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19.20.010 GENERAL

Terms which are used in this Title and are not specifically defined shall be given their ordinary meaning, unless the context requires or suggests otherwise. In the case of ambiguity or uncertainty concerning the meaning of a particular term, whether or not defined, the Director and staff of the Department shall have the authority to assign an interpretation which is consistent with the intent and purpose of this Title, or an interpretation which is consistent with previous usage or interpretation.

19.20.020 WORDS AND TERMS DEFINED

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

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{Ord 5825 – 04/19/06}

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{Bill 2006-52 – 10/04/06}

{Ord 5895 – 03/21/07}

{Ord. 6041 06/03/09}

Abandoned Sign. A sign described in Section 19.14.140(A)(2).

Abandoned. Concerning a building or use, means not having been developed or maintained for a stated period of time.

Abut. To physically touch or border upon; or to share a common property line, but not overlap.

Access. A way or means of approach to provide vehicular or pedestrian physical entrance to a property.

Accessory Structure. A structure that is:

{Ord 5825 – 04/19/06}

1. Located on the same lot as a principal structure;
2. May be detached from or attached to the principal structure; and
3. Incidental or subordinate to the principal structure.

Accessory Structure (Class I). An accessory structure which is located on the same residential parcel as a principal dwelling and which, as an ancillary use, provides living quarters, including full kitchen facilities, for the occupants of the principal dwelling or their tenants, domestic employees or temporary guests.

{Ord 5895 – 03/21/07}

Accessory Structure (Class II). An accessory structure which is located on the same lot as a principal structure, is detached therefrom, is incidental or subordinate thereto, and does not qualify as an “Accessory Structure (Class I).”

{Ord 5895 – 03/21/07}

Accessory Use. A use incidental or secondary to the principal use of a lot, building or structure and located on the same lot as the principal use.

Action. The decision made by the reviewing authority on a land use application; the determination made and any conditions of approval.

Adult Day Care Center. A facility that provides personal care and related services to more than ten dependent adults in a supervised, protective, congregate setting during some portion of a twenty-four hour day. Services typically offered in conjunction with an adult day care center include social and recreational activities, training, meals, and services such as rehabilitation and medication assistance.

{Ord 5841 – 08/02/06}

Advertising. Any writing, painting, display, emblem, drawing, sign or other device designed, used, or intended for display or any type of publicity for the purpose of making anything known or attracting attention to a place, product, goods, services, idea or statement.

Air Rights. The right to use space above ground level.

Airport Elevations. The highest point of an airport's useable landing area measured in feet above mean sea level.

Airport, Heliport or Landing Field. Any area of land designated and set aside for the landing and taking off of any aircraft regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration, together with related refueling and terminal facilities.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Alley. A public way which affords only a secondary means of access to abutting property and which is not intended for general travel or circulation.

Alter. To make any change in the structural members or other features of a building; or any change to allow the building to be used for purposes other than those for which it was originally intended. "Alter" includes "enlarge".

Amenity. A natural or created feature that enhances the aesthetic quality, visual appeal or attractiveness of a particular property, place or area.

Amphitheater. An oval, circular or semicircular outdoor theater in which the stage or screen area is surrounded by rising tiers of seating or assembling areas, or both.

{Ord 5789 – 09/21/05}

Ancillary Lounge Bar means a bar located in a lounge area of a hotel or approved mixed-use building which has a minimum of one hundred-fifty rooms or residential units, unless the City Council determines that public health, safety and welfare are not compromised by a lesser number of rooms or units, where the lounge bar makes available alcoholic beverages for consumption in specified areas only. The term does not include a bar that is ancillary to a "Non-restricted Gaming Establishment," as defined in this Title.

{Ord 6118 – 11/05/10}

Ancillary Use. A use incidental to and customarily associated with a specific principal use and which is located on the same parcel or lot.

Animal Hospital, Clinic, or Shelter. A facility that provides medical or surgical treatment for animals or pets, as well as shelter and care during the time of such treatment. Such a facility may, but does not necessarily, include the use of outdoor pens in providing such shelter and care.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

{Ord 5737 – 12/15/04}

Animal Keeping and Husbandry. The raising, keeping and breeding of domestic animals, including without limitation dogs, cats, birds, sheep, goats and pot-bellied pigs. The use must be ancillary to the principal use, but may be conducted for commercial purposes.

{Ord 6041 06/03/09}

Animal Keeping, Wild or Exotic. The keeping of nondomestic animals, including without limitation wild animals as defined in LVMC 7.04.500.

Animal Production. A facility or area for raising animals (including fish and birds) and the development of animal products, such as meat, fur or eggs on a commercial basis. This use does not include raising animals to sell as pets.

Antenna. Any exterior apparatus that is mounted on a structure and is used for transmitting or receiving communications, including electromagnetic waves, digital signals, analog signals, radio frequencies (excluding radar signals), wireless communication signals or other communication signals.

Antenna Tower. A pole or other structure, including any supporting elements, that is used to support one or more wireless communication antennas. The term includes a pole or other structure that supports a wireless communication antenna and that is attached to a trailer or other portable support.

Antenna Tower Alternative Structure. A structure such as a flagpole, man-made tree, clock tower, bell steeple, or similar alternative-design mounting structure that substantially camouflages or conceals the presence of wireless communication antennas or antenna towers.

Antique/Collectible Store. Any building used for the sale of:

{Ord 5842 – 0 8/02/06}

1. Any old and authentic object of personal property which was made, fabricated or manufactured sixty or more years earlier and which has a unique appeal and enhanced value mainly because of its age; or
2. Any article of personal property which was made, fabricated or manufactured twenty or more years earlier and because of public demand has attained value in a recognized commercial mark which is in excess of its original value.

Apartment House. A structure which contains three or more apartment dwelling units and which does not qualify as a condominium, townhouse dwelling or residence hotel.

Apartment. A room, or suite of rooms, within an apartment house which has facilities for the preparation of meals, is designed for and used or intended to be used by one family and is intended to be occupied on a rental basis with a rental period of at least one week.

Arcade Sign. A wall or projecting sign attached to the roof or the wall of an arcade and totally within the outside limits of the structural surfaces that delineate the arcade.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Archeological Site. A site that has yielded, or exhibits the promise of yielding, information important in the understanding of human prehistory or history. Such information may consist of evidence of past human life, habitation or activity, as well as material remains.

Architectural Feature. A decorative element intended to enhance the character of a structure and may be an integral part of the structure. Architectural features may include, but are not limited to, porches, eaves or freestanding forms and monuments.

Asphalt or Concrete Batch Plant. A permanent facility or area for the mixing of concrete or asphalt.

Assisted Living Apartment. An apartment or apartment complex which provides personal care services to senior citizens for daily living needs. Such services may include, but are not limited to, preparation and service of meals, housekeeping, laundry, monitoring of rooms, monitoring of medication, or assistance with bathing. The term includes commercial uses that are ancillary to an apartment complex as long as the total amount of floor space dedicated to such uses does not exceed 5% of the total gross floor area of the apartment complex and there is no external signage for, nor external access to, the commercial uses. The term does not include a convalescent care facility/nursing home or other medical facility that is specifically defined in this Chapter.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

{Ord 5445 – 02/20/02}

Astrologer, Hypnotist, or Psychic Art & Science. Any person who practices, teaches, or professes to practice the business of astrology, hypnotism or the psychic arts and sciences for a fee, gift, donation, or otherwise. Psychic arts and sciences may include palmistry, phrenology, life reading, fortune telling, cartomancy, clairvoyance, clairaudience, crystal gazing, mediumship, prophecy, augury, divination, magic or necromancy. The term does not include a hypnotherapy practice.

Attached Sign. Any sign that is attached to an occupied building or building designed for occupancy.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Attention Gaining Device. Any streamer, pennant, propeller, inflatable sign, tethered balloon, portable sign, bunting or other artificial device, figure, shape, color, sound, light or exhibit, whether live, animated or still, that is intended to attract attention to a use or business being conducted either on or off site.

Auction House. An enclosed establishment for the temporary storage and offering by an auctioneer of qualified property which is offered or sold to the highest bidder by means of a request or invitation for bids. For purposes of this definition, the term “qualified property” means property of any kind belonging to another, but excluding animals, motor vehicles and business inventory to be liquidated following or in connection with the closing of a business. The term “auction house” does not include a secondhand dealer.

{Ord 6041 06/03/09}

Auctioneer. A person who cries out or otherwise requests or solicits bids for purposes of offering to sell property to the highest bidder.

{Ord 6041 06/03/09}

Auto Broker. A facility or area used primarily for the wholesaling of used motor vehicles, typically on an intermediary basis between an auction house and a used car dealership. The term does not include a facility or area used for the retail sales of used vehicles.

Auto Dealer Inventory Storage. The parking or storage, other than for purposes of display, of new motor vehicles which constitute inventory of a new motor vehicle sales dealership, where such parking or storage is maintained by the dealership either on the same parcel as the dealership or on a separate parcel.

Auto Paint & Body Repair Shop. A facility for collision services including body, frame or fender straightening or repair and painting of vehicles in an appropriate paint booth.

Auto Parts (Accessory Installation). A facility for the retail sale and installation of auto accessories such as stereos, alarms and other types of accessories.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Auto Parts (New & Rebuilt) (Accessory Sales & Service). A facility for the retail sale and installation of lubricating oils, tires, filters and other new or rebuilt goods for use in motor vehicles. The resurfacing of rotors, pressing of bearings, grinding of brake drums, and similar activities are permitted as incidental uses, as well as the installation of auto accessories.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Auto Repair Garage, Major. A facility for the repair or reconditioning of any type of motorized vehicle, other than the types of repair and service authorized to be performed in a minor auto repair garage. The term includes a facility which performs any repairs to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight over 10,000 pounds.

Auto Repair Garage, Minor. A facility for the performance of minor repairs and service on vehicles of 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or less. Such repairs and service are limited to electronic tune ups, brake repairs (including drum turning), air conditioning repairs, generator and starter repairs, tire repairs, front end alignments, battery recharging, lubrication, selling/installing minor parts and accessories, and other similar activities. The term also includes the repair and installation of other minor elements of an automobile such as windshield wipers, hoses, windows, etc., but excludes general engine repairs, engine installation, and the repair and installation of transmissions and differentials.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Auto Smog Check. A facility for the testing of vehicle emissions.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Auto Title Loan. A business whose primary function is to lend money on the security of the title to a motor vehicle rather than on the security of the vehicle itself.
{Ord 5561 – 01/22/03}

Automobile Detailing Shop. Any building or premises used for washing and cleaning of passenger vehicles.

Automobile Rental. A facility for the rental of new or used automobiles or other passenger vehicles. For purposes of the limitations of this Title on outside storage, vehicles kept on a lot for rental purposes are not considered to be outside storage.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Automobile Repossession Agency. Any parking area used for the storage of up to two operable vehicles which have been repossessed by or on behalf of a lender, together with related office operations. The term does not include the storage of more than two vehicles, which shall be treated as if the use were motor vehicles sales.

Auxiliary Kitchen. A second kitchen in a single-family detached dwelling that is:
{Ord 5825 – 04/19/06}

1. Intended solely for use by members of the household for private dinner parties or social gatherings; and
2. Not located within an accessory structure and is directly accessible from the rest of the dwelling.

Awning. A roof-like cover that projects from the wall of a building for the purpose of shielding a doorway or window from the elements.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Awning Sign. Any sign that is a part of or attached to an awning, or other fabric, plastic or structural protective cover over a door, entrance, window or outdoor service area.
{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Bailbond Service. An establishment that makes available to the public undertakings of bail in connection with judicial proceedings.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Bakery, Retail. An establishment which specializes in the retail sale of baked goods, such as doughnuts, cookies, pastries and other similar goods, but does not provide meals as found in a restaurant.
{Ord. 6041 - 06/03/09}
{Ord. 6059 – 09/02/09}

Banner. Any sign of lightweight fabric or similar material that is mounted to a pole or a building at one or more edges. National flags, state or municipal flags, or the official flag of any institution or business shall not be considered banners.

Banquet Facility. Establishment which is rented by individuals or groups to accommodate private functions such as banquets, weddings, anniversaries, and other similar celebrations. Such a use may or may not include: 1) kitchen facilities for the preparation or catering of food; 2) the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, only during an event, and 3) outdoor gardens or reception facilities.

Basement. A story partly or completely underground. A basement shall be counted as a story for purposes of height measurement where any portion of a basement has more than one-half of its height above grade.

Beacon. Any light with one or more beams directed into the atmosphere or directed at one or more points not on the same lot as the light source; also, any light with one or more beams that rotate or move.

Bed & Breakfast Inn. A facility wherein overnight accommodations and a morning meal are provided in a dwelling unit to tourists for compensation.

Beer/Wine/Cooler Art Event. The sale of beer, wine and coolers, for consumption only, at an art gallery or art studio during the hours of an artistic exhibition, presentation or performance.

{Ord 5674 – 03/17/04}

Beer/Wine/Cooler Cultural Establishment. An establishment:

1. Whose license to sell alcoholic beverages is limited to the sale of beer, wine and coolers, for consumption only:
 - a. At a facility licensed as an art studio or otherwise licensed for art sales or display (or both); and
 - b. During the hours of an artistic exhibition, presentation or performance; and
2. That meets the criteria for a beer/wine/cooler cultural establishment as set forth in Table 2, as adopted in section 19.04.010.

{Ord 6101 – 08/04/10}

Beer/Wine/Cooler Off-Sale Establishment. An establishments whose license to sell alcoholic beverages is limited to the sale of beer, wine and coolers to consumers only and not for resale, in original sealed or corked containers, for consumption off the premises where the same are sold, and is operated in connection with a grocery store, drug store, convenience store or specialty merchandise store.

{Ord 5795 – 10/05/05}

Beer/Wine/Cooler On-Sale Establishment. An establishment whose license to sell alcoholic beverages is limited to the sale of beer, wine and coolers for consumption only in connection with a meal on the premises where the same is sold, and is operated in connection with a restaurant in which thirty or more people may be served with meals at any one time at tables or stools.

{Ord 5795 10/05/05} {Ord 6090 - 05/05/10}

Beer/Wine/Cooler On- and Off-Sale Establishment. An Establishment:

1. Whose license to sell alcoholic beverages is limited to:
 - a. The sale of beer, wine and coolers for consumption only in connection with a meal on the premises where the same is sold; and
 - b. The sale of beer, wine and coolers to consumers only and not for resale, in original sealed or corked containers, for consumption off the premises where the same are sold; and
2. Is operated in connection with a restaurant, grocery store or convenience store in which thirty or more people may be served with meals at any one time at tables or stools.

{Ord 5795 10/05/05} {Ord 6090 - 05/05/10}

Billiard Parlor or Pool Hall. A business establishment whose principal purpose is to make billiard tables available for use by the public for amusement or entertainment.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Block. Property designated on an officially recorded map and bounded by streets and other natural or physical barriers which make it a unit.

