

CHAPTER 17.10
DEFINITIONS

17.10.00 INTENT

These definitions are intended to provide specific meanings for words and terms commonly used in zoning and land use regulations.

17.10.10 MEANING OF WORDS GENERALLY

All words and terms used in this Code have their commonly accepted dictionary meaning unless they are specifically defined in this Code or the context in which they are used clearly indicated to the contrary.

17.10.20 MEANING OF COMMON WORDS

- A. All words used in the present tense include the future tense.
- B. All words used in the plural include the singular, and all words used in the singular include the plural unless the context clearly indicates to the contrary.
- C. The word “shall” is mandatory and the word “may” is permissive.
- D. The word “building” includes the word “structure.”
- E. The phrase “used for” includes the phrases “arranged for,” “designed for,” “intended for,” “maintained for,” and “occupied for.”
- F. The word “land” and “property” are used interchangeably unless the context clearly indicates to the contrary.
- G. The word “person” may be taken for persons, associations, firms, partnerships or corporations.

17.10.30 MEANING OF SPECIFIC WORDS AND TERMS

The listed specific words and terms are defined as follows:

Abandonment: To cease or discontinue a use or activity without intent to resume, but excluding temporary or short-term interruptions to a use or activity during periods of remodeling, maintaining or otherwise improving or rearranging a facility, or during normal periods of vacation or seasonal closure. An “intent to resume” can be shown through continuous operation of a portion of the facility, maintenance of sewer, water and other public utilities, or other outside proof of continuance such as bills of lading, delivery records, etc.

Abandonment, Discontinued Use: Discontinued use shall mean nonuse and shall not require a determination of the voluntary or involuntary use or intent to resume the use.

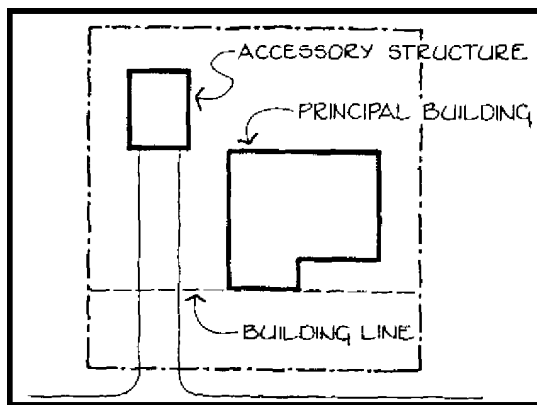
Abutting Lots: Two or more lots joined by a common boundary line or point. For the purposes of this definition, no boundary line shall be deemed interrupted by a road, street, alley or public

way, it being the intent of this definition to treat property lying on the opposite sides of a road, street, alley or public way as having a common boundary line or point.

Access: The place, means, or way by which pedestrians or vehicles shall have safe, adequate, and usable ingress and egress to a property, use or parking space.

Accessory Dwelling Unit: A second dwelling unit either in or added to an existing single-family detached dwelling or duplex, or in a separate accessory structure on the same lot as the **main single-family** dwelling or duplex, for use as a complete, independent living facility with provisions within the accessory apartment for cooking, eating, sanitation and sleeping. Such a dwelling is an accessory use to the **main-single-family** dwelling or duplex.

Accessory Structure (Detached): A structure that is clearly incidental to and subordinate to the main use of property and located on the same lot as the main use; freestanding and structurally separated from the main use.



Accessory Structure Example

Accessory Structure (Attached): A structure that is clearly incidental to and subordinate to the main use of the property; attached to the principal structure by the wall or roof of the latter or by the roof over a breezeway connecting the accessory and principal structures.

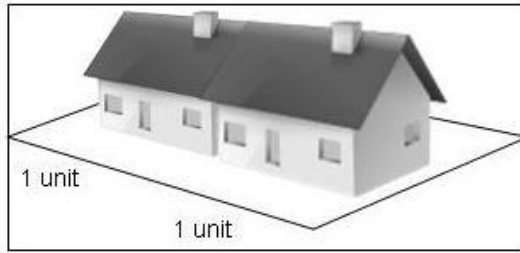
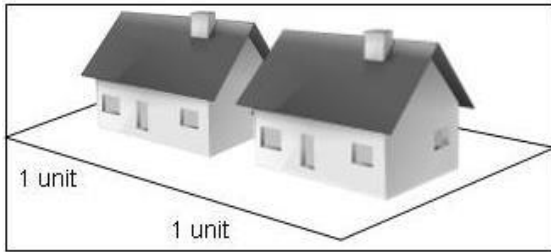
Accessory Use: A use on the same lot with and of a nature customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal use.

