

**1.200 DEFINITIONS AND TERMS**

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**1.200.01 Grammatical Interpretation**

Words used in the masculine include the feminine, and feminine the masculine. Words used in the present tense include the future, the singular number includes the plural, and the word "shall" is mandatory and not directory. Where terms or words are not defined, they shall have their ordinary accepted meanings within the context of their use. The contemporary edition of Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language (principal copyright 1961) shall be considered as providing accepted meanings.

**1.200.02 Definitions**

The following words and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Chapter, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

Access: The way or means by which pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles shall have safe, adequate and usable ingress and egress to property.

Accessory Building (Structure): A detached, subordinate building or portion of a main building, the use of which is incidental to that of the main building or to the use of the land.

Accessory Use: A use incidental, appropriate and subordinate to the main use of the parcel, lot or building.

Adjoining: Contiguous or abutting, exclusive of street width. It shall include the terms adjacent, abutting, or contiguous.

Alteration, Structural: Any change in the exterior dimensions of a building or a change or repair which would affect or materially change a supporting member of a building, such as a bearing wall, column, beam, or girder.

Appeal: A request for a review of the decision authority's action on an application or interpretation.

Applicant: The owner of record or contract purchaser.

Automobile, Recreational Vehicle or Trailer Sales Areas: A lot used for display, sale, or rental of new or used automobiles, recreational vehicles or trailers where no repair work is done except minor, incidental repairs of automobiles or trailers to be displayed, sold or rented on the premises.

Basement: That portion of a building between floor and ceiling which is partly below and partly above grade, but so located that the vertical distance from grade to the floor below is equal to or greater than the vertical distance from grade to ceiling. If such portion of a building is not a basement, then it shall be considered a story.

Bed and Breakfast Establishment: A structure designed and occupied as a residence and in which sleeping rooms are provided on a daily or weekly basis for use by travelers or transients for a charge or fee paid for the rental or use of the facilities.

Block: A parcel of land bounded by three (3) or more streets.

Boarding, Lodging, or Rooming House: A building where lodging with or without meals is provided for compensation for not more than five (5) persons in addition to members of the family occupying such building.

Building: A structure having a roof and built for the support, shelter, or enclosure of persons, animals, or property of any kind.

Building, Main: A building in which is conducted a principal or main use of the building site on which it is situated.

Building Official: An individual empowered by the City Council to administer and enforce building regulations.

Building Site: A parcel, lot, or plot of land occupied or to be occupied by a principal use and accessory uses and/or building or group of buildings, which parcel, lot, or plot of land complies with all the requirements of this title relating to building sites.

Carport: A stationary structure consisting of a roof with its supports and not more than one wall or storage cabinet substituting for a wall and used for covering a vehicle parking space.

Cemetery: Land used or intended to be used for the burial of the dead, and dedicated for cemetery purposes, including a columbarium, crematory, mausoleum, or mortuary, when operated in conjunction with and within the boundary of such cemetery.

Church: A permanently located building primarily used for religious worship. A church shall also include accessory buildings for related religious activities and a residence. This term shall be inclusive for all forms of religious worship.

City: The City of Sodaville, Oregon.

City Engineer. A person designated by the City Council to fulfill the responsibilities of a City Engineer as specified by this Ordinance.

City Recorder. A person designated by the City Council to fulfill the responsibilities of a City Recorder as specified by this ordinance.

Clinic: A facility for examination and treatment of human ailments by a group of physicians, dentists, or other licensed practitioners on an out-patient basis and not involving overnight housing of patients.

Club: An organization, group, or association supported by the members thereof, the purpose of which is to render a service primarily for members and their guests, but shall not include any organization, group, or association the chief activity of which is to render a service customarily carried on as a business for profit.

Comprehensive Plan: The Comprehensive Plan of the City of Sodaville, Oregon.

Conforming: In compliance with the regulations of the Code.

Council: The City Council of Sodaville, Oregon.

Day Care Facility. A facility that provides day care to children, including a day nursery, nursery school group or similar unit operating under any name, but not including: (a) a facility providing care that is primarily educational, unless provided to a preschool child for more than four hours a day; (b) a facility providing care that is primarily supervised training in a specified subject, including but not limited to dancing, drama, music or religion; (c) a facility providing care that is primarily an incident of group athletic or social activities sponsored by or under supervision of an organized club or hobby group; (d) a facility operated by a school district, political subdivision of Oregon or a governmental agency; or (e) a residential facility licensed under ORS 443.400 to 443.445.

