed buildings, motor vehicle storage or dismantling yards or drop-off stations for recyclables.
171. **Outdoor Motor Vehicle Storage or Dismantling Yard.** An open area used for any of the following purposes:
- a. Purchase, sales, exchange, storage, disassembly or handling of used parts of motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, and farm equipment.
  - b. Any business and any place of storage or deposit which includes two (2) or more motor vehicles that are unfit for reconditioning or use on the public highways or used parts of motor vehicles, but excluding vehicles in operable condition specially adapted or constructed for racing, and vehicles retained by the owner for antique collection or transportation.

- c. Where waste, used or secondhand material is bought and sold, exchanged, stored, baled, packed, disassembled or handled including but not limited to scrap iron and other metals, paper, rags, rubber tires, and bottles, glass, cordage, and other waste, used or secondhand material.
  - d. This facility is also described as a junkyard, wrecking yard or automobile scrap yard, and includes any area of more than 200 square feet for storage, keeping or abandonment of junk.
  - e. "Motor vehicle storage or dismantling yard" does not include uses established entirely within enclosed buildings and drop-off stations for residential recyclables.
172. **Outlot.** A parcel of land designated on a site plan for future development.
173. **Parcel.** See "**Lot.**"
174. **Park.** Any developed park, playground, beach, outdoor swimming pool, golf course, tennis courts or otherwise intended for active or passive recreational pursuits.
175. **Parking Lot.** A facility located outside of the road right-of-way providing vehicular parking spaces along with adequate drives and aisles. Adequate maneuvering space shall be provided for unrestricted access and egress.
- a. **Parking Space.** A space set aside for the sole purpose of parking an automobile on a temporary basis.
176. **Passive Recreation.** See "**Recreation, Passive.**"
177. **Pavement Or Hard Surface.** Plant-mixed bituminous material, concrete, brick, masonry pavers or similar durable materials approved by the Township.
178. **Pawnshop.** A business that offers monetary loans in exchange for personal property given as security to the pawn broker by the recipient of the loan. Also see "**Controlled Use.**"
179. **Performance Guarantee.** A financial guarantee to ensure that all improvements, facilities, or work required by this Ordinance will be completed in compliance with the Ordinance, regulations, and approved plans and specifications of the development.
180. **Permitted Use.** See "**Use, Permitted.**"
181. **Person.** An individual, trustee, executor, other fiduciary, corporation, firm, partnership, association, organization, or other legal entity acting as a unit.
182. **Pet.** See "**Animal, Domestic.**"
183. **Planning Commission.** The Planning Commission for Bridgewater Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, as authorized by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.
184. **Plat.** A map or chart of a subdivision of land.

185. **Pond.** A small man-made body of water developed for the personal use of the property owner and maintained by surface water runoff, groundwater or a public or private water distribution system.
186. **Porch.** A stoop, terrace or similar un-enclosed (other than mesh screening and any necessary structural supports or architectural or safety features) exterior structure, with or without a roof, that serves as an entrance to a structure and a transition zone between indoor and outdoor areas.
187. **Pool or Billiard Hall.** An establishment wherein a substantial or significant portion of all usable area is devoted to the use of pool or billiard tables. Also see "**Controlled Use.**"
188. **Premises.** A single zoning lot or multiple adjacent lots under common ownership occupied by a single principal use or integrated principal uses that are not separated by intervening roads, alleys, utility or railroad rights-of-way or other interruptions.
189. **Private Community Wastewater System (PCWS).** A facility for the transportation, collection, processing or treatment of sanitary sewage which is owned by a non-governmental entity and which is proposed to service more than one structure. The PCWS shall be deemed to include any individual septic tanks, pumps, lines and appurtenances serving each residence, in addition to the community drainfield and treatment system.
190. **Principal Use.** See "**Use, Principal.**"
191. **Property Line.** The line separating a piece of property from the street right-of-way and the lines separating a parcel of property from the parcels next to it. See also "**Lot Line.**"
192. **Pub.** See "**Brewpub**" and "**Tavern.**"
193. **Public Utility.** See "**Utility, Public.**"
194. **Quarry.** See "**Extractive Operation.**"
195. **Radio and Television Tower.** See "**Tower, Radio and Television.**"
196. **Recognizable and Substantial Benefit.** A clear benefit, both to the ultimate users of the property in question and to the community, which would reasonably be expected to accrue, taking into consideration the reasonably foreseeable detriments of the proposed development and uses. Such benefits may include long-term protection or preservation of natural resources and natural features, historical features, or architectural features; or, elimination of a nonconforming use or structure.
197. **Recreation, Passive.** Quiet pastimes including walking, hiking, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, bird watching, nature study and photography. Amenities for such recreation will not interfere with or detract from the protection and maintenance of the land in its natural condition for the purposes of present and future scientific research, education, aesthetic enjoyment and providing habitat for plant and animal species and communities and other natural objects.
198. **Recreation Area.** Any public or privately owned outdoor space that is made available and maintained in a suitable condition for passive and active recreational

activities, such as swimming, picnicking, hiking, nature study, hunting, boating, fishing or other recreational purposes.

199. **Recreational Facility, Indoor.** A privately owned facility designed and equipped for the conduct of sports, amusement or leisure time activities and other customary recreational activities indoors (within an enclosed building) and operated as a business and open for use by the public for a fee, such as gymnasiums and fitness centers, bowling alleys, indoor soccer facilities, racquetball and tennis clubs, ice and roller skating rinks, curling centers, and firearms ranges.
200. **Recreational Facility, Outdoor.** A privately owned facility designed and equipped for the conduct of sports, amusement or leisure time activities and other customary recreational activities outdoors (outside of an enclosed building) and operated as a business and open for use by the public for a fee such as tennis clubs, archery ranges, golf courses, miniature golf courses, golf driving ranges, water slides, batting cages and machines, skateboarding parks, and children's amusement parks.
201. **Recreational Vehicle.** A vehicle which is self-propelled or permanently towable by motor vehicle; designed primarily for use as temporary living quarters, or for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use; and required by Michigan law to have a valid vehicle registration when traveling upon public roads. Recreational vehicles shall include the following:
- a. **Boats and Boat Trailers.** Motorized or floatation equipment which may be used on the water, plus the normal equipment used to transport the same on the highway. "Boats and "boat trailers" shall include jet skis and other personal watercraft, floats, rafts, and similar devices and equipment.
  - b. **Folding Tent Trailer.** A folding structure, mounted on wheels and designed for travel and vacation use.
  - c. **Motor Home.** A portable dwelling designed and constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle, built on a single chassis of 400 square feet or less, and designed primarily for use as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use.
  - d. **Pickup Camper.** A portable dwelling designed primarily to be mounted on a pickup or truck chassis and with sufficient equipment to render it suitable for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational, and vacation uses.
  - e. **Travel Trailer.** A portable dwelling built on a single chassis of 400 square feet or less, constructed to be towed on its own chassis, and designed primarily for use as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use.
  - f. **Horse Trailer.** A structure, mounted on wheels and designed primarily to be used for the transportation of horses.
  - g. **Snowmobiles, Motorcycles or All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV).** Motorized vehicles designed primarily for recreational travel or off-road use.
  - h. **Utility Trailers.** A vehicle used to transport boats, motorcycles, snowmobiles, go-carts, and similar devices and equipment.