Blood Plasma Donor Center. A building used for the collection of human blood plasma from plasma donors. The term does not include a facility for the provision of medical care or treatment.

Boarding or Rooming House. A building or portion thereof, other than a hotel, with no more than four guest rooms where, for compensation, lodging and meals are provided for no more than four persons who are not members of the immediate family occupying such building.

Boat and Trailer Dealership (New and Used). The use of any building or lot for the display and sale of new or used boats, jet skis or other marine vessels, along with corresponding trailers.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Bubbler Heads. An irrigation head that delivers water to the root zone by “flooding” the planted area, usually measured in gallons per minute. Bubblers emit a trickle, umbrella or short stream pattern.

Building. A structure having a roof supported by columns or walls for the housing or enclosure of persons, animals or chattels. “Building” includes “structure”.

Building & Landscape Material/Lumber Yard. A facility for the sale of home, lawn and garden supplies and construction materials such as brick, lumber and other similar materials.

Building Area. That portion of a building site exclusive of the required setback areas in which a structure or building improvements may be erected including the actual structure, driveway, parking lot, pool and other construction as shown on a Site Development Plan.

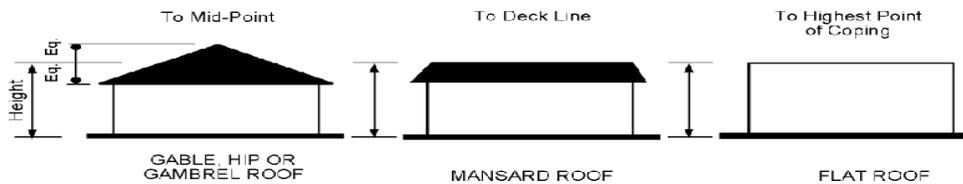
Building Coverage. The ratio of the horizontal area measured from the exterior surface of exterior walls of the ground floor of all principal and accessory buildings on a lot to the total lot area.

Building Elevation. The exterior face of a building, including all vertical elements of the building facing in the same general direction.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Building Height. Building height refers to the vertical distance between the average finished grade along the front of a building and either 1) the highest point of the coping of a flat roof; 2) the deck line of a mansard roof; or 3) the average height level between the eaves and ridge line of a gable, hip or gambrel roof.

FIGURE 1. BUILDING HEIGHT



Building Line. A line established by measuring from the property line, a distance equal to the required setback line, which is generally parallel to the curb line or edge of pavement. No part of a building shall project into the area between the property line and the building line except as otherwise provided in this Title.

Building Maintenance Service & Sales. A facility or area for contracting services such as building repair and maintenance, the installation of plumbing, electrical, air conditioning and heating equipment, janitorial services, and exterminating services. The retail sale of supplies is permitted as an accessory use.

Building Marker. Any sign indicating the name of a building, date or incidental information about its construction. Building markers are cut into the exterior building materials or made of bronze or other permanent material.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Building Mass. The height, width and depth of a structure.

Building Permit. Written permission issued by the Department of Planning and Development for the construction, repair, alteration or addition of a structure.

Building Scale. The relationship of a particular building, in terms of building mass, to other nearby and adjacent buildings.

Building Site. The total area of the building together with all yard areas adjacent thereto, as required by this Title.

Building, Detached. One building on one building lot surrounded by yards or open space; or buildings in a building group that are physically detached one from the other.

Building, Principal. A building in which the principal use of the lot is conducted.

Bus Charter Service & Service Facility. Any premises for the transient housing, parking, servicing or repair of motor-driven buses.

Business School. A facility or area for instruction and training in secretarial and related office skills, cosmetology, commercial art, computer software, cooking or similar training.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Caliper. The diameter of a tree trunk measured four and one-half feet above the ground.

Canopy. A rigid roof, generally supported at all corners or extremities by poles, posts or direct attachment to a building. A canopy typically has little vertical or wall space on it and is only as thick as necessary to create a functional roof. See “Marquee” and “Awning.”

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Canopy Sign. A sign attached to or painted on a canopy.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Car Wash, Full Service or Auto Detailing. An establishment that provides for the washing, cleaning, waxing or detailing of passenger vehicles, either by means of employees or by means of automated or semi-automated methods of cleaning, or by a combination thereof.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Car Wash (Self-Service). A coin operated car wash facility operated by the customer and which does not utilize automobile conveyors or other automatic methods of cleaning.

Carport. A permanent roofed structure for vehicle parking which is not completely enclosed.

Casino. A room or structure whose principal use is for the conduct of gaming activities.

Catering Service. A service that provides for the preparation, storage, and delivery of food and food utensils for off-premise consumption.

Cemetery/ Mausoleum. Property and facilities used for interring of the dead.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Changeable Copy Sign. Any sign or portion thereof with characters, letters, or illustrations that can be changed or rearranged without altering the face or the surface of the sign. The message may be changed manually or electronically. Animated signs shall not be considered changeable copy signs.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Chat. Coarse fragments of hard silica rock principally used for railway ballast, highway construction and concrete production.

{Bill 2006-52 – 10/04/06}

Check Cashing Service, Limited. The service of cashing checks for a fee, service charge or other consideration as a service that is supplemental to a retail business that otherwise does not provide services normally associated with a financial institution. The term does not include a general financial institution, specified financial institution, or any business that provides any kind of loan, cash advance, or deferred deposit service.

{Bill 2006-24 – 06/07/06}

Child Care Center. Any commercial facility which provides day or overnight care for more than twelve children. Such a use is subject to the child care regulations and standards of the State of Nevada.

{Ord 6083 – 02/17/10}

Child Care – Family Home A residential dwelling used primarily as a residence which also provides day or overnight care for a maximum of six children for compensation. Such a use is subject to the child care regulations and standards of the State of Nevada.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06} {Ord 5958 – 12/19/07} {Ord 6083 – 02/17/10}

Child Care – Group Home A residential dwelling used primarily as a residence which also provides day or overnight care for a minimum of seven and a maximum of 12 children for compensation. Such a use is subject to the child care regulations and standards of the State of Nevada.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06} {Ord. 5958 – 12/19/07} {Ord 6083 – 02/17/10}

Church, House of Worship. Any building used for religious worship services, religious education and fellowship activities and programs of a religious organization. The term includes the use of the building and premises for other related activities, such as child care, formal educational programs, preschool classes and recreational activities, but only when those activities are ancillary to the religious use and only after those uses have been approved by means of a use review or other procedure under Chapter 19.18. The term does not include any class of child care center, general education classroom or facility, thrift shop, homeless shelter or commercial activity.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

City Council (Council). The Mayor and City Council of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada.

City. The City of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Civic Event Sign. A temporary sign, other than a commercial sign, posted to advertise a civic event sponsored by a public agency, school, church or religious institution, civic fraternal or other organization.

Cleaners, Commercial/Industrial. A facility or premises which is used for cleaning items in bulk quantities, such as clothing and linens. The term includes diaper cleaning services and cleaning services for hospitals, restaurants, hotels and similar clients, as well as rug and dry cleaning plants, and may include on-premise retail services to individual households as a use incidental to the operation of the plant.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Clinic. A facility which is occupied and used for the purpose of providing dental or medical care, and which regularly provides any of those services to the general public on an emergency basis or without appointment. The term does not include a hospital or a facility which provides for the overnight care or overnight stay of patients.

Club. Private quarters for a private organization; a principal purpose of which is the preparation and service of food and/or drink for members and their guests only.

Cold Storage Plant. A facility for the protective storage of items such as food or furs, in a refrigerated place.

College, University or Seminary. A college or university is an academic institution of higher learning beyond the level of secondary school. A seminary is an institution for the training of candidates for the priesthood, ministry, rabbinate or other religious order.

Co-location. The use of wireless communication facilities by more than one communication provider.

Commercial Message. Any sign wording, logo or other representation that, directly or indirectly, names, advertises, or calls attention to a business, product, service, idea or commercial activity. The term does not include sign copy that consists solely of the electronic indication of time, temperature, or both.

Commercial Recreation/Amusement (Inside). An enclosed facility or area for sport, entertainment, games of skill, or recreation that is open to use by the general public for a fee. The term includes without limitation bowling alleys, indoor miniature golf courses, roller and ice skating rinks, game courts, swimming pools, walk-in movie theaters, physical fitness centers, gyms and video arcades.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Commercial Recreation/Amusement (Outside). An outdoor facility or area for sport, entertainments, games of skill or recreation that is open to use by the general public for a fee. The term includes without limitation game courts, water slides, golf courses, outdoor miniature golf courses, drive-in theaters, batting cages, practice/instructional fields, amusements parks, and sports events, but does not include an amphitheater.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Commercial Vehicle. A vehicle customarily used as part of a business for the transportation of goods or people.

Commission. The Planning Commission of the City of Las Vegas.

Communication Provider. A person or entity that provides a communicative service to the community by means of transmission lines or by electronic transmission via wireless service, such as radio, television, microwave or other means of communicative transmission.

Community Center, Private (Accessory). A facility associated with a planned residential development or multi-family development which provides for community activities for residents of the development.

Community Interior Directional Sign. A sign placed within the interior of a subdivision to provide directions within the subdivision.
{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Community Recreational Facility, Public. A facility which provides for community activities and is available to the general public.

Community Residence. A residential family-like living arrangement for five to ten unrelated individuals with disabilities who are in need of the mutual support furnished by other residents, as well as the support services, if any, provided by the operator of the Community Residence. Residents may be self-governing or supervised by a sponsoring entity or its staff which furnishes habilitative or rehabilitative services related to the needs of the residents. Interrelationships among residents are an essential component of a Community Residence. A Community Residence shall be considered a residential use of property for purposes of all zoning and building codes. However, the Fire Marshal, pursuant to and consistent with the City's Fire Code, may require enhanced fire protection, including the installation of fire sprinklers and other mitigating measures, where one or more residents have a lessened ability to ambulate adequately. The term includes a Family Community Residence and a Transitional Community Residence, but does not include any of the following:

1. Senior Citizen Apartment;
2. Adult Day Care Center;
3. Convalescent Care Facility/Nursing Home;
4. Facility for Transitional Living for Released Offenders;
5. Facility to Provide Testing, Treatment, or Counseling for Drug and Alcohol Abuse;
6. Hospice;
7. Sex Offender Counseling Facility;
8. Boarding or Rooming House;
9. Any other group living arrangement for unrelated individuals who are not disabled;
10. Any of the following, as defined by NRS Chapter 449:
 - a. Facilities for the Treatment of Drug and Alcohol Abuse;
 - b. Modified Medical Detoxification Facilities;
 - c. Transitional Living Facilities for Released Offenders;
 - d. Facility for the Treatment of Narcotics; or
 - e. Community Triage Center

{Ord 6098 – 07/21/10}

Condominium. A multi-family dwelling or a commercial building within which the occupied area is owned individually and the structure, land, common open space areas and facilities are owned by all of the owners on a proportional, undivided basis.

Consolidated Sign. An oversized freestanding ground sign which advertises one or more tenants within a non-residential development. Consolidation occurs when the conditions for such signs are met, and the area for multiple signs is consolidated into one sign.

Construction Material Supply Yard. A facility for the storage and sale of construction materials.

{Ord 5842 – 8/2/06}

Construction Permit. A permit issued pursuant to the City's building and technical codes for the construction of any sign.

Construction Sign. A sign advertising a construction project and the parties involved in its development, proposed to be located on the lot or parcel of land on which the sign is located.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Contractor's Plant, Shop & Storage Yard. A facility for the storage and maintenance of contractor's supplies and operational equipment. Offices are considered an accessory use.

Contributing Property. A classification applied to an individual property within a designated Historic District, signifying that the property contributes generally to the distinctive character of the District, or an archeological site.

Convalescent Care Facility/Nursing Home. A building or structure designed, used, or intended to be used to house and provide care for persons who have a chronic physical or mental illness or infirmity, but who do not need medical, surgical or other specialized treatment normally provided by a hospital. The term includes a "rest home" and "nursing home," as well as a use that would qualify as a Community Residence except for the limitation on the number of residents, but does not include an "assisted living apartment," "hospital" or other medical facility that is specifically defined in this Chapter.

{Ord 5842 – 0 8/02/06} {Ord 5496 – 07/17/02} {Ord 6098 – 07/21/10}

Convent or Monastery. A house or set of buildings used as a residence by persons under religious vows.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Convention Facility. A structure which has at least 100,000 square feet of floor space utilized for scheduling, hosting or accommodating a convention, trade show or temporary event whether the activity is open or closed to the general public. For purposes of this Title, the term includes a stadium facility that is operated in conjunction with a convention facility.

{Ord 5607 – 06/18/03}

Convenience Store. A facility, limited in size and scope that is primarily used for the retail sale to the public of merchandise for off-site consumption, including prepackaged food products, sundries, household items and similar consumer items. The term does not include a retail business licensed as a "drugstore" pursuant to LMVC Title 6.

{Ord. 6008 – 10/15/08}

Copy Center. A facility for the custom reproduction of written or graphic materials on a custom order basis for individuals or businesses. Typical processes include, but are not limited to, photocopying, small offset printing, blueprint, and facsimile sending and receiving.

Corner Lot. A lot situated at the intersection of two or more streets, with frontage on at least two streets.

Country Club, Private. A facility that is made available for use on a membership basis for recreational or athletic purposes, where membership is limited and the use of the facility is primarily restricted to members and their guests. The term includes accessory uses, such as:

{Ord 5842 – 0 8/02/06}

1. A clubhouse.
2. Retail and restaurant facilities which do not have separate signage or advertising.

County. Clark County.

Court. An open, unoccupied space, other than a required yard, on the same lot with a building and bounded on two or more sides by the walls of a building.

Crematory. A facility used for the cremation of corpses.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Crop Production. An area for raising or harvesting agricultural crops.

Cul-de-Sac. The turnaround at the end of a dead-end street.

Curb. A stone, concrete or other improved boundary usually marking the edge of the roadway or paved area.

Curb Cut. The opening along the curb line at which point vehicles may enter or leave the roadway to access adjacent property.

Custodial Institution. One or more buildings and related facilities used for the housing or detention of persons who have been charged with or have been convicted of felonies or misdemeanors.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Custom & Craft Work. A facility in which finished, personal or household items which are either made to order or which involve considerable handwork are produced. Examples include, but are not limited to textiles, pottery, furniture repair or refinishing, wood working, upholstery, sculpting and other work or wood products on an individualized single item basis. The term does not include cabinet making, cabinet assembly or the use of mechanized assembly line production.

Cut. The excavation and mechanical removal of earth material.
{Ord. 5923 – 08/15/07}

Cut and Fill. The excavation and mechanical removal of earth material, and the relocation thereof, for purposes of altering the level or slope of land.
{Ord. 5923 – 08/15/07}

Daily Labor Service. Any building or premises which serves as a staging point or gathering place for persons who are seeking immediate employment in daily labor activities and who accept or are assigned such employment in accordance with whatever employment is available on that particular day. For purposes of this paragraph, “daily labor” means manual labor, including without limitation, construction cleanup, garbage pickup and removal, demolition, convention setup and takedown, landscaping, planting and digging.