Day Care - Family Provider. A day care provider who regularly provides day care in the family living quarters of the provider's home to fewer than 13 children, including children of the provider, regardless of full-time or part-time status.

Density: The number of dwellings, mobile homes, or mobile home spaces per gross acre.

Development: Any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation, or drilling operations.

Driveway: A minor private way used by vehicles and pedestrians to gain access from an approved public access or right-of-way onto a lot or parcel of land.

Dwelling, Multi-Family: A building containing three (3) or more dwelling units designed for occupancy by three (3) or more families living independently of each other.

Dwelling, Single-Family-Detached: A detached building containing one dwelling unit designed exclusively for occupancy by one (1) family.

Dwelling, Two-Family (Duplex): A detached building containing two (2) dwelling units designed exclusively for occupancy by two (2) families living independently of each other.

Dwelling Unit: One or more rooms designed for occupancy by one family and not having more than one cooking facility. Includes all conventional and prefabricated housing which meets Uniform Building Code specifications and is constructed on a permanent foundation.

Easement: A grant of right to use an area of land for a specific purpose.

Family: An individual or two or more persons related by blood, marriage, adoption, or legal guardianship and living together as one housekeeping unit, and providing meals or lodging to not more than two additional persons, excluding servants; or a group of not more than five (5) unrelated persons living together as one housekeeping unit.

Fence: An unroofed barrier or an unroofed enclosing structure or obstruction constructed of any materials including but not limited to, wire, wood, cement, brick, and plastic.

Frontage: All the property on one side of a street between two street intersections or crossings, measured along the line the street, or if the street is dead-end, then all of

the property abutting on one side between a street intersection and the dead-end of the street.

Garage, Private: A detached accessory building or portion of a main building used for the parking or temporary storage of automobiles in which no business, occupation, or service is provided.

Garage, Public: A building, other than a private garage, used for the care, repair, or equipping of motor vehicles, or where such vehicles are parked or stored for compensation, hire, or sale.

Grade: The average elevation of the finished ground at the centers of all walls of a building, except that if a wall is parallel to and within five feet of a sidewalk, the sidewalk elevation opposite the center of the wall shall constitute the ground elevation.

Height of Building: The vertical distance from the "grade" to the highest point of the coping of a flat roof or the deck line of a mansard roof or to the average height of the highest gable of a pitched or hipped roof.

Home Occupation: A lawful occupation carried on by a resident of a dwelling as a secondary use within the same dwelling.

Hospital: An establishment which provides sleeping and eating facilities to persons receiving medical, obstetrical, or surgical care with nursing service on a continuous basis.

Hotel: Any building in which lodging is provided to guests for compensation and in which no provision is made for cooking in individual rooms.

Junk Yards: The use of more than 200 square feet of the area of any lot for the storage of salvage materials, including scrap metals or other scrap materials, or for the dismantling or "wrecking" of automobiles or other vehicles or machinery, whether or not such uses are conducted as a business for profit or otherwise.

Kennel: Any lot or premises on which four (4) or more dogs and/or cats over the age of four months are kept for sale, lease, boarding, or training.

Land Division: Any partition or subdivision of a lot or parcel.

Livestock: Domestic animals of types customarily raised or kept on farms for profit or other purposes.

Loading Space: An off-street space or berth on the same lot with a building, or contiguous to a group of buildings, used for the temporary parking of a commercial vehicle while loading or unloading merchandise or materials, and which abuts upon a street, alley or other appropriate means of access.

Lot: A parcel of land of at least sufficient size to meet minimum zoning requirements for use, coverage, and area, and to provide such yard and other open spaces as herein required; such lots shall have frontage on a public street, and may consist of:

- A. Single lot of record;
- B. Portion of a lot of record; or
- C. Combination of complete lots of record and portions of lots of record.
- D. A unit of land created by a Planned Unit Development.

Lot Area: The total area of a lot, measured in a horizontal plane within the lot boundary lines, exclusive of public and private roads and easements of access to other property. For flag-shaped lots, the access strip shall not be included in lot area for the purposes of minimum lot area requirements of this Ordinance.