202. **Recycling Collection Facility.** A location or operation for the collection and temporary storage of recyclable material intended for transportation to a processing center, or for reclamation, repair, and re-use.
203. **Repair and Maintenance, Ordinary.** Any work to correct deterioration or decay of or damage to a structure or site improvement, which is intended to restore the structure or site improvement to its original condition, as nearly as feasible. Ordinary repair and maintenance does not include a change in design, material or outward appearance, but does include in-kind replacement or repair.
204. **Restaurant.** Any establishment whose principal business is the sale and serving of food and beverages to the customer in a ready-to-consume state that is open regularly for the service of food to customers for compensation, and whose design and method of operation include suitable seating for customers or a service counter for carry-out orders; adequate and appropriate commercial kitchen and food storage facilities for preparation and service of an assortment of foods commonly ordered at various hours of the day or night; and serving of food and beverages by a restaurant employee at the table where such items will be consumed or at the counter where such items are ordered.
- a. **Carry-Out Restaurant.** Any establishment whose principal business is the sale of food and beverages to the customer in a ready-to-consume state, and whose design and method of operation include:
- (1) Food and beverages are usually served in edible containers or in paper, plastic or other disposable containers.
  - (2) The consumption of food and beverages within the restaurant building, within a motor vehicle parked upon the premises or at other facilities in the premises outside the restaurant building is posted as being prohibited, and the restaurateur strictly enforces such prohibition.
- b. **Restaurant, Drive-In.** Any establishment whose principal business is the sale of food and beverages to the consumer in a ready-to-consume state, and whose design and method of operation include:
- (1) Food and beverages are served directly to the customer in a motor vehicle either by a carhop or by other means that eliminates the need for the customer to exit the motor vehicle.
  - (2) The consumption of food and beverages within a motor vehicle parked upon the premises or at other facilities on the premises outside the restaurant building is allowed, encouraged or permitted.
- c. **Drive-Through Restaurant.** A restaurant whose method of operation involves the delivery of the prepared food to the customer in a motor vehicle, typically through a drive-through window, for consumption off of the premises.
205. **Retail Stores and Retail Sales.** A showroom, sales floor, display area or similar facility for the selling, trading and exchanging of goods, wares or merchandise for direct consumption (not for resale) directly to the consumer and completely within an enclosed building.



- a. Such goods, wares or merchandise shall include appliances, bicycles, books, clothing, crafts, drugs and pharmaceutical items, dry goods, electronics, flowers, home furnishings, gifts, grocery and produce items, hardware, jewelry, musical instruments and supplies, optical goods, paint or wallpaper, pets, photographic supplies, recorded music, sporting goods, toys, and similar items.
  - b. Included in this definition are convenience stores, department stores, variety stores, supermarkets, and wholesale club stores.
  - c. Also included in this definition are mail-order sales, Internet sales and similar activities, provided such activities are accessory to the principal use of retail sales to the customer in the building.
  - d. This definition includes secondhand stores but does not include pawnshops as defined in this Section.
  - e. This definition does not include temporary uses, temporary outdoor display or sales areas or adult entertainment uses and sexually-oriented businesses.
206. **Retention Basin.** A pond, pool, or basin used for the long-term storage of water runoff.
207. **Rezoning.** The amendment of this Ordinance to change the Official Zoning Map classification on land from its existing district to a new district classification.
208. **Riding Arena or Boarding Stable, Private.** All stables and facilities for the private rearing, schooling, breeding or housing of horses, mules, ponies and similar equine riding animals, which may include private boarding of one (1) or more equine riding animals by the property owner in exchange for monthly, seasonal or annual compensation from the animal's owner(s).
209. **Riding Stable, Public or Commercial.** All stables and facilities regularly accessible to the general public for the rearing, schooling, riding, driving, and housing of horses, mules, ponies and similar equine riding animals available or intended for public lessons, riding academies, hire on a per diem, hourly or weekly basis, or similar use by the public.
210. **Right-Of-Way.** A strip of land acquired by reservation, dedication, forced dedication, prescription or condemnation and intended to be occupied, or occupied by, a road, utility, and other similar uses.
211. **Road.** A public or private thoroughfare or way, other than public alley, which affords principal means of access to adjacent land.
- a. **Marginal Access Road.** A service roadway parallel to a primary road, which provides access to abutting properties away from through traffic.
212. **Roadside Stand.** A temporary building or structure accessory to any RURAL USES and operated for the purpose of selling natural, unprocessed produce and other farm products created, raised or produced on land which is part of the same principal RURAL USES. A roadside stand shall not make a commercial district, nor shall its use be deemed a commercial activity.