Deciduous Shade Tree. A tree that sheds all its leaves every year during a certain season.

Decorative Block. Generally refers to non-standard masonry building block. The face of the block is typically textured and contains a non-standard finish or shape. Gray, smooth finish CMU is not considered decorative block.

Decorative Wall. A masonry wall where at least 20 percent of the wall is of a type of masonry which is differentiated by texture, color, style or a combination of all three characteristics.

Deed. A legal document conveying ownership of real property.

Delivery and Service Vehicle Storage. The use of an area or facility for the parking and storage of commercial fleet vehicles that are used primarily in connection with the delivery of goods and services to the surrounding community. *{Ord. 5921 – 08/15/07}*

Density. The number of families, individuals, dwelling units, households or housing structures per unit of land.

Department. The City's Planning and Development Department.
{Ord 6095 – 06/02/10}

Design. The design elements of a development site, including the planning and engineering of the following: street alignments, grades and widths; drainage and sanitary facilities and utilities, including alignment and grades thereof; location and size of all easements and rights-of-way; lot size and configuration; traffic access; grading; land to be dedicated for parks or recreational purposes; building design and configuration; landscaping and open space; and other such specific physical requirements.

Designated Property. Any property which has been classified as a Landmark, Historic Property or a contributing property within an Historic District.

Desktop Publishing. An establishment that provides custom set-up of graphics and text for publication in an office setting. The term does not include an establishment that performs off-set printing or related distribution.

Detached. Any building or structure that does not have a roof or wall in common with any other building or structure.

Development Entry Statement Sign. A sign placed at the entry to a subdivision, apartment development, or identifiable community to identify the subdivision, apartment development, or identifiable community.
{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Development Plan. A map or maps that identify in the proposed general land use designations, design standards, transportation plans, open space and community facilities.

Development Standards. Documentation that identifies the requirements and standards for commercial and residential development, including, but not limited to, densities; building height, bulk and setback requirements by land use type; signage; landscaping; parking; open space. The "Design Standards Manual," to the extent adopted by the City Council, contains required development standards for development within the City.

Development. The division of a parcel of land into two or more parcels; the construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation, or enlargement of any structure; any mining, excavation, landfill or land disturbance; or any use or extension of the use of land.

Director. The Director of the Department of Planning and Development of the City.

Directory Sign. A sign that provides a map or listing of the names of businesses, activities, addresses, locations, uses or places within a building or complex of buildings for the purpose of identification only.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Disability or Disabilities. Refers to:

1. A physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities;
2. A record of having such impairment; or
3. Being regarded as having such an impairment.

The terms are intended to be coextensive with the terms "handicap" and "disability" as set forth in Federal fair housing legislation and other Federal legislation protecting individuals with a handicap or disability. The terms include the impairment associated with recovery from alcohol and drug abuse, but do not include impairment caused by current, illegal use of, or addiction to a controlled substance.

{Bill 2010 – 07/21/10}

Domestic Animal. Any animal which is not a wild or exotic animal and which is typically considered to be capable of being kept in or near residential dwellings.

Drought Tolerant Plant. A plant that can survive with minimum supplemental water, as defined by the Las Vegas Valley Water District.

Dry Cleaners. A facility which is used to provide, to individual households, cleaning services for items such as clothing and linens. The term includes such facilities whether the plant operation is located on- or off-site.

Duplex. A building containing two attached single-family dwelling units totally separated from each other by an unpierced wall extending from ground to roof with both dwellings located on the same lot or parcel.

Dwelling. A structure with one or more rooms that is used exclusively for human habitation; designed, occupied, or intended for occupancy as a separate living quarter with sleeping, cooking and sanitary facilities provided.

Dwelling, Attached. A one-family dwelling attached to two or more one-family dwellings by common vertical walls.

Dwelling, Detached. A dwelling that is not attached to any other dwelling by any means.

Dwelling, Multi-family. A building or group of buildings which contain at least three attached dwellings and may include units that are located one over the other.

Dwelling, Patio Home. A single-family detached dwelling with open space setbacks on three sides and with a court.

Dwelling, Single-Family Attached. A dwelling unit attached to one or more other dwelling units where each dwelling unit is located on a separate lot. (Such a dwelling unit could include duplexes, townhouses, four-plexes, six-plexes, etc.)

Dwelling, Single-Family Detached. A dwelling unit:
{Ord 5825 – 04/19/06} {Ord 5895 – 03/21/07}

1. That is not attached to any other dwelling by any means;
2. That is located on a separate and individually owned lot;
3. That is surrounded by open space or yards;
4. That is for the exclusive use of a single family maintaining a household;
5. That has no more than one kitchen with full kitchen facilities; and
6. In which all rooms used for human habitation must have interior access to one another.

Nothing in this definition, however, prohibits the construction or use of a Class I accessory structure in accordance with this Title or the construction or use of an auxiliary kitchen as defined in this Chapter.

Dwelling, Townhouse. A row or cluster of at least three attached dwellings in which each dwelling is located on separately owned lot; each unit is separated by one or more common vertical walls; each unit has its own front and rear yard access; and no unit is located over another unit. A townhouse complex may include common open space and recreational areas and facilities which are owned by all owners on a proportional, undivided basis.

Dwelling Unit. One or more rooms, designed, occupied, or intended for occupancy as a separate living quarters, with cooking, sleeping, and sanitary facilities provided within the dwelling unit for the exclusive use of a single family maintaining the household. Easement. A grant of one or more property rights by the property owner for use by the public, a corporation or another person or entity.

Easement. A grant of one or more property rights by the property owner for use by the public, a corporation or another person or entity.

Egress. An exit.

Electric Generating Plant. A facility that generates electricity from mechanical power produced by solar, gas, coal, hydraulic power sources or nuclear fission and that is properly licensed or franchised by the authorities having jurisdiction.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Electric Message Unit. A sign or portion of a sign which provides a message, image or combination of the two that is changed electronically. A sign that is changed fewer than eight times per 24-hour period or that is changed only to reflect changing time or temperature shall not be considered an electric message unit under this Chapter.
{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Electric Utility Substation. A facility for transforming electricity for distribution to individual customers.

Electrical, Watch, Clock, Jewelry & Similar Repair. An establishment that provides repair services for small electronics, clocks, watches, jewelry and other similar items.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Electronic Reader Board. A sign or portion thereof which can be electronically changed or rearranged without altering the face or the surface of the sign. The term does not include a sign on which the only copy that changes is an electronic or mechanical indication of time or temperature.

Elevation. (1) A vertical distance above or below a fixed reference level; (2) A fully dimensional drawing of the front, rear and sides of a building showing features such as construction materials, design, height, dimensions, windows, doors, other architectural features and relationship of grade to floor level.

Embellishment. A frame or bracket around the outside of a sign that is used to define the boundaries of or hold the sign, or an extension around the outside of the sign that is used as decoration.
{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02} {Ord. 5959 – 01/09/08}

Emergency Ambulance Services, Ground. A facility which provides emergency ambulance service and does not include the use of helicopters.

Employment Agency. Any establishment, other than a daily labor service, which provides one or both of the following:

1. Assistance to employers in finding and employing permanent or temporary employees, whether part-time or full-time.
2. Assistance to potential employees in identifying and obtaining permanent or temporary employment, whether part-time or full-time.

Enlargement. An increase in the size of an existing structure or use, including physical size of the property, building, parking and other improvements.

Entrance, Public. Any exterior entrance to a building regularly used by the public for ingress or egress. Entrances to storage areas, emergency exits and employee entrances are not considered public entrances.
{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Environmentally Hazardous Materials. The location of activities or products which have the potential to be dangerous, extremely obnoxious, or cause substantial environmental impacts on or beyond the boundaries of the property on which the activity or use is conducted. Environmentally hazardous materials include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

1. The manufacture, storage and testing of explosives, fireworks or munitions.
2. The refining of petroleum and the storage and distribution of natural and liquid gas or other petroleum derivatives in bulk including terminals, tank farms or other similar facilities.
3. The manufacture, blending, or mixing of pesticides, certain acids and fertilizer.

4. Stockyards; feed pens; livestock sales with pens and/or shipping facilities; rendering of animal fats; slaughtering or processing of animals; and industrial manufacturing process using the following raw materials: bones, garbage, offal and dead animals.
5. The refining of raw materials, such as, but not limited to, chemicals, rubber, wood or wood pulp, into other products.
6. The forging, casting, melting, refining, extruding, rolling, drawing or alloying of metals.
7. The testing of jet engines or other engines.
8. Refuse disposal services not listed elsewhere in the Title, including but not limited to landfills, incinerators and other locations which receive garbage and refuse generated off-site for storage, treatment or disposal.
9. Boiler works.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Erect. To “construct,” “reconstruct,” “alter,” “move in,” or “move upon”.

Escort Bureau. A business establishment which, for a fee, commission, hire, or profit, furnishes or arranges for escorts to accompany other persons for social engagements.

Establishment. A use, building, structure or premises which is used for business, office, or commercial purposes.

Evergreen Tree. A tree, either broad leaf or conifer, which maintains at least a portion of its leaves or needles throughout the year.

Existing Use. Unless otherwise specified, the use of a lot or structure at the time of the enactment of this Title or an amendment thereto. For purposes of applying any limitation or requirement of this Code with regard to distances between uses, a use shall be deemed to be an existing use if any necessary special use permit approval has been obtained for such use or, if no such approval is necessary, a building permit has been properly issued for the structure in which the use will occur. The lapse of any necessary special use permit approval or, alternatively building permit approval regarding the use shall be sufficient to remove the its status as “existing” for purposes of applying measurement criteria.

Facility for Transitional Living for Released Offenders. A dwelling unit of a residential character that provides housing and a living environment for up to six persons who have been released from prison and who require assistance with reintegration into the community, other than such a residence that is operated or maintained by a state or local government or an agency thereof. The term does not include a Transitional Community Residence or a Facility for the Treatment of Abuse of Alcohol or Drugs. As used in this definition, “person who has been released from prison” means:

{Ord 6098 – 07/21/10}

1. A parolee;
2. A person who is participating in:
 - a. A judicial program pursuant to NRS 209.4886 or 213.625; or
 - b. A correctional program pursuant to NRS 209.488 or 21.3632;

3. A person who is supervised by the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety through residential confinement pursuant to NRS 213.371 to 213.410, inclusive; or
4. A person who, within the past twenty years, has been released from prison by expiration of his term of sentence.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Facility to Provide Testing, Treatment, or Counseling for Drug or Alcohol Abuse. A facility that:

{Ord 5633 – 11/05/03}

1. Operates under or is subject to the provisions of NRS Title 40 and, by means of certified detoxification technicians or otherwise, provides care or treatment related to the physical and mental effects of the abuse of alcohol or drugs, or the effects of alcohol or drug dependency; or
2. Provides court-ordered or court-sanctioned testing, analysis, treatment or counseling related to the physical and mental effects of the abuse of alcohol or drugs, or the effects of alcohol or drug dependency.

Family. With respect to the occupancy of a dwelling unit:

{Ord 6098 – 07/21/10}

1. One or more individuals related by blood, marriage, adoption, guardianship or legal custody; or
2. No more than four unrelated individuals living together as a single housekeeping unit.

Family Community Residence. A Community Residence other than a Transitional Community Residence.

{Ord 6098 – 07/21/10}

Fee Schedule. The schedule of fees which has been adopted by the City Council and which authorizes the City to charge fees for the processing of applications and other activities in connection with zoning and development approval.

Fence. An artificially constructed barrier of any material or combination of materials erected to enclose, screen, or separate areas.

Fill. The placement of sand, gravel or other earth material for purposes of building up the level of land or altering slope.

{Ord. 5923 – 08/15/07}

Financial Institution, General. Any business or organization, whose primary service is the exchange of currency. The term includes without limitation banks and credit unions, with or without drive-through service, but does not include any business engaged in retail sales or a business whose primary service is to lend money for repayment at a future date.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06} {Ord 5561 – 01/22/03}

Financial Institution, Specified. Any business whose primary function is to lend money; to cash checks or other negotiable instruments for a fee, service charge or other consideration; or to provide funds in exchange for the acceptance of a check on a post-dated or deferred-deposit basis. The term includes without limitation a business that provides check cashing services as a principal service offered, a paycheck advance service, and any business primarily providing cash loans, installment loans or cash advances. The term does not include a pawn shop or a limited check cashing service, as defined in this Section.

{Bill 2006-24 – 06/07/06}

{Ord 5561 – 01/22/03}

Finished Elevation. The proposed elevation of the land surface of a site after completion of all site preparation work.

Flag. Any fabric, banner or bunting containing distinctive colors, patterns, logos or symbols, used as a representative symbol of a government, political subdivision or private entity.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Floor Area, Gross. The sum of the gross horizontal areas of all the floors of a building or structure measured from the exterior face of exterior walls, but excluding any space where the floor-to-ceiling height is less than six feet.

Floor Area, Net. The total of all floor areas of a building, excluding stairwells and elevator shafts, equipment rooms, and interior vehicular parking or loading. The term excludes any floors which are not used or intended to be used for human habitation or service to the public.

Floor Area Ratio. The gross floor area of all buildings or structures on a lot divided by the total gross lot area.

Food Processing. A facility in which food for human consumption is provided in its final form, such as candy, baked goods and ice cream, and the food is distributed to retailers or wholesalers for resale on or off the premises. The term does not include food or beverage processing which uses any mechanized assembly line production of canned or bottled goods.

Fraternity, Sorority House or Private Dorm. A residential building associated with a college or university that provides sleeping quarters, but not separate dwelling units, and may include common dining, cooking, recreation or bathing facilities.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Freestanding Sign. A detached sign which is supported by columns, uprights, poles or braces from the ground or from an object on the ground, or a detached sign which is erected on the ground, provided that no part of the sign is attached to any part of any building, structure, or other sign.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Gaming Establishment, General Business Related. A building or structure which is primarily used for some business other than gaming but in which restricted gaming is permitted pursuant to Title 6. For purposes of the Special Use Permit requirements of this Title, the term does not include a location that has obtained and maintains current licensing and zoning approvals to sell alcoholic beverages.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06} {Ord 5987 – 06/04/08}

Gaming Establishment, Non-restricted. An establishment which is used or intended to be used for the conduct of gaming activities for which a non-restricted gaming license is required pursuant to LVMC Title 6. For informational purposes, the term refers to an establishment whose gaming operations consist of sixteen or more slot machines, or any number of slot machines together with any other game, gaming device, race book or sports pool at that establishment. When operated in conjunction with a hotel having more than 200 rooms, the use includes any number of ancillary alcoholic beverage-related uses with an on-sale component, without regard to the requirements of LVMC Chapter 19.04, but only to the extent such uses conform to the applicable requirements of LVMC Chapters 6.40 and 6.50.