Lot Coverage: The portion of a lot covered or occupied by buildings or other structures.

Lot Depth: The horizontal distance measured from the midpoint of the front lot line to the midpoint of the rear lot line.

Lot Frontage: The distance between the two side lot lines measured at the minimum front setback line, parallel to the street line.

Lot Line, Front: The property line separating the lot from the street, other than an alley. In the case of a corner lot, the shortest property line along a street, other than an alley.

Lot Line, Rear: A property line which is opposite and most distant from the front lot line. In the case of an irregular, triangular or other shaped lot, a line ten (10) feet in length within the lot, parallel to and at a maximum distance from the front line.

Lot Line, Side: Any property line which is not a front or rear lot line.

Lot of Record: A lawfully created lot or parcel established by plat, deed, or contract as duly recorded in Linn County property records.

Lot Width: The average horizontal distance between the side lot lines, ordinarily measured parallel to the front lot line.

Lot, Corner: A lot abutting on two intersecting streets, other than an alley, where the angle of intersecting streets is no greater than 135 degrees.

Lot, Flag: A lot or parcel of land taking access by a relatively narrow strip of land between the major portion of the parcel and the point of public access to the parcel, all of which is in the same ownership or title.

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

Lot, Through: An interior lot having frontage on two streets.

Lowest Floor: The lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area, including basement, of a building or structure.

Manufactured Home:

- A. A residential trailer, a structure constructed for movement on the public highways that has sleeping, cooking and plumbing facilities, that is intended for human occupancy, that is being used for residential purposes and that was constructed before January 1, 1962.
- B. A mobile home, a structure constructed for movement on the public highways that has sleeping, cooking and plumbing facilities, that is intended for human occupancy, that is being used for residential purposes and that was constructed between January 1, 1962 and June 15, 1976, and met the construction requirements of Oregon mobile home law in effect at the time of construction.
- C. A manufactured home, a structure with a Department of Housing and Urban Development label certifying that the structure is constructed in accordance with the National Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.), as amended August 22, 1981 and constructed after June 15, 1976.

Manufactured Home Park: Any place where four or more manufactured 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 lease space or keep space for rent or lease to any person for a charge or fee paid or to be paid for the rental, lease, or use of facilities or to offer space free in connection with securing the trade or patronage of such person. "Manufactured home park" does not include a lot or lots located within a subdivision being rented or leased for occupancy by no

more than one manufactured home per lot if the subdivision was approved pursuant to this Ordinance.

Manufactured Home Subdivision: A subdivision intended for and designed to accommodate manufactured homes on individual lots and developed pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance.

Map. A final diagram, drawing, or other writing concerning a partition.

Modular or Prefabricated Home: A dwelling unit whose components are assembled and brought to the site and erected. The dwelling unit is intended and designed to be placed upon a permanent foundation and substantial construction is needed before it is complete and ready for permanent occupancy. Modular or prefabricated homes are regulated by the Uniform Building Code (UBC).

Motel: A building or group of buildings on the same lot containing rooms designed for lodging, with or without cooking facilities, which are available for rent and in which each lodging unit has a separate entrance from the building exterior. The term includes auto courts, tourist courts, tourist homes, and motor lodges.

New Construction: Structures for which construction was initiated on or after the effective date of this Ordinance.

Non-Conforming Structure or Use: A lawfully existing structure or use at the time this Ordinance or any amendments thereto becomes effective, which does not conform to the requirements of the zone in which it is located.

Nursing Home: Any home, place or institution which operates and maintains facilities providing convalescent or nursing care, or both, for period exceeding 24 hours for 2 or more ill or infirm patients not related to the nursing home administrator, or owner, by blood or marriage. Convalescent care may include, but is not limited to, the procedures commonly employed in nursing and caring for the sick and includes rest homes and convalescent homes, but does not include a boarding home for the aged, a retirement home, hotel, hospital, or a chiropractic facility licensed under ORS.

Official Zoning Map: The map or maps upon which the zone locations in the City of Sodaville are indicated.

Owner: The owner of record of real property as shown on the latest tax rolls or deed records of the county, or a person who is purchasing a parcel or property under written contract.