213. **Room.** For the purpose of determining lot area requirements and density in a multiple-family district, a living room, dining room and bedroom, equal to at least 80 square feet in area. A room shall not include the area in kitchen, sanitary facilities, utility provisions, corridors, hallways, and storage. Plans presented showing one (1), two (2) or three (3) bedroom units and including a "den," "library," or other extra room shall count such extra room as a bedroom for the purpose of computing density.
214. **Sanitary Sewer System.** Facilities for transportation, collection, processing, or treatment of sanitary sewage serving or intended to serve more than one principal dwelling unit, principal use, or principal building; including all treatment and disposal facilities, pumps, lines, lift stations, and appurtenances. See also "**Private Community Wastewater System (PCWS)**" and "**Municipal Sanitary Sewer System.**"
215. **Screen.** See "**Landscaping.**"
216. **Secondhand Store.** A retail store for the sale of secondhand clothing, secondhand furniture, or secondhand household goods. This definition shall not include antique stores, bookstores, pawnshops, or junkyards.
217. **Self-Storage Warehouse.** A building or group of buildings in a controlled-access and fenced compound that contains varying sizes of individual, compartmentalized, and controlled-access stalls or lockers for the storage of customer's goods or wares.
218. **Senior Housing.** An institution other than a hospital or hotel, which provides room and board to non-transient persons primarily 55 years of age or older. Housing for the elderly may include:
- a. **Assisted Living Facility.** A facility providing responsible adult supervision of or assistance with routine living functions of an individual in instances where the individual's condition necessitates that supervision or assistance.
  - b. **Congregate or Interim Care Housing.** A semi-independent housing facility containing congregate kitchen, dining, and living areas, but with separate sleeping rooms. Such facilities typically provide special support services, such as transportation and limited medical care.
  - c. **Convalescent or Nursing Home.** A home for the care of two (2) or more children, the aged or infirm persons suffering serious or chronic bodily disorders, which may be licensed under applicable state laws.
  - d. **Dependent Housing Facilities.** Facilities such as convalescent homes and nursing homes that are designed for older persons who need a wide range of health and support services, including personal nursing care.
  - e. **Elderly Housing.** A building or group of buildings containing dwellings where the occupancy is restricted to persons 60 years of age or older or couples where either the husband or wife is 60 years of age or older.
  - f. **Senior Apartments.** Multiple-family dwelling units intended to be occupied by persons 55 years of age or older.
219. **Separate Ownership.** Ownership of a lot wherein the owner does not own adjoining lot(s). Such ownership may include dual or multiple ownership by a

partnership, corporation or other group, provided that any number of contiguous lots of record may be considered as a single lot of record, for the purpose of this Ordinance.

220. **Setback.** The minimum horizontal distance required to exist between any building line and all adjacent lot boundaries or road rights-of-way (see "**Yard Terms**" illustration).
- a. **Parking Lot Setback.** The minimum horizontal distance between the road right-of-way or lot line and the near edge of pavement in an off-road parking lot.
- b. **Required Setback.** The minimum horizontal distance between a front, rear or side lot line and a building line required to comply with required yard provisions of this Ordinance.
221. **Shopping Center.** A group of commercial establishments, primarily consisting of retail uses, that are compatible with each other and are mutually supportive, in one (1) or more buildings, on a site that is planned, developed, and managed as one (1) operating unit, with common driveways, parking areas, identification signs, and other common facilities and services.
222. **Sign.** Any surface, fabric, device, display, structure, fixture, placard, or similar visual medium, including all component parts, which bears writing, representations, emblems, graphic designs, logos, trademarks, pictorial forms, sculptured matter or any figures of similar character or the purpose of conveying information, or informing or attracting the attention of persons. Signs shall include banners, bulbs, other lighting devices, streamers, pennants, balloons, propellers, flags or similar devices.

Unless otherwise indicated, the definition of "sign" includes interior or exterior signs that are visible from any public road, sidewalk, alley, park or public property, but not signs that are primarily directed at persons within the premises where the sign is located.

- a. **Abandoned Sign.** A sign accessory to or associated with a use that has been discontinued or terminated for more than 180 days.
- b. **Accessory Sign.** A sign that pertains to the principal use of the premises.
- c. **Billboard or Non-Accessory Signs.** Signs that do not pertain to the principal use of the premises, or that advertises businesses, products, services, facilities or events not sold, distributed or furnished on the premises on which the sign is located. Also referred to as "outdoor advertising," or "off-premises signs."
- d. **Building-Mounted Sign.** A display sign that is painted on, adjacent to or attached to a building wall, door, window or related architectural feature.
- (1) **Awning Sign.** A sign that is painted or printed on, or attached to an awning or canopy.
- (2) **Building Directory.** A wall sign where individual occupants of a building whose space is not located on the street level façade may display information directing visitors to their portion of the building.

- (3) **Nameplate.** A small wall sign accessory to the address numbers of a building for the purpose of identifying the building, occupants or uses.
  - (4) **Projecting Sign.** A display sign attached to or hung from a structure projecting from and supported by the building, and extending beyond the building wall, building line or road right-of-way line.
  - (5) **Wall Sign.** A sign painted on, or attached parallel to the exterior surface of a building wall, door, window or related architectural feature and extending not more than two (2) feet from the wall with no copy on the sides or edges.
  - (6) **Window Sign.** A sign affixed to or installed inside a window so as to be observable from the exterior of the building.
- e. **Clearance.** The vertical distance between the surface grade beneath the sign and the lowest point of the sign, including framework and embellishments.
  - f. **Color Value.** The perception of an internally illuminated color's lightness or darkness or a description of the overall intensity or strength of the light through the illuminated color, expressed as a ratio or percentage.
    - (1) **Saturation.** The dominance of hue in the color, expressed as a percentage of the dominant wavelength to other wavelengths in the color.
  - g. **Damaged Sign.** A sign or supporting structure that is torn, defaced, dented, smashed, broken, vandalized or destroyed.
  - h. **Decorative Display.** A decorative, temporary display designed for the entertainment or cultural enrichment of the public and having no direct or indirect sales or advertising content.
  - i. **Ground Sign.** A freestanding sign supported by one or more columns, uprights or braces in the ground surface, or mounted directly to a base with no clearance between the established grade and the bottom of the sign.
  - j. **Noncombustible Material.** Any material that will not ignite at or below a temperature of 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and will not continue to burn or glow at that temperature.
  - k. **Nonconforming Sign.** A sign which was erected legally, but which is not in compliance with current Ordinance provisions for signs. The definition of "nonconforming sign" shall not include any sign located within a road right-of-way, or any sign that is missing necessary structural and functional components.
  - l. **Roof Sign.** Any sign erected or maintained on or above the roof of the building, or that extends above the roofline.
  - m. **Sign Area.** The gross surface area within a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of all sign copy or surface of any internally-

illuminated sign, awning or canopy. Such perimeter shall not include any structural or framing elements lying outside the limits of such sign and not forming an integral part of the display.