Ord. 6008 – 10/15/08}

Gaming Establishment, Restricted. An establishment which is used or intended to be used for gaming activities for which a restricted gaming license is required pursuant to Title 6 of the Las Vegas Municipal Code. For informational purposes, the term refers to an establishment whose gaming operations are limited to not more than fifteen slot machines, incidental to the primary business at the establishment, and no other game or gaming device.

Gaming or Gambling. Any activities which are regulated pursuant to Chapter 6.40 of the Las Vegas Municipal Code.

Garage. An enclosed building, or a portion of an enclosed building, used for the parking of vehicles.

Garage Sale. Garage or Yard Sale means the sale of personal property from a parcel that is located within a residential district and upon which is located a dwelling.

{Ord 5786 – 09/07/05}

Garden Supply/Plant Nursery. A facility for the growing, display, or sale of plant stock, seeds or other horticulture items. This use may include raising plants outdoors or in greenhouses for sale either as food or for use in landscaping.

General Personal Service. A facility for the sale of personal services. Typical personal services include barber/beauty shop, tanning salon, nail salon, shoe repair, tailor, instructional arts studio, photography studio, hand-crafted art studio, safe deposit boxes, house cleaning service, weight reduction center, day spa, florist (excluding greenhouses) and permanent makeup establishment.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06} {Ord 5895 – 03/21/07}

General Plan. The adopted General Plan or Master Plan of the City, as amended.

General Retail Store, Other than Listed. A facility for the retail sale of general merchandise to the general public for direct consumption and not for wholesale. The term does not include a “grocery store,” “convenience store,” or other retail facility that is specifically defined in this Chapter.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06} {Ord. 6008 – 10/15/08}

Gift Basket Limited. A facility which sells alcoholic beverages in original sealed or corked containers in quantities not greater than 25.4 ounces measured in the English system of weights and measures, or in quantities not greater than seven hundred fifty milliliters, measured in the metric system of weights and measurements, to be packaged in a receptacle or a container along with other assorted food items or novelty items, or both, which items have a minimum retail value of thirty-five dollars apart from the retail value of the alcoholic beverages; provided, however:

{Ord 5607 – 06/18/03}

1. The contents of the gift baskets are not sold separately but, instead, are included as part of the unit price of the gift basket; and
2. The alcoholic beverages are consumed off the premises where the gift basket is sold.

Gift Shop Limited. A facility located within the physical structure of a nonrestricted gaming establishment which sells, to customers only and not for resale, alcoholic beverages in original sealed or corked containers in quantities less than one pint, measured in the English system of weights and measures, or in quantities less than three hundred seventy-five milliliters, measured in the metric system of weights and measures, for consumption off the premises where the same are sold.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Golf Driving Range. A facility or area that is made available to the public for the practice of golf driving techniques.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Governing Body. The City Council of the City.

Government Facility. A facility or area used for public purposes and owned or operated by an instrumentality or agency of Federal, State, or local government.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Grade. The degree of rise or descent of a sloping surface (see Slope).

Grade, Finished. The average proposed level of the finished surface of the ground adjoining a building after all site development work has been completed.

Grade, Natural. The average proposed level of the finished surface of the ground adjoining a building prior to site development work.

Grading. Any stripping, cutting, filling, or stockpiling of earth or land, including the land in its cut or filled condition, to create new grades.

Grand Opening. A one-time promotional activity not exceeding 30 calendar days used by newly established businesses, within two months after occupancy, to inform the public of their location and service available to the community.

Grocery Store. A facility, over 5,000 square feet in size, that is primarily used for the retail sale of household foodstuffs for offsite consumption, including any combination of fresh produce, meats, poultry, fish, deli produces, dairy products, canned foods, dry foods, baked foods, prepared foods, and beverages. A “grocery store” may include the sale of other household supplies and products, buy only if secondary to the primary purpose of food sales.

{Ord. 6008 – 10/15/08}

Gross Acreage. The total area within the property lines of a lot or parcel of land before public streets, easements or other areas to be dedicated or reserved for a public use are deducted from such lot or parcel. The term does not include adjacent property which has already been dedicated for such purposes.

Gross Density. The number of dwelling units per acre of land, without deduction for public streets, easements or other areas to be dedicated.

{Ord. 5923 – 08/15/07}

Gross Floor Area. The sum of the gross horizontal areas of all the floors of a building or structure measured from the exterior face of exterior walls, but excluding any space where the floor-to-ceiling height is less than six feet.

Ground Cover. Plants grown for their low spreading capabilities for the protection of soils, to prevent growth of weeds and for aesthetic purposes.

Group Dwelling. Two or more detached one-family, two-family or multiple-family dwellings, occupying a parcel of land in one ownership, which may have a yard or porch in common, but not including automobile courts, as herein defined.

Gun Club, Skeet or Target Range. A facility or area used for archery or the shooting of firearms, whether for practice or sport.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Harmonious Relationship. The design, arrangement and location of buildings or other created or natural elements of the urban environment that are sufficiently consistent in design, scale, height, color, character and siting with other buildings, or created or natural elements in the area so as to avoid abrupt or severe differences or incompatibilities.

Hazard to Air Navigation. An obstruction determined to have a substantial adverse effect on the safe and efficient utilization of the navigable airspace.

Health Club. An establishment that operates physical fitness facilities, sports clubs or recreation clubs.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Heavy Construction Trade Yard. A lot or facility used for the storage of heavy construction equipment, machinery and vehicles.

Heavy Machinery & Equipment (Storage). A lot or facility used for the storage of heavy construction equipment, machinery and vehicles.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Height, Airport Zoning. For the purpose of determining the height limits in all zones shown on an airspace zoning map, the datum shall be mean sea level elevation unless otherwise specified.

Helipad. A facility for the landing and taking off of helicopters, but with no accessory gas sales, maintenance or other services.

Hillside Area. Land with a slope of 15% or greater.
{Ord. 5923 – 08/15/07}

Historic District. A designation, in the form of overlay zoning, applied to all properties within an area with defined boundaries, as a result of formal adoption by the City Council, which expresses a distinctive character worthy of preservation.

Historic Preservation Plan: A document, formally adopted by the City Council, containing goals and policies directing historic preservation activity within the City.

Historic Property: A designation, in the form of overlay zoning, applied to an individual property, as a result of formal adoption by the City Council, which expresses a distinctive character worthy of preservation; or an archeological site.

Historic Sign. A sign designated as historic in accordance with Section 19.14.080. Home Occupation. An income producing activity conducted in a residential zone pursuant to Subchapter 19.18.110.
{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Horse Corral or Stable (Commercial). A structure for the keeping of horses, mules or ponies which are boarded for compensation or for use in providing instructional or recreational activities for persons other than occupants of the premises.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Horse Corral or Stable (Private). An accessory structure for the keeping of horses, mules or ponies for the use of occupants of the premises.

Hospice. A home for the terminally ill.

Hospital. An institution, designed within an integrated campus setting for the diagnosis, care, and treatment of human illness, including surgery and primary treatment.

Hotel, Motel, or Hotel Suites.

1. **Hotel.** A building or group of buildings whose main function is to provide rooms for temporary lodging where entrance to each room is gained from a completely enclosed area. A hotel may also contain restaurants, conference rooms and personal service shops. The phrase “temporary lodging” refers to a rental period with a normal duration of no more than one week.
2. **Motel.** A building or group of buildings whose main function is to provide rooms for temporary lodging, rooms which are directly accessible from an outdoor parking area. The phrase “temporary lodging” refers to a rental period with a normal duration of no more than one week.

- 3. Hotel Suites.** A facility offering temporary lodging accommodations to the general public in which rooms or suites may include kitchen facilities and sitting rooms in addition to the sleeping room. The phrase “temporary lodging” refers to a rental period with a normal duration of no more than one week.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Hotel, Residence. A multi-dwelling unit for extended stay lodging consisting of efficiency units or suites with a complete kitchen suitable for long term occupancy; customary hotel services such as linen, maid service, telephone and upkeep of furniture; and optional resident and guest amenities such as meeting rooms, club house and recreation facilities. The term does not include facilities which qualify as other types of dwelling units defined in this title.

HPC. The Historic Preservation Commission.

HPO. The Historic Preservation Officer.

Hypnotherapy Practice. A facility in which one or more duly licensed or certified mental health professionals provide psychotherapeutic treatment utilizing hypnosis, or training in self-hypnosis conditioning, to patients or clients. For purposes of this definition “duly licensed or certified” means:

1. Licensed by the State of Nevada Psychological Examiner’s Board; or
2. Certified by a nationally recognized professional hypnotherapy organization, with a current membership of a least one thousand members, that is dedicated to providing training, continuing education, and performance testing in hypnotherapy.

Improvement. Any building, structure, landscaping, place, work of art or other object constituting a physical betterment of real property, or any part of such betterment.

Incidental Sign. A sign, generally informational, that has a purpose secondary to the use of the lot on which it is located, such as “no parking,” “entrance,” “loading only,” and “telephone” signs; directory signs and drive-through menu boards; and other similar directives or identifying messages. In order to qualify as an incidental sign, a sign may contain the logo or name of the business that is on the same parcel as the sign but shall not contain any other commercial message legible from a position off the lot on which the sign is located.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Ingress. Access or entry.

Intensity of Use. The number of dwelling units per acre for residential development and floor area ratio for nonresidential development.

Internet Café. An establishment that provides for public use five or more computers or other electronic devices:

1. For purposes of accessing the internet, a local area network, e-mail programs or other computer software programs; and
2. The public use of which is in exchange for compensation of any kind and paid in any manner, including but not limited to the payment of a membership fee.

This term will generally include establishments commonly known as PC cafés, cyber cafés, cyber centers, and similar designations.

{Ord 6041 06/03/09}

Internet/Catalogue Sales Office. An establishment which specializes in the sale of products via the internet or by catalogue for delivery to a customer's home or business. This use may include in-person customer consultations at the establishment.

{Ord 6041 06/03/09}

Institutional Sign. An on-premise sign designed to communicate information about any house of worship, school, or other institution that is a permitted use in the subject zoning district.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Irrigation System. The combination of elements such as automatic controllers, meters, pressure vacuum breakers, pipes, valves, emitters, bubblers, spray heads, tubing and other materials designed for the purpose of transporting water to landscaping.

Jewelry Store, Class III Type. A store which buys and sells scrap precious metals for marketing as a commodity in bar form or in other than jewelry form, or which buys and sells precious metal bars and coins that are sold as a commodity rather than for numismatic purposes. This may include operations similar to a new jewelry store.

Jewelry Store, New. A store which primarily sells new merchandise and some used merchandise from estate sales or reconstitutes precious metals into jewelry forms which are sold at retail on the premises.

Keeping of Carrier or Racing Pigeons. The keeping of pigeons that are bred and kept for the purpose of demonstration or racing, are registered with a national pigeon registry or organization, and are identified as to ownership and registration by a stamp or a band.

{Ord 5609 – 08/18/03}

Keg Beer. A facility which sells beer in keg containers having a capacity of at least one-quarter barrel size for delivery only to the premises of a purchaser.

{Ord 5607 – 06/18/03}

Kiosk. A freestanding structure upon which temporary information and/or posters, notices, and announcements are posted.

Kitchen. That portion of a dwelling unit devoted to the cooking or preparation of food for the purpose of consumption by residents of the dwelling unit. The term includes a “kitchenette,” “wet bar” or any area equipped with items such as a counter-top hot plate, counter-top grill, or microwave oven, together with an under-counter refrigerator and sink. “Full Kitchen Facilities” indicates the presence of complete cooking facilities (i.e., stove, oven or microwave oven, refrigerator, and sink). The presence within any food preparation area of a ventilation hood, gas stub, two hundred-twenty volt electrical outlet or wiring, or any combination thereof, shall be considered “full kitchen facilities.” *{Ord 5895 – 03/21/07}*

Laboratory, Medical or Dental. A facility, other than a hospital, that:
{Ord 5633 – 11/05/03}

3. Conducts general medical or scientific research, investigation, testing, or experimentation; or
4. Upon referral by or request of a medical professional, provides radiological or medical testing, or creates prosthesis or artificial dental work.

The term does not include a facility for the manufacture or sale of other products, except as incidental to the main purpose of the laboratory. The term also does not include a “facility to provide testing, treatment, or counseling for drug or alcohol abuse,” as that term is defined in this Section.

Land Surveyor. One who is licensed by the State as a land surveyor and is qualified to make accurate field measurements and to mark, describe, and define land boundaries.

Landfill. A lot or premises used for the disposal of garbage, trash, refuse or waste material, but not including sewage, which is officially sanctioned by proper authorities of the jurisdiction in which it is located.

Landmark. A designation applied to an individual property as a result of formal action by the City Council in accordance with Subchapter 19.06.090.

Landscaping. The combination of natural elements such as trees, shrubs, ground covers, vines, and other living organic and inorganic material which are installed for purposes of creating an attractive and pleasing environment; screening unsightly views; reducing environmental heat; filtering particulate matter from the air; and boosting oxygen levels.

Laundry, Self-Service. A laundry facility that provides coin operated washing and drying machines for customer operation. The term includes a facility that provides additional services such as fluff and fold or dry cleaning, provided that no dry cleaning equipment is located on the premises. The term does not include a laundry room located within a residential development that is provided solely for the use of residents of the development.

Library, Art Gallery or Museum (Public). A publicly-operated facility used for:

1. The housing of a collection of books, magazines, audio and video tapes, or other material for borrowing and use by the general public; or
2. The acquisition, preservation, study or exhibition of works of artistic, historic or scientific value.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Light Assembly & Fabrication. The assembly or manufacturing of objects or items that:

1. Are made from standard parts or components;
2. Are distinct from the individual parts or components; and
3. Are not of another type of assembly or fabrication specifically described in Table 2, as adopted in Section 19.04.010.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Installation. A facility or system which includes tanks, piping or gas equipment (or any combination thereof) and is used or intended to be used for the storage, dispensing or other utilization of liquefied petroleum gas.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas. Any material which is composed predominantly of any of the following hydrocarbons, or mixtures of propane, propylene, butanes (either normal butane or isobutane) and butylenes.

Liquor Caterer. A person who dispenses, serves or sells alcoholic beverages only for consumption on the premises where the same are dispensed, served or sold during the times, dates and places specified by permit.

{Ord 5607 – 06/18/03}

Liquor Establishment (Tavern). A facility which sells alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises where the same are sold and authorizes the sale, to consumers only and not for resale, of alcoholic beverages in original sealed or corked containers, for consumption off the premises where the same are sold.

Live/Work Unit. A structure or portion thereof that combines a low-intensity nonresidential work space with an integrated residential space, with the residential space being subordinate and accessory to the nonresidential use.

{Ord 5671 – 03/03/04}

Livestock Farming (Bovines/Horses). The raising or keeping of bovine animals or horses for recreational, entertainment or training purposes only. The term does not include the breeding or raising of animals for consumption or sale.