Parcel. A unit of land created by a partitioning.



Parking Area, Private: An open area, building or structure, other than a street or alley, used for the parking of the automobiles of residents and guests of a building.

Parking Area, Public: An open area, building or structure, other than a private parking area, street or alley, used for the parking of automobiles and other motor vehicles, but not to include trucks, and available for use by persons patronizing a particular building or establishment.

Parking Space: An enclosed or open surfaced area, exclusive of maneuvering and access area permanently reserved for the temporary storage of an automobile and connected with a street or alley by a surfaced driveway which affords ingress and egress for automobiles. The following are not considered parking spaces for the purposes of OAR 660-12-045(5) (c): park and ride lots, handicapped parking, and parking for carpools and vanpools.

Partition: To divide an area or tract of land into two or three parcels within a calendar year when such area or tract of land exists as a unit or contiguous units of land under single ownership at the beginning of such year. "Partition" does not include:

- A. Divisions of land resulting from lien foreclosures, divisions of land resulting from contracts for the sale of real property and divisions of land resulting from the creation of cemetery lots; or
- B. Any adjustment of a lot line by the relocation of a common boundary where an additional parcel is not created and where the existing parcel reduced in size by the adjustment is not reduced below the minimum lot size established by any applicable zoning ordinance; or
- C. A sale or grant by a person to a public agency or public body for state highway, county road, or other right-of-way purposes provided that such road or right-of-way complies with the applicable comprehensive plan and ORS 215.213 (2)(q) to (s) and 215.283 (2)(p) to (r).

Pedestrian Way. A right of way for pedestrian traffic.

Person: Every natural person, firm, partnership, association, social or fraternal organization, corporation, estate, trust, receiver, syndicate, branch of government, or any other group or combination acting as a unit.

Place of Public Assembly: Structure or place which the public may enter for such purposes as deliberation, education, worship, shopping, entertainment, amusement, awaiting transportation or similar activity.

Plan Map: An officially adopted map of the City, including urban growth boundary, showing land use designations and other graphic information which is part of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Planned Unit Development (PUD): A development based incorporating all elements of land, structures and uses in conformance with the applicable standards of this Ordinance. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the subdividing of land is accomplished as a PUD.

Plat: The final map which is a diagram, drawing, re-plat or other writing containing all the descriptions, locations, specifications, dedications, provisions, and information concerning a land division.

Professional Office: An office occupied by an accountant, architect, artist, attorney-at-law, professional engineer, land surveyor, land use planner, insurance agent, real estate broker, landscape architect, or practitioner of the human healing arts, or other professional business similar in type, scale and character.

Property Line Adjustment: The realignment of a common boundary between two contiguous lots or parcels which does not involve the creation of a new lot or parcel.

Public Facilities and Services: Projects, activities, and facilities which are necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare.

Recreational Vehicle: A vehicle used for camping.

Recreational Vehicle Park: Any area operated and maintained for the purposes of picnicking or providing space for overnight use by recreational vehicles.

Residential Facility: A facility licensed by or under the authority of the Department of Human Resources under ORS 443.400 to 443.460 which provides residential care alone or in conjunction with treatment or training or a combination thereof for six to fifteen individuals who need not be related. Staff persons required to meet Department of Human Resources licensing requirements shall not be counted in the number of facility residents, and need not be related to each other or to any resident of the residential facility.

Residential Home: A home licensed by or under the authority of the Department of Human Resources under ORS 443.400 to 443.825 which provides residential care alone or in conjunction with treatment or training or a combination thereof for five or fewer individuals who need not be related. Staff persons required to meet Department of Human Resources licensing requirements shall not be counted in the

number of facility residents, and need not be related to each other or to any resident of the residential facility.

Right-of-Way: The full length and width of a public street or way, planned or constructed.

Roadway. The portion of a street right of way developed for vehicular traffic.

School, Elementary, Junior High or High School: An institution public or parochial, offering instruction in the several branches of learning and study, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Department of Education.

School, Trade or Commercial: A building where the instruction is given to pupils for a fee in money or otherwise, which fee is the principal reason for the existence of the school.

Service Station: Any lot used primarily for the retail sales of motor vehicle fuels and lubricants for delivery on premises, and minor automobile repair and service.