- n. **Signable Area.** The area of the street level portion of a principal building's front facade wall, including doors and windows, facing a public road where the address or primary public entrance is located.
- o. **Sign Copy.** Writing, representations, emblems, logos, pictorial forms, sculptured matter or any figures of similar character, together with any frame, tower or other materials, color or internally-illuminated area forming an integral part of a display to convey information or attract attention.
  - (1) **Animated Copy.** Sign copy that flashes, moves, revolves, cycles or is otherwise altered or changed by mechanical or electrical means at intervals of less than once per minute.
  - (2) **Changeable Copy.** Moveable letters or other forms of sign copy, not including animated copy, which can be altered by manual, mechanical or electrical means without replacing the sign copy area, at intervals of once per minute or longer.
- p. **Sign Height.** The vertical distance measured from the average grade at the sign location to the highest point of the sign.
- q. **Site Entry Feature with Signage.** A sign located at the entrance to a residential development, industrial park or similar development for the purpose of identifying an entrance, defining a gateway or creating a common identity for the development.
- r. **Temporary Sign.** Display signs, banners, balloons, festoons or other advertising devices constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, plastic or other light temporary material, with or without a structural frame or any other sign intended for a limited period of display, but not including decorative displays for holidays or public demonstration.
  - (1) **Banner.** A temporary sign made of fabric or other non-rigid material with no enclosing framework.
  - (2) **Festoons.** A string of ribbons, tinsel, small flags or pinwheels.
  - (3) **Inflatable Sign.** Any air filled or gas filled object tethered to a fixed location and used as a means of directing attention to any business, profession, commodity, service, product or entertainment.
  - (4) **Portable Sign.** A type of temporary sign not permanently affixed to the ground or structure and consisting of two vertically-oriented sign faces linked at the top by hinges or similar devices and forming an inverted "V" shape when displayed. Also referred to as a "sandwich board" sign.
- s. **Unlawful Sign.** A sign for which no valid permit was issued by the Township at the time such sign was erected or a sign that is not in compliance with the current zoning ordinance and does not meet the definition of a nonconforming sign.

- t. **Unsafe Sign.** A sign that is not properly secured, in danger of falling or otherwise in a condition that is hazardous to the public health, safety or welfare.
223. **Single-Family Housing.** See "**Dwelling, Single-Family.**"
224. **Site Condominium.** See "**Condominium.**"
225. **Site Plan.** A plan showing all salient features of a proposed development, as required by pertinent portions of this Ordinance, so that it may be evaluated to determine whether it meets the provisions of this Ordinance and the Growth Management Plan.
226. **Slopes.** Any rise in the height of a topographic land surface over a distance of 100 feet, in which one end or side is at a higher level than another. See also "**Steep Slopes.**"
227. **Special Event.** An occurrence or noteworthy happening of seasonal, civic, or church importance, which is organized and sponsored by a non-profit community group, organization, club, or society, and which offers a distinctive service to the community, such as public entertainment, community education, civic celebration, or cultural or community enrichment and which is open to the public. Special events typically run for a short period of time [less than two (2) weeks] and are unlike the customary or usual activities generally associated with the property where the special event is to be located.
228. **Special Use.** See "**Use, Special.**"
229. **Specially Designated Distributor's Establishment.** A retail establishment consisting of less than 15,000 square feet of usable retail space, or any retail establishment where more than ten percent (10%) of the usable retail space is utilized for the distribution of alcoholic liquor, licensed by the state liquor control commission to distribute alcoholic liquor and operating in compliance with the Township's Liquor Control Ordinance, other than wine under twenty percent (20%) alcohol by volume, and beer, in the original package for consumption off the premises.
230. **Specially Designated Merchant's Establishment.** A retail establishment consisting of less than 15,000 square feet of usable retail space, or any retail establishment where more than ten percent (10%) of the usable retail space is utilized for the distribution of alcoholic liquor, licensed by the state liquor control commission to sell beer and/or wine for consumption off the premises and operating in compliance with the Township Liquor Control Ordinance.
231. **Sportsman's Club.** A facility owned by an organization or group of individuals, established with the goal of organized or casual target shooting. This does not include recreational shooting by private property owners and their guests on their privately owned property.
232. **Stacked Flats.** See "**Dwelling, Stacked Flats Building.**"
233. **State Licensed Residential Facility.** A structure or facility constructed for residential purposes to provide resident services and 24 hour supervision or care for six (6) or fewer persons in need of supervision or care, or as licensed by the State of

Michigan under the Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act (P.A. 218 of 1979, as amended) or Child Care Organizations Act (P.A. 116 of 1973, as amended).

234. **Steep Slopes.** A rise of twelve percent (12%) or more having a vertical change in elevation of eight (8) or more feet and a length of 30 feet or more, as measured parallel to the contour lines.
235. **Story.** That part of a building, except a basement or mezzanine as defined herein, included between the upper surface of any floor and the upper surface of the floor or roof next above it (see "**Basic Structural Terms**" illustration).
- a. A mezzanine shall be deemed a full story when it covers more than one-third (1/3) of the area of the story underneath, or if the vertical distance from the floor next below the mezzanine to the floor above it is 24 feet or more.
- b. A basement shall be deemed a full story when the vertical distance from the average grade to the floor below is half than the vertical distance from the average grade to the ceiling.
236. **Story, Half.** An uppermost story lying under a sloping roof having an area of at least 200 square feet in area with a clear ceiling height of seven (7) feet six (6) inches. For the purposes of this ordinance, the usable floor area is only that area having at least five (5) feet clear height between floor and ceiling.
237. **Street.** See "**Road.**"
238. **Structure.** Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires location on the ground or attachment to something having location on the ground, including, but not limited to buildings, dwellings, aboveground swimming pools, radio towers, sheds, signs and storage bins, but excluding sidewalks and paving on roads, driveways, parking areas and patios.
- a. **Temporary Structure.** A structure permitted to exist during periods of construction, special events, and other limited time periods.
239. **Subdivision Plat.** The division of a tract of land into two (2) or more lots, building sites, or other divisions for the purpose of sale or building development, in accordance with the Land Division Act (P.A. 288 of 1967, as amended), and the Bridgewater Township Subdivision Control Ordinance, as amended.
240. **Swimming Pool.** Any structure or container located above or below grade designed to hold water to a depth of greater than two (2) feet and intended for swimming or bathing. A swimming pool is an accessory structure for purposes of this Ordinance.
241. **Tavern.** An establishment licensed by the State of Michigan to sell at retail and serve alcoholic beverages on the premises where less than thirty percent (30%) of the gross floor area is made up of a bar, being a barrier or counter at which any alcoholic beverages are sold or served to and consumed by customers, and also including areas dedicated for the use of stages, dance floors, standing-room areas, pool tables, and other amusement devices.
242. **Theater.** A building, room, or outdoor structure for the presentation of performances or motion pictures.