Loading Space. An off-street space or berth used for loading or unloading of cargo, products or materials from vehicles.

Lodge or Fraternal Organization. A facility or area for a special purpose organization or for the sharing of sports, arts, literature, politics or other similar interest; but not primarily for profit or to render a service that is customarily carried on as a business, excluding churches, synagogues or other houses of worship.

Lot. A tract, plot or portion of a subdivision, addition or other parcel of land occupied or to be occupied by a building and its accessory buildings, and including such open spaces as are required under this ordinance and other development regulations, and having its principal frontage upon a public street or officially approved private access easement. Lot includes the words Plot, Parcel, Tract and Premises.

Lot Area. That area of a horizontal plane bounded by the front, side and rear property lines including any portion of an easement which may exist within such property lines but exclusive of rights-of-way for street purposes.

Lot, Corner. A lot situated at the intersection of two or more streets, with frontage on at least two streets.

Lot Coverage. The percentage of lot area covered by all buildings and structures after the area required for dedicated public right-of-way is subtracted.

Lot Depth. The length of a line connecting the mid-point of the front and rear property lines.

Lot, Double Frontage. A lot (not a corner lot) which adjoins two streets which are parallel or within forty-five degrees of being parallel to each other. On a double frontage lot, both street property lines shall be deemed front lot lines, unless designated otherwise on a recorded Final Map.

Lot, Flag. A lot having access or an easement to a public or private street by a narrow, private right-of-way.

Lot Frontage. Lot frontage refers to the width of a lot measured along the front property line between the two side property lines.

Lot, Improved. (1) A lot upon which a building can be constructed and occupied; (2) A lot with existing buildings or structures.

Lot, Interior. A lot other than a corner lot.

Lot, Key. A lot with a side property line that abuts the rear property line of any one or more adjoining lots.

Lot Line. A property line that divides one lot from another lot or from a public or private street or any other public space.

Lot Line, Front. The property line separating a lot from a street right-of-way.

Lot Line, Rear. The property line opposite and most distant from the front property line. In the case of a triangular or otherwise irregularly shaped lot, a line 10 feet in length entirely within the lot, parallel to and at a maximum distance from the front property line.

Lot Line, Side. Any property line perpendicular to a front or rear property line.

Lot, Minimum Area. The smallest lot area permissible in a particular zoning district on which a use or structure may be located.

Lot of Record. A lot that exists as shown or described on a plat or deed in the records of the County Recorder.

Lot, Reverse Corner. A corner lot, the rear of which abuts the side of another lot.

Lot, Substandard. A parcel of land that has less than the minimum area or minimum dimensions required in the zoning district in which the lot is located.

Lot, Through. A lot that fronts upon two parallel streets or that fronts upon two streets that do not intersect at the boundaries of the lot.

Lot, Transition. A lot in one zoning district which abuts another zoning district.

Lot Width. The length of a line connecting the side property lines; drawn perpendicular to the lot depth line at its point of intersection with the front yard line.

Main Building. A building devoted to the principal use of the lot on which it is situated. On any lot in a residential district, the term refers to the principal dwelling located on that lot.

Maintenance. The upkeep of property, building, structures, amenities, parking facilities, landscaping or lot including repair, painting, trimming, pruning, as well as watering and other on-going activities that are associated with maintenance.

Manufactured Home. A structure as defined in NRS 489.113. A manufactured home may or may not qualify for State-law zoning treatment as a single-family detached dwelling pursuant to Table 2, as adopted in Section 19.04.010.

{Ord. 5842 – 08/02/06}

{Ord. 5957 – 12/19/07}

Manufactured Slope. Slope that results from mechanical excavation or fill activity.

{Ord. 5923 – 08/15/07}

Manufacturing, Heavy. A facility for the general mass producing of goods, usually for sale to wholesalers or other industrial or manufacturing uses. The term includes any use which employs any of the following or similar types of processes:

1. Milling of grain as retail sales and service.
2. Production of animal food, and the tanning of animal hides.
3. Production of large durable goods such as, but not limited, to motorcycles, cars, manufactured homes or airplanes.
4. Canning or bottling of food or beverages for human consumption using a mechanized assembly line.
5. Manufacturing of paint, oils, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, solvents and other chemical products, and use of a foundry for metals.
6. Production of items made from stone, clay, metal or concrete.
7. Tire recapping or retreading.
8. Production of items by means of the chemical processing of materials.

Manufacturing, Light. A facility for producing goods without the use of any of the processes described within the definition of “Heavy Manufacturing.” The term includes without limitation the following activities:

1. Assembly, finishing, and/or packaging of small items from component parts made at another location. Examples include but are not limited to cabinet making or the assembly of clocks, electrical appliances, or medical equipment.
2. Production of items made from materials derived from plants or animals including, but not limited to, leather, pre-milled wood, rubber, paper, wool or cork, or from textiles or plastics.
3. Electrical component manufacturing.
4. Reproduction, cutting, printing, or binding of written materials, drawings or newspapers on a bulk basis using lithography, offset printing, blue printing and other similar methods.
5. Machine shop where material is processed by machinery, cutting, grinding, or similar processes.

Map. The Official Zoning Map Atlas of the City of Las Vegas.

Marquee or Porte Cochere. Any permanent roof-like structure projecting beyond a building or extending along and projecting beyond the wall of the building, generally designed and constructed to provide protection from the weather.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Marquee Sign or Porte Cochere Sign. Any sign attached to, in any manner, or made a part of a marquee or porte cochere.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Martial Arts Studio. An establishment whose principal business activity is the instruction of the martial arts as defined by LVMC 6.53.020(C). The term does not include any nonprofit organization or entity that offers martial arts instruction only as an incidental service in its overall program of activities.

{Ord 6041 06/03/09}

Massage, Accessory. The performing of massage therapy or therapeutic massage that:

1. Is accessory to a principal permitted use that is one of the following:
 - a. A medical office or physical rehabilitation clinic;
 - b. A fitness and health center;
 - c. A country club or golf course clubhouse;
 - d. A hotel with more than one hundred rooms; or
 - e. A facility similar in nature to any of the facilities listed above;
2. Does not occupy more than 150 square feet of space; and
3. Is not advertised on any exterior signage.

Massage Establishment. A facility which is occupied and used for the purpose of practicing massage therapy as defined in LVMC Chapter 6.52.. The term does not include the use “accessory massage,” as defined in this Title.

Master Sign Plan. A plot plan and accompanying documentation which identifies all existing and proposed on-premise signage on a development or complex of buildings.

Median. A paved or planted area separating a street or highway into two or more lanes of travel in opposite directions.

Mining, Sand & Gravel Extraction. The excavation of sand, gravel, minerals or other resources from the earth.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Mini-Storage Facility. A facility with enclosed storage space, divided into separate compartments no larger than five hundred square feet in size, which is provided for use by individuals to store personal items or by businesses to store materials for operation of a business establishment.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Miscellaneous Residential Sign. Any incidental or real estate sign on a single dwelling unit lot or other residential lot.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Mixed-Use. The vertical integration of residential uses and commercial or civic uses within a single building or a single development, where the uses share pedestrian access, vehicular access, parking functions, or any combination thereof.

{Ord 5565 – 02/05/03}

{Ord. 6041 - 06/03/09}

Mobile Home. A factory-assembled structure equipped with the necessary service connections and made so as to be movable as a unit on its own running gear and designed to be used for a one-family residential use.

Mobile Home Park. An area or tract of land where two or more mobile homes or mobile home lots are rented or held out for rent. The term does not include an area or tract of land where: (a) More than half of the lots are rented overnight or for less than three months for recreational vehicles. (b) Mobile homes are used occasionally for recreational purposes and not as permanent residences.

Mobile Home Space Boundary Line. The lines which bound a mobile home site on its front, sides or rear.

Mobile Home Space. That portion of a mobile home park designated, used, or designed for the occupancy of not more than one mobile home and includes that area set aside or used for automobile parking, carports, cabanas, awnings, accessory buildings or other structures, and the yard area as required herein.

Monorail. A non-technology specific system used to transport passengers, including any system on a fixed land route installed and operated on an exclusive fixed guideway or rail, and including a monorail as defined in NRS Chapter 705. The term does not include a system to transport passengers between two end points with no intermediate stops, or a monorail that function only as part of a theme park or permanent exhibition under LVMC Chapter 6.81.

{Ord 5478 – 05/01/02}

Monument Sign. A freestanding sign where the base of the sign structure is on the ground or a maximum of 12 inches above the lowest point of the ground adjacent to the sign.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Moped. Means a motor-driven scooter, motor-driven cycle or similar vehicle that is propelled by a small engine which produces not more than two gross brake horsepower, has a displacement of not more than fifty cubic centimeters or produces not more than fifteen hundred watts final output, and is capable of a maximum speed of not more than thirty miles per hour on a flat surface with not more than one percent grade in any direction when the motor is engaged. For purposes of the provisions of this Title relating to vehicle sales, mopeds shall be considered retail goods rather than motor vehicles.

{Ord 6082 – 02/17/10}

Mortuary or Funeral Chapel. A facility in which one or both of the following activities occur:

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

1. Dead bodies are prepared for burial or cremation.
2. Funeral services are conducted.

Motorcycle/Motor Scooter Sales. A facility or area for the display and sale of motorcycles and motor scooters, whether new or used, but excluding mopeds. The term includes service bays which are incidental and accessory to the sales use. The term is used for the sole purpose of allowing the use by means of Special Use Permit in the C-1 District. For all other purposes, the use described in this definition shall be treated under the appropriate category of motor vehicle sales.

{Ord 5552 – 12/04/02} {Ord 6082 – 02/17/10}

Motor Vehicle Sales (New). A facility or area for the display and sale (or leasing) of new automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and motor scooters, but excluding mopeds. The term includes service bays and auto body shops which are incidental and accessory to the sales use.

{Ord 5665 – 02/04/04} {Ord 6082 – 02/17/10}

Motor Vehicle Sales (Used). A facility or area used primarily for the display and sale (or leasing) of used automobiles, motorcycles and motor scooters, but excluding mopeds. The term includes service bays and auto body shops which are incidental and accessory to the sales use.

{Ord 5665 – 02/04/04} {Ord 6082 – 02/17/10}

Mounted Antenna. An antenna, other than a wireless communication facility, that is attached to a structure as permitted under this Code.

Mulch. A protective covering of inorganic material including rock, gravel, and decomposed granite, which is placed on the earth around plants to reduce weed growth, to minimize evaporation of moisture from the soil surface, to maintain even temperatures around plant roots, and to retard erosion.

Multi-Family Residential. A structure used or designed as a residence for three or more families or households living independently of each other.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Multi-phase Development. A development project that is constructed in stages, each stage being capable of existing independently of the others.

Museum, Art Display, or Art Sales (Private). A privately-operated facility or area for the acquisition, preservation, study, exhibition or sale of works of artistic, historic or scientific value.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06} {Ord 6101 – 08/04/10}

Natural Slope. Slope which is not manufactured.

{Ord. 5923 – 08/15/07}

Neighborhood. An area of a community with characteristics that distinguish it from other areas and that may include distinct ethnic or economic characteristics, housing types, schools, or boundaries defined by physical barriers, such as major highways and railroads or natural features.

Net Lot Area. The total area within the property lines of a lot or parcel of land after public street rights-of-way or other areas to be dedicated or reserved for public use are deducted from such lot or parcel.

Night Club. An establishment, other than a teen dance center, that is operated as a place of entertainment, characterized by any or all of the following as a principal use:

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

1. Live, recorded, or televised entertainment, including but not limited to performance by magicians, musicians or comedians.
2. Dancing.

Noncommercial Message. A message, the sole purpose of which is to direct attention to a political, social, community or public-service issue.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Non-Conforming Lot. A lot which was lawful in terms of the area, dimensions or location prior to the adoption, revision or amendment of this Title, but which fails by reason of such adoption, revision, or amendment to conform to the present requirements of the zoning district in which it is located.

Non-Conforming Sign. Unless otherwise provided, any sign that conformed to existing sign regulations at the time it was erected but that would no longer be permitted by virtue of the adoption of this Title, or an amendment thereto.

Non-Conforming Structure. A building or structure legally and properly located on a lot or parcel at the time of construction or erection of said building, but which subsequently would not be permitted to be constructed at that location by virtue of adoption of this Title, or an amendment thereto.

Non-Conforming Use. Any legally pre-existing use of land which is inconsistent with the provisions of this Title, or an amendment thereto.

Non-Contributing Property. A classification applied to an individual property located within a designated Historic District, signifying that the property does not contribute to the distinctive character of the District.

Nonprofit Club General. Any nonprofit corporation, association or organization which has been in continual existence for at least two years and:

{Ord 5607 – 06/18/03}

1. Is organized or qualified to do business and operate under the laws of the State;
2. Has tax-exempt status granted by the United States Internal Revenue Service;
3. Has a membership of at least one hundred members who are twenty-one years of age or older and who pay dues to the nonprofit corporation, association or organization; and
4. Operates a clubhouse, clubroom or meeting room in a permanent location which it owns or leases.

Nonprofit Club Restaurant Service Bar. A bar wherein alcoholic beverage drinks are prepared for service in connection with meals at tables in the restaurant area of a nonprofit club where members of the general public are invited to dine.

{Ord 5607 – 06/18/03}

Nuisance. An interference with the enjoyment and use of property.

Obstruction. Any structure, growth or other object, including a mobile object, which exceeds a limiting height set forth in Section 19.06.060 (C).

Occupancy or Occupied. With respect to a structure, refers to the residing of one or more individuals in a dwelling or to the storage or use of equipment, merchandise or machinery in any public, commercial, or industrial building.

Off-Premise Sign. Any sign advertising or announcing any place, product, goods, services, idea or statement whose subject is not located nor available on the lot where the sign is erected or placed.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Off-Site Improvement. In connection with a development proposal, improvements that are required to be made to property which is or will be dedicated or reserved for public use including, but not limited to; street, sidewalk, traffic light and other standard off-site improvements; road widening and upgrading; storm water or drainage facilities; traffic circulation improvements and traffic control devices.

Off-Site Parking. Parking provided for a specific use but located on a site other than the one on which the specific use is located.

Off-Street Loading. Designated areas on a development site for the loading and unloading of cargo adjacent to buildings and not in the public right-of-way.

Office. A building used primarily for conducting the affairs of a business, profession, service, industry or government and which may include ancillary services for office workers, such as restaurants, newsstands or other minor commercial establishments.

Office, Medical or Dental. A professional office for the administration of professional medical or dental care, including examinations, screenings and minor outpatient surgical procedures. The term does not include a facility that provides housing for individuals, a clinic, or any other facility that is specifically defined in this Title.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Office Park. A development which contains a number of separate office buildings, accessory and supporting uses, and open space and which is designed, planned, constructed, and managed on an integrated and coordinated basis.

Office, Other Than Listed. A building or rooms used for conducting the affairs of a business, profession, service, industry or government other than those which are specifically listed in this Title.