Acre, Gross: Gross acre means an acre area of land, which includes in its measurement public streets or other areas to be dedicated or reserved for public use.

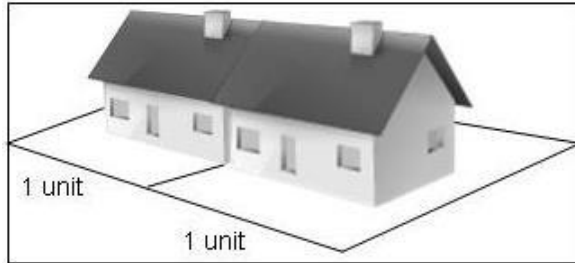
Acre, Net: Net acre means an acre area of land, which does not include in its measurement public streets or other areas to be dedicated or reserved for public use.

Activate (as in “activate wall”): Make the exterior of a building inviting to pedestrians through a combination of elements, such as an enhanced customer entrance, weather protecting features (such as canopies or awnings), pedestrian-scale signage, and transparent windows allowing for views into and from interior building spaces.

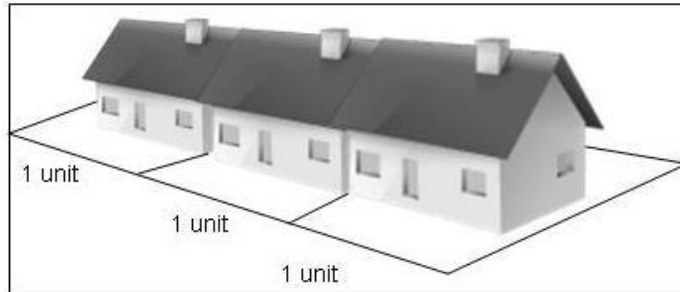
Actual Construction: The placing of construction materials in a permanent position and fastened in a permanent manner.



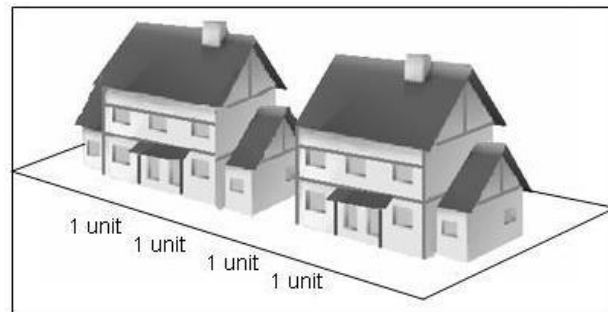
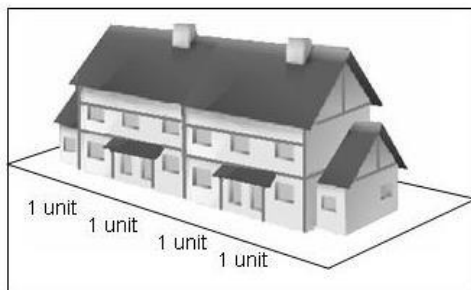
- 4. Single Attached (Zero Lot Line):** Two dwelling units located on separate lots but attached side by side sharing some structural parts at a common property line with no setback from one lot line.



- 5. Attached (Row House):** More than 2 dwelling units located on separate lots placed side by side but sharing some structural parts at a common property line.



- 6. Multi-Family Dwelling:** At least 3 dwelling units in any vertical or horizontal arrangement, located on a lot or development site. An existing dwelling may be utilized as part of a multi-family dwelling when redevelopment of the site occurs and does not have to be attached to another structure. [One duplex and one accessory dwelling unit \(ADU\) constructed on a single lot of record are exempt from the additional requirements for multi-family developments in Section 17.90.160.](#)



- 7. Manufactured Dwelling Park:** A place where four or more manufactured or mobile homes are located within 500 feet of one another on a lot, tract, or parcel of land under the same ownership, the primary purpose of which is to rent or keep