243. **Total Buildable Area.** An area calculated by subtracting from the gross site acreage, the areas comprised of existing and proposed right-of-ways and easements for public and private roads, flood plains, wetlands, and stream corridors, and lands to be purchased for public use. This is the area used to compute the allowable maximum density for an Open Space Preservation Residential Development.
244. **Townhouses.** See "**Dwelling, Townhouse.**"
245. **Township.** Bridgewater Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.
- a. **Township Board.** The elected board of trustees for Bridgewater Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.
246. **Township Engineer.** The person, persons or firm designated by the Township to advise the Township on drainage, grading, paving, storm water management and control utilities, and other related site engineering and civil engineering issues. The Township Engineer may be a consultant or employee of the Township, or the responsibilities of this position may be divided between more than one (1) person or firm.
247. **Township Planner.** The person, persons or firm designated by the Township to administer and enforce this Zoning Ordinance on a day-to-day basis; provide staff support to the Township Board, Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals; or advise the Township on community planning, zoning, land use, housing, and other related planning and development issues. The Township Planner may be a consultant or an employee of the Township, or the responsibilities of this position may be divided between more than one (1) person or firm.
248. **Tree Farm.** The use of land to grow live trees that are heeled in, not balled and bagged, and are intended to be transplanted or sold for use in agriculture, forestry or landscaping, but not including sales on the premises or storage of tree-moving, earth-moving, or related equipment outside of enclosed structures. See also "**Landscaping Business**" and "**Nursery.**"
249. **Truck Terminal.** A structure to which goods, except raw or unprocessed agricultural products, are delivered for immediate distribution or to be amalgamated or divided for delivery in larger or smaller units to other points, or for distribution, amalgamation, or division involving transfer to other modes of transportation.
250. **Two-Family (Duplex) Dwellings.** See "**Dwelling, Two-Family or Duplex Dwelling.**"
251. **Undeveloped State.** A natural state preserving natural resources, natural features, or scenic or wooded conditions; agricultural land use; open space; or a similar use or condition. Land in an undeveloped state does not include a golf course or other exclusively commercial recreational uses, lot area within setbacks for each specific lot or land area dedicated as limited commons, but may include a recreational trail, picnic area, children's play area, greenway, or linear park.
252. **Use.** The purpose for which land or premises or a building thereon, is designed, arranged or intended or for which it is occupied maintained, let or leased.
- a. **Accessory Use.** A use naturally and normally incidental to, subordinate to and devoted exclusively to the principal use or building of the premises.



- b. **Special Use.** An activity that may be detrimental to other land uses permitted within the same district, but that may be permitted subject to certain conditions or limitations designed to insure that the use is compatible with other permitted uses in the district.
  - c. **Permitted Use.** A use permitted in each zoning district by right subject to site plan review approval.
  - d. **Principal Use.** The main or primary use of the land or structures; or an activity permitted by right in the district, subject to the requirements and standards of this Ordinance.
  - e. **Seasonal Use.** A temporary use permitted and regulated pursuant to this Ordinance for a limited period of time conducted every year at the same time of year, such as, but not limited to, the sale of Easter flowers or Christmas trees.
  - f. **Temporary Use.** A use permitted and regulated pursuant to this Ordinance for periods of time that are limited in duration as specified by this Ordinance.
253. **Use Groups.** All uses of land permitted by this Ordinance have been organized, for ease of use and convenience, into the following use groups based upon certain characteristics that the grouped uses may share:
- a. **RURAL USES.** These uses primarily involve the keeping, breeding or use of animals; production or distribution of produce and farm-related products; and associated uses of a rural character or intensity.
  - b. **RESIDENTIAL USES.** These uses primarily involve housing of various types and densities, and associated uses typically found in a residential neighborhood.
  - c. **OFFICE, SERVICE, AND COMMUNITY USES.** Community uses are public-owned or operated uses; uses of a not-for-profit nature; uses that involve benefits or services generally provided to a significant portion of the population; or uses that serve as focal or gathering points for the community. Office or service uses are private-owned or operated uses; or uses of a for-profit nature, such as personal service establishments, medical and professional offices, workshops and studios, and similar associated uses.
  - d. **COMMERCIAL USES.** These are uses of a generally for-profit nature, and may include retail sales, food service, entertainment, repair services and similar associated uses.
  - e. **INDUSTRIAL, RESEARCH, AND LABORATORY USES.** These are uses of a light manufacturing, research, warehousing or wholesaling character; or that involve compounding, processing, packaging, assembly, storage or treatment of materials.
  - f. **OTHER USES.** These are uses that, because of unusual character, intensity or nuisance factors, do not fit well into the preceding use groups.
254. **Utility, Private.** A person, firm, corporation or private entity duly authorized to furnish and furnishing, under federal, state or municipal regulations or franchise agreements, to the public: gas, steam, electricity, communication, telegraph or

transportation. Such uses as wind energy conversion systems (WECS), community wells, private community wastewater treatment and disposal systems (PCWS), radio stations, and wireless communication facilities shall not be considered private utilities under this Ordinance.

255. **Utility, Public.** A governmental entity or municipal department, board or commission duly authorized to furnish and furnishing, under federal, state, or municipal regulations, electricity, gas, steam, communications, telegraph, or transportation to the public. Such utility shall be regulated by a governmental pricing structure, have the right of eminent domain, be a single entity as designated by Federal or State government to provide a specified service or product, and provide a service considered essential to a public need.
- a. Publicly owned and operated or municipal water distribution and sanitary sewer systems, and stormwater drainage facilities under the jurisdiction of the Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner, shall also be considered public utilities.
  - b. Such uses as wind energy conversion systems (WECS), community wells, private community wastewater treatment and disposal systems (PCWS), radio stations, and wireless communication facilities shall not be considered public utilities under this Ordinance.
256. **Variable Costs and Expenses.** Monetary charges incurred by the Township that do not meet the definition of fixed costs and expenses; including items which vary depending upon the scope of the project, such as advisory services from the Township Engineer, Township Planner, and other designated Township consultants, attorney fees, inspection costs, recording fees, and testing or laboratory costs.
257. **Variance.** A modification of the literal provisions of this Ordinance granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.
258. **Vehicle Shelter.** A temporary accessory structure consisting of metal, fabric, wood, plastic, fiberglass, or combination of similar materials and designed or intended for the short-term sheltering of a motor or recreational vehicle from weather conditions or solar radiation.
259. **Veterinary Clinic Or Hospital.** An office of a duly licensed veterinary professional for diagnosis, treatment, surgery and other veterinary care of domestic animals, horses, livestock and other animals.
260. **Viewshed.** The total physiographic area, composed of land, water, biotic, and other environmental and cultural elements, visible from one (1) or more fixed vantage points (such as a series of views along a roadway, or the view from the perspective of one riverfront dwelling).
261. **Wall.** A screening structure of definite height and location constructed of a masonry, concrete, rock or similar material.
262. **Warehouse.** A building used for short- and/or long-term storage in connection with production and marketing or in connection with manufacturing, freight handling, wholesaling, and retailing. See also "**Distribution Center**" and "**Truck Terminal**."