On-Premise Sign. Any sign advertising or announcing any place, product, goods, services, idea or statement whose subject is available or located at or on the lot, same site, or within the same Master Sign Plan area where the sign is erected or placed.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

On-Site. Located on the lot that is the subject of an application for development.

Open Air Vending/Transient Sales Lot. An area that is used exclusively for the sale or taking of orders for any merchandise where:

1. Such merchandise is displayed or sold in the open area;
2. The activity is not part of the operation of an established business; and
3. No permanent physical structures or facilities are used as integral parts of the sales or order taking operations.

The term includes the display or sale of merchandise in or in connection with a truck, trailer or movable building of any type.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Open Space. Any parcel or area of land or water essentially unimproved and set aside, dedicated, designated, or reserved for public use or enjoyment or for the private use and enjoyment of owners and occupants of land adjoining or neighboring such open space.

Open Space, Common. Land within or related to a development that is designed and intended for the common use or enjoyment of the residents of the development and their guests.

Open Space, Private. Open space which is normally limited to the use of the occupants of a single dwelling or building or property that abuts such open space.

Open Space, Public. Open space owned and maintained by a public agency for the use and enjoyment of the general public.

Outcall Entertainment Referral Service. A business which, for a fee, sends or refers an entertainer to an entertainment location (as defined in LVMC 6.57.030) in response to a telephone or other request to entertain a patron at the entertainment location.

Outdoor Storage, Accessory. The use of a significant portion of a lot or area for the long term retention (more than twenty-four hours) of materials and machinery or equipment, regardless of whether the materials, machinery or equipment are to be bought, sold, repaired, stored, incinerated, or discarded. The term does not include new or used motor vehicle sales and rental display, nor does it include accessory and incidental parking of vehicles for residents, guests, customers or employees in connection with a principal use.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Overlay Zone. A zoning district that is imposed on one or more underlying base zoning districts and which provides additional requirements and limitations beyond those required by the underlying zoning district.

Owner. An individual, firm, association, syndicate, partnership or corporation having sufficient proprietary interest to seek development of land.

Package liquor off-sale establishment. An establishment, other than a retail establishment with package liquor off-sale, whose license to sell alcoholic beverages authorized their sale to consumers only and not for resale, in original sealed or corked containers, for consumption off the premises where the same are sold. The term includes an establishment that provides on-premises wine, cordial and liqueur tasting if the licensee also holds a wine, cordial and liqueur tasting license for that location.

{Ord 5795 – 10/05/05}

Painted Wall Sign. Means any sign that is painted directly on a building wall surface.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Park and Ride. A facility for the boarding and deboarding of transit vehicles that includes an area for the parking of commuters' vehicles in connection with their use of transit vehicles.

{Ord 6087 – 03/03/10}

Parking Area. A paved area, other than a public right-of-way, used for the parking of automobiles.

Parking, Commercial. A facility for parking that is operated as a business enterprise by charging the public a fee and is not reserved or required to accommodate occupants, clients, customers or employees of a particular establishment or premises.

Parking Lot/Sidewalk Sale. A promotional sales event that is conducted by a business operation outside the confines of the commercial or manufacturing structure in which the business operation is normally conducted.

{Ord 5551 – 12/04/02}

Parking Space. A space within a building, garage or parking area, as defined, for the temporary parking or storage of one automobile with continuous and unimpeded access to a public right-of-way, service drive or aisle.

Patio Cover. An attached or detached accessory structure which is not enclosed and provides sheltered outdoor space.

Pawn, Auto. A Pawn Shop that lends money on the security of a motor vehicle, which the pawn shop takes possession of as the pledged property.
{Ord 5561 – 01/22/03}

Pawn Shop. A facility (other than a bank, saving and loan or mortgage banking company) used for the business of lending money on the security of pledged goods or for the business of the purchase of tangible personal property on condition that it may be redeemed or repurchased by the seller for a fixed price within a fixed period of time.

Pennant. Any lightweight plastic, fabric or other material, whether or not containing a message of any kind, suspended from a rope, wires, or string, usually in a series, designed to move in the wind. A pennant shall be considered a temporary sign.
{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Permanent Makeup Establishment. A facility that applies natural pigment to the dermal layer of the skin, by the use of needles or other instruments designed to contact or puncture the skin, for the sole purpose of providing either permanent coloration for medical skin restoration or cosmetic coloration to enhance or diminish personal features.

Permitted Use. Any use allowed in a zoning district as a matter of right if it is conducted in accordance with the restrictions applicable to that district. Permitted uses are designated in the Land Use Table by the letter “P”.

Person. An individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, joint stock association, governmental entity, trustee, receiver, assignee or similar representative of any of them.

Pet Boarding. A lot, building, premises or structure on which four or more household pets kept regularly and for extended periods of time for the benefit of persons who do not reside on the premises. The term included facilities that provide shelter, care, feeding, exercising, grooming or incidental medical care for household pets for remuneration or otherwise on a commercial basis. The term includes a kennel operation.
{Ord 5737 – 12/15/04}

Pet Shop. A retail establishment engaged in the sale of pets, small animals, pet supplies, or pet grooming services.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Planned Community Program. The development plan and development standards for a development in the P-C (Planned Community) District.

Planning Commission. The Planning Commission of the City of Las Vegas duly appointed by the Mayor with the approval of City Council. The Planning Commission shall have the powers and duty to provide for development as prescribed by State law and City ordinances.

Pole Sign. A Freestanding sign supported by one column, upright, pole, or brace in or upon the ground the sum width/diameter of which is less than 25 percent of the width of the sign.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Political Sign. Any sign relating to a candidate, issue, proposition, ordinance or other matter in a public election or referendum, or any sign pertaining to the advocacy of political views or policies by persons, groups, or parties.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Portable Sign. Any sign which is not permanently attached to the ground or to another permanent structure; including, but not limited to, temporarily placed signs designed to be transported; signs by means of wheels; signs converted to A- or T-frames; movable menu and sandwich board signs; tethered balloons used as signs; and signs attached to or painted on a vehicle or trailer which is parked and visible from the public right-of-way, unless the vehicle is used in the normal day-to-day operations of the business.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Post Office, Local Service. A branch office of the United States Postal Service that handles the mail for no more than five zip codes.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Post Office, Regional. A branch office of the United States Postal Service that handles the mail for more than five zip codes.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Pre-Existing Use. A lawful and conforming existing use of a lot or structure prior to the time of the enactment of this Title.

Preservation Covenant. A recorded deed restriction which requires the preservation of a property for an agreed-upon period of time.

Preservation Easement. A non-possessory interest in real property which creates rights and obligations related to the preservation of the distinctive character of that property or a portion thereof.

Primary Ridgeline. The ridgeline that has the greatest prominent public visibility from existing and undeveloped portions of the City.

{Ord. 5923 – 08/15/07}

Principal Building. The building in which the principal use of the lot is conducted. Lots with multiple uses may have multiple principal buildings. The term does not include storage buildings, garages or other buildings which normally are considered accessory buildings.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Principal Use. The purpose for which land, premises or building is designed, arranged or constructed.

Printing & Publishing. An establishment that provides printing, publishing, duplicating, or collating services using photocopy, blueprint, off-set printing, or related equipment.

Private Club, Lodge or Fraternal Organization.

1. **Club.** A facility of a private organization for the preparation and service of food and/or drink for members and their guests.
2. **Lodge or Fraternal Organization.** A facility for a special purpose organization for the sharing of sports, arts, literature, politics or other similar interests; but not primarily\ for profit or to render a service that is customarily carried on as a business.

Private Garage. An accessory building, or an attached portion of the main building, designed or used for the shelter and storage of automobiles.

Private Sports Arena, Stadium or Track. A facility that:

1. Is used for playing and watching sports, concerts, plays, etc.; and
 2. Is not owned or operated by a public or quasi-public organization.
- {Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}*

Private Street. A street designated for use by specified property owners, maintained by or on behalf of those property owners, and not dedicated to nor intended for access by the general public.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Prohibited Use. A use that is not permitted by any means in a particular zoning district.

Project of Regional Significance. Any of the following:

{Ord 5477 – 05/01/02}

1. A site-specific building or development project, whether private, public or quasipublic in nature, that is proposed within one-half mile of the boundary of another municipal corporation or an unincorporated area, and that qualifies as one or more of the following:
 - a. A project with a tentative map including 500 lots or more;
 - b. A planned unit development of 500 units or more;
 - c. A development including tourist accommodations of 300 units or more;
 - d. A commercial or industrial facility that is estimated to generate more than 6250 average daily vehicle trips, as defined by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (or its successor); or
 - e. A nonresidential development encompassing more than 160 acres.
2. A zoning map amendment or local land use plan amendment that is proposed within one-half mile of the boundary of another municipal corporation or an unincorporated area, and that could result in development meeting or exceeding any of the criteria listed in Paragraphs 1(a) through 1(d) above.
3. A Special Use Permit application concerning property within 500 feet of the boundary of another municipal corporation or an unincorporated area.

Projecting Sign. Any sign affixed to a building in such a manner that its leading edge extends more than twelve inches beyond the surface of the building. The term does not include a decorative awning or canopy.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Property. A lot, parcel, or tract of land together with the building and structures located thereon.

Psychology Practice. A professional office in which a licensed professional, including a psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, marriage and family therapist, or occupational therapist, provides evaluation, testing, treatment or counseling services related to mental conditions or disorders. The term includes a hypnotherapy practice, but does not include a “facility to provide testing, treatment, or counseling for drug or alcohol abuse,” or a “sex offender counseling facility,” as those terms are defined in this Section.

{Ord 5633 – 11/05/03}

Public Areas. Parks, playgrounds, trails, paths, and other recreational areas and open spaces; scenic and historic sites; schools and other publicly operated buildings; and other places where the public is directly or indirectly invited to visit or permitted to congregate.

Public Hearing. A meeting, announced and advertised in advance and open to the public, in which members of the public have an opportunity to participate.

Public Improvement. Any improvement, facility, or service, together with its associated site or right-of-way, necessary to provide transportation, drainage, utilities, or similar essential services and facilities and that are usually owned and operated by a governmental agency.

Public Notice. The advertisement of a public hearing in a paper of general circulation and through the mail, or the posting of a sign on property, each designed to indicate the time, date, place, and nature of a public hearing.

Public or Private School, Primary. An institution that provides kindergarten through 8th grade education and is supported by a public, religious or private organization.

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Public or Private School, Secondary. An institution that provides 9th through 12th grade education and is supported by a public, religious or private organization.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Public Park or Playground. A park, playground, swimming pool, reservoir, golf course, or athletic field owned, operated and maintained by a local or State level government entity.

Public Right-of-Way. A strip of land acquired by reservation, dedication, prescription or condemnation and intended to be occupied by a road, trail, water line, sanitary sewer and/or other public utilities or facilities.

Public Use Airport. Any of the facilities of McCarran International Airport and North Las Vegas Airport.

Public Utility. A regulated enterprise with a franchise for providing to the public a utility service deemed necessary for the public health, safety and welfare.

Pylon Sign. A freestanding sign supported by two or more columns, uprights, poles, or braces in or upon the ground, or a freestanding sign supported by a single column, upright, pole or brace in or upon the ground the sum width/diameter of which is 25 percent or more of the width of the sign.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Quasi-Public Use. A use owned or operated by a nonprofit, religious, or eleemosynary institution and providing educational, cultural, recreational, religious, or similar types of programs.

Radio Broadcasting. A building or portion of a building used as a place for radio broadcasting. The term does not include any antenna or antenna structure.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Radio, TV, Microwave Communication Tower. A freestanding structure which supports antennae that transmit or receive any portion of the electromagnetic spectrum.

Rail/Transit yard or Shop. A facility or area for the maintenance, repair, or storage of bus, rail or other transit vehicles.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Ramada. Any freestanding roof or shade structure installed or erected above an occupied mobile home or any portion thereof.

Raw Land. Unimproved land without buildings, structures, utilities or streets.

Real Estate Sign. A sign to advertise a commercial or residential property for sale, lease, or rent.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Recording Studio. A building or portion of a building used as a place to record music and videos. The term does not include broadcasting facilities.

Recreational Vehicle. A vehicle towed, or self-propelled on its own chassis, or attached to the chassis of another vehicle and designed or used for recreational or sporting purposes. The term includes, but is not limited to, travel trailers, pick-up campers, camping trailers, motor coach homes and converted trucks or buses.

Recreational Vehicle and Boat Storage. The storage of recreational vehicles, boats, or any combination thereof.

{Ord 5498 – 07/08/02}

Recycling Collection Center. A facility used for the collection and temporary storage of empty beverage containers, aluminum, glass, paper or clothing for recycling purposes conducted totally within an enclosed structure or container. The term does not include processing except for “can banks” that crush cans as they are deposited.

Rental Store. A facility for the rental of general merchandise to the general public and not specifically listed as a different use elsewhere in this Title. Typical general merchandise includes clothing and other apparel; electronics; videos; tools and garden equipment; furniture and other household appliances; special occasion or seasonal items; and similar consumer goods.

Regional Mall. An enclosed structure with a minimum square footage of three hundred fifty thousand square feet:

{Bill 2005-14 – 04/20/05}

1. That is used or intended to be used as an assemblage of various tenants, including without limitation, retail uses, personal service uses, food service uses, and other ancillary uses;
2. That includes a minimum of two major anchor tenants; and
3. In which the typical means of access to the various uses in from inside the mall structure.

Rescue Mission or Shelter For The Homeless. A building that is used or intended to be used to provide to homeless individuals temporary accommodations, shelter, meals or any combination thereof. For purposes of this Title, a “homeless individual” includes an individual who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

Restaurant. A use providing preparation and retail sale of food and beverages, including cafes, coffee shops, sandwich shops, ice cream parlors, fast food take-out (i.e. pizza) and similar uses.

Restaurant, Carry-Out. An establishment designed for selling prepared foods for off-premise consumption.

Restaurant with Drive-Through. A restaurant that includes one or more drive-through lanes for ordering and dispensing food and beverages to patrons remaining in their vehicles.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Restaurant with Service Bar. A bar wherein alcoholic beverage drinks are prepared for service only at tables in a restaurant and for consumption only in connection with a meal served on the premises, and where customers are not permitted to purchase alcoholic beverage drinks directly from the bar or for off-premise consumption.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Review Authority. The authority responsible for the review and final action on an application filed under this Title, such as the City Council, Planning Commission or the Director.

Retail Establishment With Package Liquor Off-Sale. A retail establishment:

1. Whose license to sell alcoholic beverages authorizes their sale to consumer only and not for resale, in original sealed or corked containers, for consumption off the premises where the same are sold; and
2. In which the sale of alcoholic beverages is ancillary to the retail use, and in which no more than ten percent of the retail floor space is regularly devoted to the display or merchandising of alcoholic beverages.

The term includes an establishment that provides on-premises wine, cordial and liqueur tasting if the licensee also holds a wine, cordial and liqueur tasting license for that location.