Setback: The distance between a specified lot line and the foundation or exterior wall of a building or structure.

Sign: An identification, description, illustration or device which is affixed to or represented, directly or indirectly, upon a building, structure, or land, and which directs attention to a product, place, activity, person, institution or business, and which may be illuminated directly or indirectly.

Start of Construction: The date a building permit is issued, provided that the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, placement or other improvement occurs within 180 days of the permit date.

Story: That portion of a building included between the upper surface of any floor and the upper surface of the floor next above, except that the top-most story shall be that portion of a building included between the upper surface of the top-most floor and the ceiling or roof above. If the finished floor level directly above a basement or cellar is more than six (6) feet above grade as defined herein, such basement or cellar shall constitute a story.

Street: The entire width between the boundary lines of every way of travel which provides for public or private use for the purpose of providing ingress and egress for vehicular and pedestrian traffic and the placement of utilities to one or more lots, parcels, areas, or tracts of land. A private way is excluded that is created to provide ingress and egress to land in conjunction with the use of such land for forestry, mining or agricultural purposes.

- A. Alley: A narrow street through a block used primarily for access by service vehicles to the back or side of properties fronting on another street.
- B. Arterial: A street of considerable continuity which is used primarily for through traffic and interconnection between major areas of the City.
- C. Collector: A street supplementary to the arterial street system, used partly by through traffic and partly for access to abutting properties.
- D. Cul-de-sac (dead-end): A short street with one end open to traffic and the other terminated by a vehicle turn-around.
- E. Half Street: A portion of the width of a street, usually along the edge of a subdivision, where the remaining portion of the street could be provided in another subdivision.
- F. Local Street: A street intended primarily for access to abutting properties, but protected from through traffic.

Structural Alteration: Any change to the supporting members of a structure, including foundation bearing walls or partitions, columns, beams or girders, or any structural change in the roof or in the exterior walls.

Structure: That which is built or constructed, an edifice or building of any kind, or a piece of work artificially built up or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner.

Subdivide: To divide an area or tract of land into four or more parcels within a calendar year for the purpose of transfer of ownership or building development, whether immediate or future, when such parcel exists as a unit or contiguous units under a single ownership as shown on the tax roll for the year preceding the division of property. Also see Planned Unit Development (PUD).

Substantial Improvement: The cost of any repair, reconstruction or improvement of a structure equal to or greater than fifty percent (50%) of its market value before such alteration occurred.

Urban Growth Boundary: An adopted boundary around the City which defines the area in which the City expects to grow, where public facilities will be extended, and where joint planning responsibilities are exercised with Linn County.

Use: The purpose for which land or a structure is designed, arranged, or intended, or for which it is occupied or maintained.

Veterinary Clinic: A facility designed to contain treatment and temporary care facilities for the cure and prevention of ailments or injuries of domestic animals, including both domestic pets and farm animals, under the direction of a licensed veterinarian.

Vision clearance area. A triangular area on a lot or at the intersection of two streets, two sides of which are lot lines measured from the corner intersection of the lot lines to a distance specified in these regulations. The third side of the triangle is a line across the corner of the lot joining the ends of the other two sides. Where the lot lines at the intersections have rounded corners, the lot lines will be extended in a straight line to a point of intersection.

Warehouse: A place for the safekeeping of goods and materials necessary for the proper functioning of an industrial or commercial enterprise. Also a facility designed and intended to be used for the rental of storage units to individuals for the safekeeping of personal items.

Yard, Front: A yard extending across the full width of the lot, the depth of which is the minimum horizontal distance between the front lot line and a line parallel to the nearest point of the foundation of the main building.

Yard, Rear: A yard extending across the full width of the lot between the most rear portion of a main building and the rear lot line; but for determining the depth of the required rear yard, it shall be measured horizontally from the nearest point of the rear lot line; or, if the rear lot line adjoins an alley, then from the centerline of the alley, toward the nearest part of the foundation of the main building.

Yard, Side: A yard, between the main building and side lot line, extending from the front yard, or front lot line where no front yard is required, to the rear yard. The width of the required side yard shall be measured horizontally from the nearest point of the side lot line toward the nearest point of the foundation of the main building.

Zoning Official. An individual or committee designated by the City Council with the duties and authority to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.