263. **Watercourse.** Any waterway including a river, stream, lake, pond or any body of surface water having definite banks, a bed and visible evidence of a continued flow or continued occurrence of water.
264. **Water Supply System.** Facilities for collection, transportation, processing, or distribution of sanitary drinking water serving or intended to serve more than one principal dwelling unit, principal use, or principal building; including all potable water sources, treatment and purification facilities, pumps, lines, and appurtenances.
- a. **Municipal Water System.** A water supply system owned and operated by one or more governmental entities.
- b. **Community Well.** A water supply system serving more than one (1) dwelling that is owned by a non-governmental entity.
265. **Wetland.** Lands transitional between terrestrial and aquatic systems where the water table is usually at or near the land surface or the land is saturated with or covered by water. Some wetland areas are more commonly referred to as bogs, swamps or marshlands. Wetlands shall also have one (1) or more of the following attributes:
- a. At least periodically, the land supports predominantly hydrophytes.
- b. The substrate is predominantly un-drained hydric soil.
- c. The substrate is saturated with water or covered by shallow water at some time during the growing season of each year.
266. **Wetland, Regulated.** Certain wetlands as regulated by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) or the Township's Wetland Ordinance.
267. **Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS).** Any device such as a wind charger, windmill, or wind turbine that converts wind energy to usable energy.
- a. **Agricultural WECS.** A WECS that is accessory to a permitted farm or agricultural operation, and is designed and built to serve the needs of the farm or agricultural operation.
- b. **Private WECS.** A WECS that is accessory to a principal non-farm, non-agricultural use located on the same lot, and is designed and built to serve the needs of the principal use.
- c. **Commercial WECS.** A WECS that is designed and built to provide electricity to the electric utility's power grid.
- d. **Authorized Factory Representative.** An individual with technical training of a WECS who has received factory installation instructions and is certified in writing by the manufacturer of the WECS.
268. **Wireless Communications Facilities.** All structures and accessory facilities relating to the use of the radio frequency spectrum for the purpose of transmitting or receiving radio signals including but not limited to radio and television transmission towers and antennae, telephone devices and exchanges, microwave relay towers, telephone transmission equipment building and commercial mobile radio service facilities.

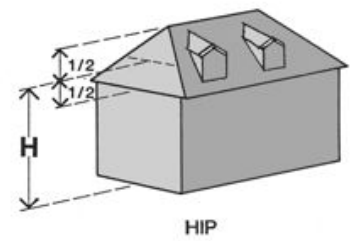
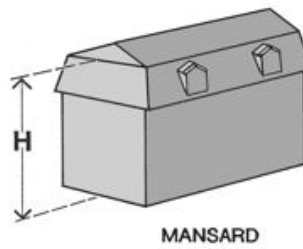
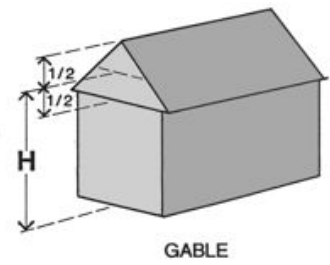
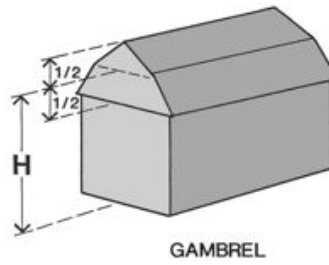
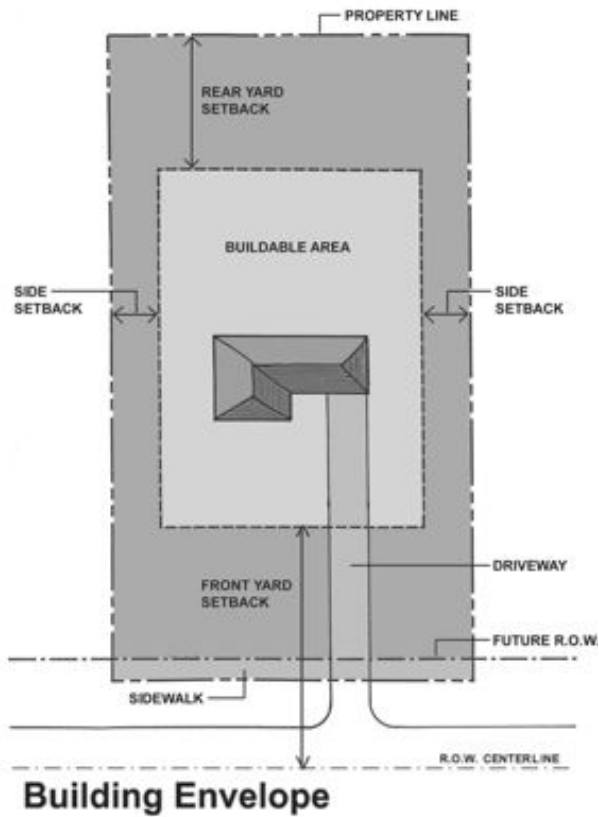
- a. **Antenna(e).** Equipment used for the transmission or reception of wireless communication signals.
  - b. **Amateur Radio Antenna.** An antenna and associated support structure that is owned and operated by a federally licensed amateur radio station operator for personal use. Also referred to as "ham radio antenna."
  - c. **Backhaul Network.** The lines, facilities, and equipment that connect a provider's towers or antennae to switching offices, long-distance providers or public-switched telephone networks.
  - d. **Collocation.** The location of two (2) or more wireless telecommunication facilities on a common structure, tower or building.
  - e. **Ground Equipment.** Equipment used in the operation of the facility, other than antennae or towers, and the structure or enclosure within which the equipment is stored, maintained, and serviced.
  - f. **Provider.** Entity that is properly licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and other appropriate governmental authorities to provide services through wireless communications facilities.
  - g. **Satellite Dish Antenna.** An antenna structure designed to receive from or transmit to orbiting satellites.
  - h. **Tower.** A structure, and any support thereto, that is intended to hold apparatus which transmits or receives radio, television, pager, telephone, or similar communications, including self-supporting lattice towers, guyed towers, light poles, wood poles, or monopole towers. The term includes radio and television transmission towers and antenna arrays, microwave towers, common-carrier towers, cellular telephone and wireless Internet towers, alternative tower structures, and similar wireless communication antennae support structures.
    - (1) **Radio and Television Tower.** A tower and antennae structure or array of towers and antennae that is intended to transmit commercial, emergency or private radio or television signals or similar communications.
269. **Woodland.** Any property containing one (1) or more acres (excluding existing rights-of-way) that has been designated as a woodland on the official Township Woodland Map. The term "woodland" shall include all trees, shrubs, and groundcover located upon such property (regardless of size); or any area of land having trees which acts as a substantial buffer for existing residential structures or a residential zoning district or between adjacent uses, acts as a significant greenbelt linkage between other natural resources, or has significant environmental value due to unusual topography, diversity of habitat, unique beauty, endangered species, or a healthy tree of 24 inches D.B.H. or greater. The critical root zone of all trees on the perimeter of the forested area of plantation defines the area of a woodland.
270. **Woodland Map.** The map approved by the Planning Commission, which identifies all woodland areas in the Township.