{Ord 5795 – 10/05/05}

Rezone. To change the zoning classification of particular lots or parcels of land.

Ridgeline. A line connecting the series of the highest elevation points of a ridge, mountain, shoulder, hill or mesa.

{Ord. 5923 – 08/15/07}

Right of Access. The legal authority to enter or leave a property.

Right-of-Way. A strip of land acquired by reservation, dedication, forced dedication, prescription, or condemnation and intended to be occupied by a road, crosswalk, railroad, electric transmission lines, oil or gas pipeline, water line, sanitary storm sewer or other public utility or facility.

Roof Sign. Any sign erected and constructed wholly on and over the roof of a building, supported by the roof structure, and extending vertically above the roof or parapet of the building.

Runoff. Irrigation water that is not absorbed by the soil to which it is applied and which flows onto hard-surfaced areas. Runoff may result from water that is applied at too great a rate (application rate exceeds infiltration rate) or where a severe slope exists.

Runway. A defined area on an airport prepared for landing and takeoff of aircraft along its length.

Runway Protection Zone. A trapezoidal area at ground level for the purpose of protecting the safety of approaches and keeping the area clear of the congregation of people.

Rural Preservation Neighborhood. A subdivided or developed area:

{Ord 5791 – 10/5/05}

1. Which consists of ten or more residential dwelling units;
2. Where the outer boundary of each lot that is used for residential purposes is not more than three hundred thirty feet from the outer boundary of any other lot that is used for residential purposes;

3. Which has no more than two residential dwelling units per acre; and
4. Which allows residents to raise or keep animals noncommercially.

Salvage or Reclamation of Products. A facility or area for storing, keeping, selling, dismantling, or salvaging scrap or discarded material or equipment which is not considered as another use under this Title. Scrap or discarded material includes, but is not limited to, metal, paper, rags, tires, bottles or inoperable or wrecked motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts, machinery, structural steel, equipment and appliances. The term includes facilities for recycling recoverable resources, such as newspapers, magazines, books, and other paper products, glass, metal cans and other products, which can be returned to a condition in which they may again be used for production.

Satellite Dish. A device which:

1. Incorporates a reflective surface that is solid, open mesh, or bar-configured;
2. Has the shape of a shallow dish, cone, horn, or cornucopia; and
3. Is used to receive electromagnetic signals.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Scale of Development. The physical development of a particular project, in terms of its size, height, bulk, intensity and aesthetics.

Seasonal Outdoor Sales. The temporary outdoor sale and display of the following (and only the following) holiday goods in connection with the corresponding holidays:

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

{Ord 5551 – 12/04/02}

1. Christmas trees;
2. Halloween pumpkins;
3. Valentine’s Day flowers; and
4. Mother’s Day flowers.

The term does not include fireworks sales, which are governed by LVMC Chapter 9.28 and are subject to the requirements of the Department of Fire and Rescue.

Secondhand Dealer. A specialty shop which deals solely in one kind of used commodity with no new commodities, or a business in which the sale of secondhand or used articles is incidental to the sale of new articles of the same kind. For purposes of this definition, the sale of secondhand or used articles is deemed to be incidental to the sale of new articles. Used articles may include wearing apparel, furniture, fixtures, appliances, tableware, offices supplies, pictures, paintings, jewelry, cutlery or guns. The term includes the sale of jewelry (Class III type) and scrap precious metals as defined in LVMC Chapter 6.74, but does not include the sale of junk as defined in that Chapter, the sale of used cars or the sale of other items which the City Council determines do not fit within the intent of this term. The term does not include the buying and selling of foreign or domestic coins for numismatic purposes or used books, which shall be allowed where retail sales of new merchandise, is permitted. The term also does not include a thriftshop or nonprofit thriftshop.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06} {Ord 5638 – 11/19/03} {Ord 6041 - 06/03/09}

Senior Citizen Apartments. An apartment house or other multi-family dwelling in which each unit is occupied by at least one person fifty-five years of age or older. The term includes an apartment house or other multi-family dwelling that qualifies as “housing for older persons” under the provisions of Federal law, including without limitation housing developments that:

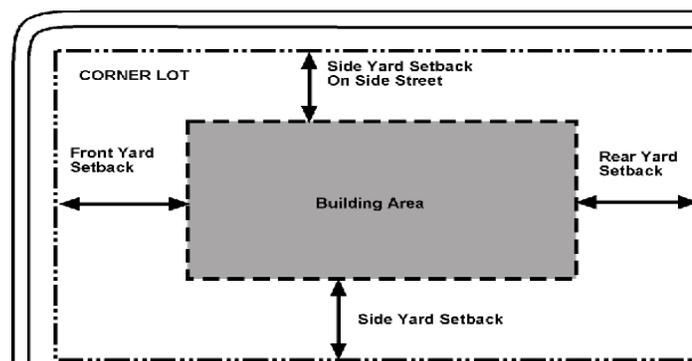
1. Provide significant facilities and services specifically designed to meet the physical or social needs of older persons; and
2. Publish and adhere to policies and procedures that demonstrate an intent to provide housing for persons fifty-five years of age or older to the extent allowed by applicable State or Federal law.

Service Station. Any building, or premises used for the dispensing and sale of fuels or oils and accessories for the motor vehicle trade, together with any incidental minor automotive repair or automatic car wash facility.

Setback. The required separation distance between the nearest portion of a structure and the property line.

Setback Area, Required. That portion of a lot which is required to be unoccupied and unobstructed from the ground to the sky between a required setback line and the property line, except as otherwise provided in this Title.

Figure 2. Required Setbacks



Setback Area, Front. A yard area of which the width is measured the entire length of the front property line between the side property lines; and the depth is measured as the distance between the street right-of-way line and the required front setback line (see Figure 2).

Setback Area, Rear. A yard area of which the width is measured the entire length of the rear property line between the side property lines; and the depth is measured as the distance between the rear property line and the required rear yard setback line (see Figure 2).

Setback Area, Side. A yard area of which the width is measured between the side property line and the required side yard setback line and the depth is measured between the front yard setback line and the rear yard setback line (see Figure 2).

Sex Offender Counseling Facility. A facility that regularly provides court-ordered or court-sanctioned treatment or counseling to sex offenders.

{Ord 5633 – 11/05/03}

Sexually-Oriented Business. See Table 2, as adopted in Section 19.04.010.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

SHPO. The State Historic Preservation Office.

Shopping Center. Any structure or group of structures that:

1. House any assemblage of various commercial tenants, including without limitation, retail uses, personal service uses, food service uses, and other ancillary uses;
2. Have a minimum combined gross floor area of 25,000 square feet;
3. Are located upon a single parcel of land or upon contiguous parcels of land; and
4. Have common vehicular access and parking facilities.

The term includes a regional mall.

{Ord 6099 – 07/21/10}

Short-Term Residential Rental. The commercial use, or the making available for commercial use, of a residential dwelling unit for dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes, wherein any individual guest rents or occupies the unit for a period of less than thirty-one consecutive calendar days.

Sidewalk/Parking Lot Sale. A promotional sales event which is conducted outside the confines of the commercial or manufacturing structure in which such business is normally conducted and which occurs on a paved or concrete area on the same lot as the structure.

Sign. Any device, fixture, placard, structure or other medium, including its structure and component parts, that uses any color, form, graphic, illumination, symbol or writing to advertise, announce the purpose of, or identify the purpose of a person or entity, or to communicate information of any kind to the public.

Sign, Animated. Any sign that uses any of the following: animation or movement; mechanical devices such as spinning, rotating, revolving or oscillating mechanical or structural components; flashing, sequential or oscillating lights; lighting that moves from bright to dim and back to bright; or other similar continuously automated methods or dynamic devices, such as steam, fog, misting, or change of lighting or message, to depict action or create a special effect or alternating scene that results in movement, the appearance of movement, or the changing of sign image or message. The term includes any sign or portion thereof with characters, letters or illustrations, that can be changed or rearranged manually or electronically without altering the face or the surface of the sign. The term does not include a sign on which the only copy that changes is the electronic indication of time, temperature, or both.

Sign, Off-Premise. Any sign whose copy advertises or announces any place, product, goods, services, idea or statement whose subject is not available, located at, nor on the lot where the sign is erected or placed.

Sign, On-Premise. Any sign whose copy is limited to advertising or announcing any place, product, goods, services, idea or statement whose subject is available or located at or on the lot where the sign is erected or placed.

Sign Certificate. A certificate issued by the Department of Planning and Development to authorize a sign pursuant to Chapter 19.14.

Similar Use. A use that has the same characteristics as the specifically cited uses in terms of the following; trip generation and type of traffic, parking and circulation, utility demands, environmental impacts, physical space needs and clientele.

Single Family Attached Dwelling. See Dwelling, Single-Family Attached.

Single Family Detached Dwelling. See Dwelling, Single-Family Detached.

Single Family Unit Equivalent. A residential density value based on the vehicular traffic generated by a single family dwelling.

Single Family, Zero Lot Line. A single family dwelling unit that is located directly on 1 or more lot lines.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Single Room Occupancy Residence. A residential facility in which furnished rooms are rented on a weekly or monthly basis and which provides common facilities and services for laundry, cleaning and meals.

Site Built Single Family Home. A single family dwelling which is constructed under the standards of the Uniform Building Code (UBC), Uniform Electrical Code (UEC), Uniform Fire Code (UFC), Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC) and the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) as adopted in the Las Vegas Municipal Code (LVMC), including all appurtenant supplements thereto.

Slaughtering and Processing of Live Poultry. An operation in which live poultry is slaughtered and processed in preparation for human consumption.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Slope. The incline associated with a land surface.
{Ord. 5923 – 08/15/07}

Small Wind Energy System. A wind energy conversion system consisting of a wind turbine, a tower or supporting structure, and associated control or conversion electronics, which has a rated capacity of not more than 100kW and which is intended to primarily reduce on-site consumption of utility power. For purposes of this Title, the use shall not be deemed an accessory structure.
{Ord 5934 –09/19/07} {Ord 6055– 09/02/09}

Social Event With Alcoholic Beverage Sales. The sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption only on the premises where the same are sold in connection with weddings, school graduations, employer and employee events, recognition ceremonies, awards ceremonies, family gatherings, fund-raising events, club and organization events or other similar events which occur six times or more per month at a facility not licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages.
{Ord 5607 – 06/18/03}

Social Service Provider. A facility that provides assistance to persons with limited ability for self-care, but for whom medical care is not a major element. The term includes a facility that provides assistance concerning psychological problems, employment, learning disabilities or physical disabilities, but does not include a rescue mission or homeless shelter, or an adult day care center.
{Ord 5841 – 08/02/06}

Soil. All unconsolidated mineral and organic material that overlies bedrock and can be readily excavated.

Soil Amendments. Organic and inorganic material added to soils to improve texture, nutrients, moisture holding capacity and infiltration rates.

Solar Panel. A small-scale unit that is designed and used, on an incidental or accessory basis, to generate power or heat (or both) to be supplied to the principal use on the site. A “solar panel”:

1. Does not include an “electric generating plant” or any other utility facility that is specifically defined in Chapter 19.20; and
2. Shall not be deemed an accessory structure for purposes of the standards of this Title that govern accessory structures.

{Ord. 6008 – 10/15/08}

Sound Stage. A building or portion of a building used for the production of movies.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Special Use Permit. A specific approval for a use which has been determined to be more intense or to have a potentially greater impact than a permitted or conditional use within the same zoning district.

Spot Zoning. Rezoning of a lot or parcel of land to benefit an owner for a use incompatible with surrounding land uses and that does not further the General Plan.

Stacking Lane. An area for temporary queuing of motor vehicles.

Standard Conditions. Conditions which have been approved by the Planning Commission or the City Council and which are designed to be imposed as a matter of course, where applicable, on the approval of development applications.

Stem Wall. A wall, usually less than two feet in height, used to divert or direct storm water flows within an area specified by the Department of Public Works.

Storage. A space or place where goods, materials or personal property is placed and kept for more than 24 consecutive hours.

Stored. With reference to vehicles or vehicle parts, means allowed to remain in one place for more than 72 consecutive hours.

Story. That portion of a building between the surface of any floor and the surface of the floor next above it; or if there is no floor above it, then the space between the floor and the ceiling next above.

Street. A strip of land or way subject to vehicular traffic (as well as pedestrian traffic) that provides direct or indirect access to property; including, but not limited to, alleys, avenues, boulevards, courts, drives, highways, lanes, places, roads, terraces, trails or other thoroughfares.

Street Classification.

1. **Freeway.** A divided highway with 150 foot wide minimum right-of-way and classified as “controlled access”; a high-speed road with grade-separated interchanges.
2. **Expressway.** A divided highway with a 150 foot wide minimum right-of-way and classified as “limited access”; a high-speed road with at-grade, cross-traffic intersections.
3. **Primary Thoroughfare.** A street or highway which has a minimum right-of-way width of 100 feet and an existing potential design capacity of two or more travel lanes of traffic in each direction, divided when possible.
4. **Secondary Thoroughfare.** A street or highway which has a minimum right-of-way width of 80 feet and an existing or potential design capacity of two travel lanes of traffic in each direction.
5. **Collector Street.** A minor street with a minimum right-of-way width of 60 feet which connects major streets in a more or less direct line, or which has or will obtain, through future projection, potential use capacity of more than 300 vehicles per hour.

6. **Local Street.** A street with a minimum right-of-way width of 50 feet which is designed to carry residential traffic between collector or other streets or highways and abutting properties.
7. **Street Service Road.** That portion of a major or secondary thoroughfare lying outside of the principal roadway and separated by a dividing island and providing ingress and egress from abutting property.

Street Frontage. The distance along which a property line of a lot adjoins a public street, from one side lot line intersecting the street to the furthest distance side lot line intersecting the same street.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Street Line. The boundary between a street and abutting properties.

Streetscape. The visual image of a street, including the combination of buildings, parking, signs and other hardscape and street furniture.

Structure. An object, including a mobile object, constructed or installed including, but not limited to, a building, tower, crane, smokestack, earth formation, sign, overhead transmission line and an edifice or building of any kind, or any piece of work artificially built up or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner.

Subdivision Development Sale Sign. A sign located within the subject residential subdivision that advertises the availability of lots or dwellings for sale.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Subdivision Development Directional Sign. A sign not located within the subject residential subdivision that advertises the availability of lots or dwellings for sale.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Sub-Surface Irrigation System. The application of water via buried pipe and emitters, with flow rates measured in gallons per hour.

Supper Club. A restaurant and bar operation with alcoholic beverage sales in which:

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

1. The bar area is separated from the restaurant area by a barrier sufficient to prevent access to the bar by minors;
2. The actual seating available at all times within the dining area will accommodate at least one hundred twenty-five persons. For purposes of this requirement, the “dining area” does not include bar stool seating at the bar or lounge seating, but may include table or booth seating within the bar area and table seating within a patio area.
3. Alcoholic beverages are served in the restaurant area only in conjunction with the service of food;
4. Full-course meals are available during all hours the bar area is open to the public;

5. A cook and food server, other than a bartender, are available at all times the bar area is open to the public; and
6. The restaurant operation is the principal portion of the business.