271. **Yard.** An open space of prescribed width or depth on the same zoning lot with a building or group of buildings between the building or group of buildings and the nearest lot line, and is unoccupied from the ground upward except as otherwise provided herein (see "**Yard Terms**" illustration).
- a. **Front Yard Setback.** An open space extending the full width of the lot, the depth of which is the minimum horizontal distance from the centerline of the road right-of-way and the nearest point of the principal building.
  - b. **Rear Yard Setback.** The yard directly opposite the designated front yard; or an open space extending across the full width of the lot, the depth of which is the minimum horizontal distance between the rear lot line and the nearest point of the principal building.
  - c. **Required Yard.** An open space or yard area that conforms to the requirements of this Ordinance for yard, setback or other open space requirements.
  - d. **Side Yard Setback.** An open space extending from the front yard to the rear yard on each side of the principal building between the building and the side lot line; the width of which is the minimum horizontal distance between the side lot line and the nearest point of the principal building.
272. **Zoning Board of Appeals.** The board created pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act to hear and decide appeals, variances, interpretations, and exceptions under this Ordinance.
273. **Zoning District.** See "**District.**"
274. **Zoning Administrator.** The person(s) designated by the Township to administer and enforce this Zoning Ordinance on a day-to-day basis.
275. **Zoning Compliance Permit.** Authorization given by the Township to use land or structures for uses permitted under this Ordinance; to erect, construct or alter structures in conformity with this Ordinance; or to maintain or conduct other specified activities permitted by this Ordinance. This term is synonymous with the term "**Certificate of Zoning Compliance.**"

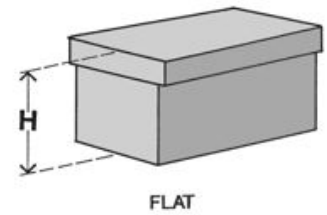
#### **Section 19.04 Undefined Terms.**

Any term not defined herein shall have the meaning of common or standard use.

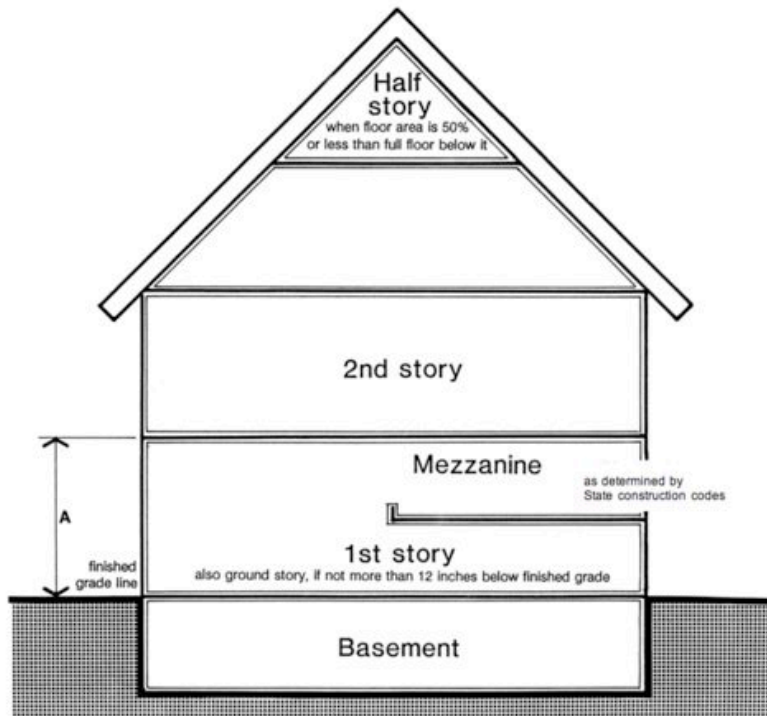
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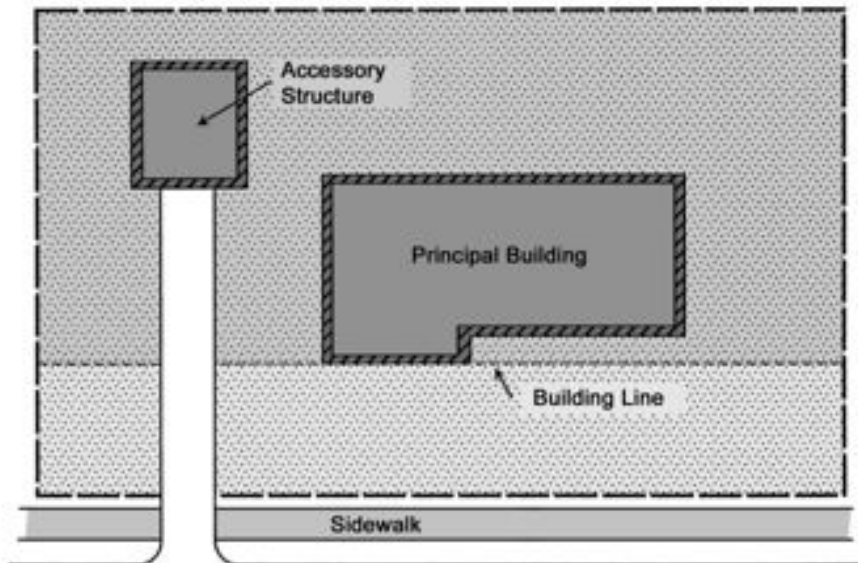
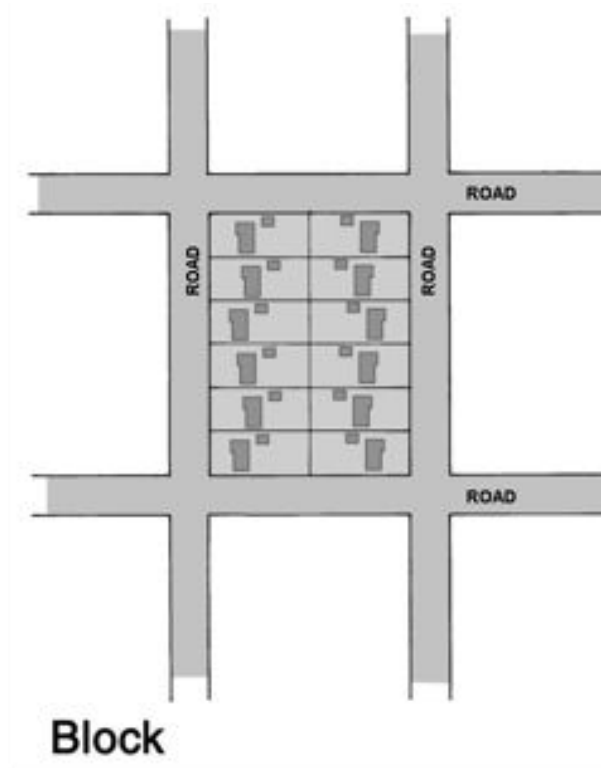
## Building Height



## Basic Structural Terms

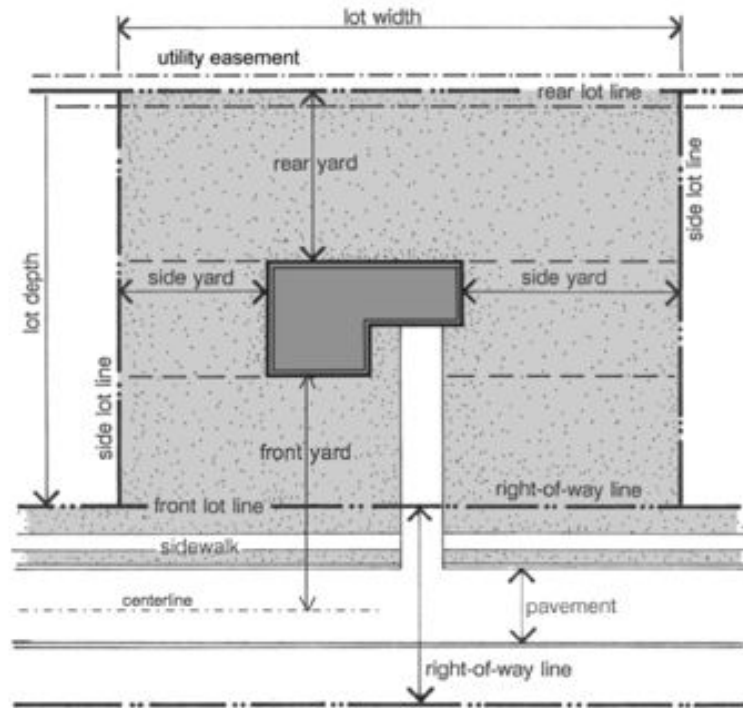


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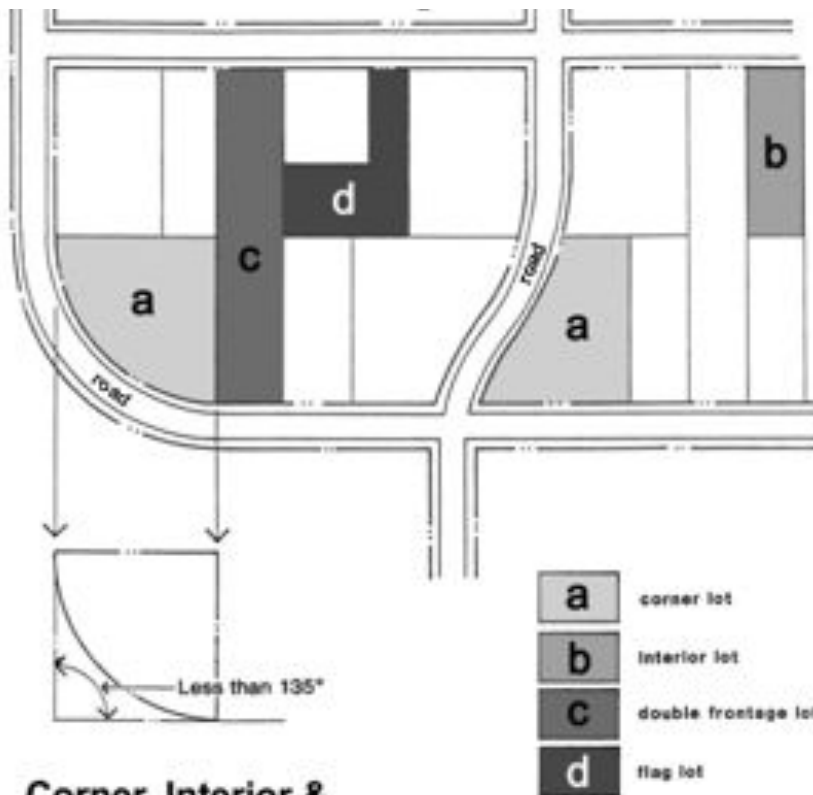


## Accessory Structure

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### Yard Terms



### Corner, Interior & Double Frontage Lots