Suspended Sign. A sign that is suspended from the underside of a horizontal plane surface and is supported by the surface.

Swap Meet. A facility (whether indoor or outdoor) in which multiple vendors, dealers, sellers or traders have rented, leased, purchased or otherwise obtained an area from a swap meet operator for the purpose of selling, bartering, exchanging or trading new or used items of personal property, where the aggregate value of all such property exceeds the amount of one thousand dollars.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06} {Ord 5688 – 04/21/04}

Tavern-Limited Establishment. An establishment that is licensed with a tavern-limited license in accordance with LVMC Chapter 6.50.

{Ord 5521 – 10/02/02}

Tattoo Parlor/Body Piercing Studio. An establishment whose principal business activity, either in terms of operation or as held out to the public, is the practice of one or more of the following:

1. The placing of designs, letters, figures, symbols or other marks upon or under the skin of any person, using ink or other substances which result in the permanent coloration of the skin by means of the use of needles or other instruments designed to contact or puncture the skin.
2. The creation of an opening in the body of a person for the purpose of inserting jewelry or other decoration. This term does not include a permanent makeup establishment.

Taxicab/Limo Yard. An area or facility used for the storage or dispatch of taxicabs or limousines.

Teen Dance Center. An establishment that is primarily operated as a place of entertainment for persons under the age of 18 years, characterized by any or all of the following as a principal use:

1. Live, recorded, or televised entertainment, including but not limited to performance by magicians, musicians or comedians.
2. Dancing.

Temporary Contractor's Construction Yard. An on-site or off-site facility for the storage of construction materials and equipment intended for use in conjunction with a specific development, to be removed at the time the development is completed. The term may include a temporary batch plant.

{Ord 5551 – 12/04/02}

Temporary Outdoor Commercial Event. A promotional activity, fair, circus, rodeo, festival, carnival, arts and crafts fair, tent revival, haunted house, amusement system, or concert that will be conducted at a location other than a stadium, auditorium or other public assembly facility that is designed to accommodate such an event. The term does not include on-day residential celebrations; uses within public facilities or recreational facilities regulated or organized through the Department of Leisure Services; parades and similar events that occur in the public right-of-way and are regulated by or organized through the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department; or grand openings of new businesses that meet all requirements of the Department of Fire and Rescue.

{Ord 5551 – 12/04/02}

Temporary Real Estate Sales Office. An office operating at a fixed location within an existing model home, trailer or commercial structure which is used temporarily for the purpose of real estate sales.

{Ord 5663 – 01/21/04}

Temporary Sign. Any sign not constructed or intended for long term use, such as for sale or for rent signs, pennants, political campaign signs or other similar signs. The term does not include a temporary special event sign.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Temporary Special Event Sign. Any sign that is used only temporarily and is not permanently mounted, such as banners, pennants, inflatable signs, tethered balloons, portable signs and similar devices.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Temporary Use. A use established for a specified period of time with the intent to discontinue the use at the end of the designated time period.

Tennis Courts, Accessory. Tennis courts that are available for use only as an incidental or accessory use in connection with the principal residential or commercial use of the premises.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Thirty-Six Inch Box Trees. Trees measuring a minimum of 12 feet in height, and 8 feet in spread with a 3 inch trunk caliper measured at 4 1/2 feet above the soil line.

Thriftshop. A business operation that deals primarily in secondhand wearing apparel.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Thriftshop, Nonprofit. A shop that is operated by a nonprofit organization and that sells donated used merchandise only.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Time-Share Development. A development consisting of a minimum of 50 units that are made available for use and occupancy on a recurrent periodic basis according to an arrangement allocating this right among various holders of a time-share ownership, leasehold or other similar interest.

Topsoil. The top layer of native soil. The term is also used to describe good soil imported for landscaping.

Towing & Impound Yard. A lot or building used for the storage of damaged, wrecked or impounded motor vehicles for a limited period of time, usually awaiting insurance adjustment, transport to a repair shop, or recovery by the owner operator.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Towing Service (with No Storage). An establishment that provides the service of transporting damaged, wrecked or impounded motor vehicles to an off-site storage area or other facility.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Townhouse. See Dwelling, Townhouse.

Trade School. A facility for instruction and training in trades or crafts such as auto repair, welding, bricklaying, machinery operation or other similar trades or crafts which require the use of large equipment, or outdoor training activities, or both.

Traffic Entry Study (TES). A study of an entry to a residential development with focus on the entry and its impact on the adjacent roadway.

Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA). A study that provides information on the projected traffic likely to be generated by a proposed development and assesses its impact on the roadways in the immediate proximity of a proposed development. The TIA should identify any potential traffic operational problems or concerns and recommend appropriate actions to address such problems or concerns.

Traffic Impact Study. A report which analyzes the conditions of a particular roadway or roadways as they are anticipated to exist if a particular proposed development occurs, as well as if the development does not occur.

Trailer. A vehicle, other than a vehicle defined as a Recreational Vehicle, that is without motor power and is designed for carrying persons, property, equipment or other items on its own structure, including, but not limited to semi-trailers, utility trailers, flatbed trailers and hauling trailers.

Trailer Coach. Any building, structure or vehicle equipped with wheels to facilitate movement from place to place or to travel on a public thoroughfare, and designed, used, and maintained for human habitation. Such definition shall include automobiles or trucks where used for living or sleeping purposes.

Trailer/RV Camp or Park. Any lot or tract of land used, or intended to be used, for renting of space to accommodate two or more recreational vehicles.
{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Transit Passenger Facility. A facility, including a park and ride, for the loading and discharging of train or bus passengers.
{Ord 6087 – 03/03/10}

Transition Zone. A zoning district that permits uses compatible with uses permitted in two adjacent zones that, without the transition zones, could be considered incompatible to each other.

Transitional Area. (1) An area in the process of changing from one use to another; (2) An area that acts as a buffer between two land uses of different intensity and compatibility.

Transitional Community Residence. A Community Residence that provides housing and a living environment for recovering alcohol and drug abusers and is operated to facilitate their reintegration into the community, but does not provide any treatment for alcohol or drug abuse.

{Ord 6098 – 07/21/10}

Truck Rental. A facility for the rental of new or used trucks. Trucks kept on the lot for rental purposes are not considered to be outside storage.

Trucking Company. A business, service or industry involving the use of commercial vehicles in the loading, unloading and transportation of cargo. The term may also include the fueling, maintenance, servicing, storage or repair of commercial vehicles or the storage of cargo.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Turf. Any grassy area maintained by frequent mowing, fertilization and watering, commonly used for lawns and playing fields.

Tutoring Center. An institution or place of education or instruction, other than a public or private school (primary or secondary), business school, or trade school, that is owned and operated privately for profit and that does not offer a complete educational curriculum. The term includes an educational testing center.

{Ord. 6041 - 06/03/09}

TV Broadcasting & Other Communication Service. A building or portion of a building used as a place for television broadcasting or similar communication related activities.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Twenty-four Inch Box Trees. Twenty-four inch box trees shall be a minimum of 8 feet in height, 6 feet in spread and 2 inch trunk caliper measured at 4 1/2 feet above the soil line.

Two-Family Dwelling. A detached dwelling designed for and occupied exclusively by two families living independently of each other in separate dwelling units on a single lot.

Ultimate Height. With regard to an antenna, the maximum height of the antenna above ground level.

Urban Core Area. Means the area defined as the Downtown Centennial Plan Overlay District in Section 19.06.060.

{Ord 6080 – 02/17/10}

Urban Lounge. An establishment that:

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06} {Ord 5807 – 01/04/06}

1. Is licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises where the same are sold, and the sale, to consumers only and not for resale, of alcoholic beverages in original sealed or corked containers, for consumption off the premises where the same are sold; and
2. Meets the criteria for an urban lounge as set forth in Table 2, as adopted in Section 19.04.010.

Use. The purpose (type and extent) for which land or a building is arranged, designed, or intended, or for which either land or a structure is occupied or maintained.

Used For Residential Purposes. A lot that is five acres or less in area and contains a residential dwelling unit of a permanent nature.

{Ord 5791 – 10/05/05}

Utility Installation, Other than Listed. A facility or area used as (or for) a utility installation not specifically listed in this Title. The term does not include any type of wind energy conversion system.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06} {Ord. 5934 – 09/19/07}

Utility Transmission Lines. An utility infrastructure that:

1. Provides electrical power, telephone, or cable television; and
2. Is installed, operated and maintained by a municipality or a franchised utility company. *{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}*

Valet Parking. A service provided in conjunction with a business or other establishment by which employees (or others acting on behalf of the establishment) park the vehicles of patrons or visitors in an area set aside for that purpose.

{Ord 5619 – 08/06/03}

Variance. Approval to vary from the requirements of a development regulation.

Vehicle, Classic or Antique. A motor vehicle that is 25 or more years old and, because of its limited production or exceptionally fine workmanship, is a rarity or of historic interest and has been, or is in the process of being restored, maintained, or preserved by automobile hobbyists.

Vehicle, Junked. Any vehicle which is wrecked, partially wrecked, dismantled, or partially dismantled.

{Ord 5434 – 02/06/02}

Vehicle, Mechanically Inoperable. A vehicle that is temporarily inoperable due to the need for normal, reasonable and customary repairs before the vehicle can be operated on the roadways.

{Ord 5435 – 02/06/02}

Vehicle, Parking, Storage or Repair in Residential Zoning Districts. The parking, storage or repair of vehicles as an accessory use in residential zoning districts.

{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}

Vehicle, Recreational. Any vehicle or trailer designed and used as a travel trailer, camper, motor home, tent trailer, boat, boat trailer, snowmobile, snowmobile trailer, camping trailer or other vehicle of a similar nature.

{Ord 5434 – 02/06/02}

Vehicle, Stored. A vehicle that has remained stationary in one place on any property in a residential zoning district for more than seventy-two consecutive hours.

Wall/Fence, Front Yard. A structure which is designed to delineate or provide security along the front property line of a residential parcel, or to provide security within the front setback area of a residential parcel.

{Ord 5861 – 10/04/06}

Wall, Perimeter. An opaque structure constructed in accordance with Section 19.12.075 with the purpose of providing security or a visual buffer within, along or in proximity to the property line of a subdivision or parcel and separating the subdivision or parcel from right-of-way, another land use or another property.

{Ord 5861 – 10/04/06} {Ord 5895 – 03/21/07}

Wall, Retaining. A wall with the grade on one side greater than the grade on the opposite side that is designed and constructed to withstand the lateral earth and hydrostatic pressures upon it.

{Ord 5861 – 10/04/06}

Wall, Screen. An opaque structure constructed in accordance with Section 19.12.075 with the purpose of providing a buffer for privacy or to mitigate a potentially negative noise or visual impact.

{Ord 5861 – 10/04/06}

{Ord 5895 – 03/21/07}

Wall Sign. Any sign (other than a projecting sign) which is attached parallel to a wall or building, or to a canopy or awning attached to a building. The sign may be painted on or erected upon the building, awning, or canopy.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Warehouse/Distribution Center. An enclosed structure for the storage of goods for distribution or transfer to another location.

Wedding Chapel. A facility which is made available to be rented for wedding ceremonies. Such facilities may include a chapel, dressing rooms, offices, reception facilities and gardens.

Weekend Directional Sign. A sign used to direct traffic to residential subdivisions for sale.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Welding Repair. A facility in which products made of metal or metal alloy are repaired by means of welding. *{Ord 5842 – 08/02/06}*

Wholesale Showroom Facility. A building used primarily for the storage of goods and materials and secondarily for the display of merchandise for wholesale purchase.

Window Sign. Any sign, picture, symbol or combination thereof, designed to communicate information about an on-premises activity, business, commodity, event, sale or service, that is placed inside a window or upon the window panes or glass and is legible from the exterior of the window from a public right-of-way a distance of more than three feet beyond the lot line of the lot or parcel on which the sign is located.

{Ord 5496 – 07/17/02}

Wireless Communication Antenna. An antenna that transmits or receives, or both transmits and receives, wireless communication signals. The term does not include any device, such as a radio antenna, telephone antenna, television antenna, satellite dish antenna or amateur radio antenna, that is accessory or incidental to a residential use and is employed by an ultimate user to receive radio, television or other communication signals.

Wireless Communication Facility. An antenna tower, wireless communication antenna, or any associated structure or equipment, or combination thereof, that is intended for commercial or institutional use in connection with the transmission or reception of wireless communication signals.

Wireless Communication Facility, Non-stealth Design. A wireless communication facility that does not qualify as a stealth design wireless communication facility.

Wireless Communication Facility, Slim-line Design Pole. A wireless communication facility, consisting of a pole and one or more antennas, on which the antenna panels are narrow and closely spaced with one another atop the pole and extend no more than one foot beyond the circumference of the pole.

Wireless Communication Facility, Stealth Design. A wireless communication facility that is designed to blend into the surrounding environment. Examples include without limitation: antenna tower alternative structures; roof-mounted antennas (with architectural screening when appropriate); building-mounted antennas painted to match the existing structure; antennas integrated into architectural elements (such as steeples or cupolas); antennas and antenna structures designed to look like light poles, flagpoles, or any other camouflaging techniques available on the market; and a cable microcell network which utilized multiple low-powered transmitters/receivers or repeaters attached to existing wireline systems, such as conventional cable or telephone wires, or similar technology that does not require the use of towers.

Wireless Communication Signals. Communication signals, including electromagnetic waves, analog signals, digital signals and other spectrum-based communication signals, that operate within the range of frequencies from 100KHz to 300GHz. The term does not include television broadcast signals; direct broadcast signals; direct broadcast satellite services; multi-channel, multi-point distribution services; or amateur radio signals.

Xeriscape. The use of sound horticultural and creative landscaping practices to achieve water conservation, including proper planning and design, soil improvements; and the use of limited turf areas, mulches, low water demand plants, efficient irrigation and appropriate maintenance.

Yard. The areas on a lot that are unoccupied by structures, except for projections and the specific accessory uses or structures allowed in those areas under the provisions of this Title.

{Ord 5895 – 03/21/07}

Yard, Corner Side. The yard of a corner lot extending from the front yard to the rear yard and between the street and the primary structure.

{Ord 5895 – 03/21/07}

Yard, Front. The yard area extending along the entire length of the front property line and the depth between the street right-of-way line and the primary structure.

Yard, Rear. The yard area extending along the entire length of the rear property line and the depth between the rear property line and the primary structure.

Yard, Side. The yard area extending from the front yard to the rear yard and between the side property line and the primary structure.

{Ord 5895 – 03/21/07}

Zoning District. An area designated on the Official Zoning Map Atlas in which certain uses are permitted and certain others are not permitted, all in accordance with this Title.