CHAPTER 18
DEFINITIONS

18.01 Word usage. In the interpretation of this Ordinance, the provisions and rules of this chapter shall be observed and applied, except when the context clearly requires otherwise:

1. Words used or defined in one tense or form shall include other tenses and derivative forms.

2. Words in the singular number shall include the plural number, and words in the plural number shall include the singular number.

3. The masculine gender shall include the feminine, and the feminine gender shall include the masculine.

4. The word “shall” is mandatory.

5. The word “may” is permissive.

18.02 Definitions. When used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings herein assigned to them. Words used in this Ordinance, but not defined therein, shall carry the meanings as defined in Webster’s Unabridged Third International Dictionary, or its successor volumes.

Abandoned Sign: Any sign which no longer directs, advertises or identifies a legal business establishment, product or activity which has been discontinued for a period of (6) months.

Accessory Dwelling Unit: A dwelling unit on the same parcel as a permitted commercial or industrial business that is incidental and subordinate to the principal use.

Accessory Use: See Use, Accessory.

Accessory Building: See Building, Accessory.

Accessory Structure: See Structure, Accessory.

Adult Book Store: An establishment having as a predominant portion of its stock in trade, books, magazines and other periodicals, or video cassettes, which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to “Specified Sexual Activities” or “Specified Anatomical Areas” (as defined herein).

Adult Cabaret: A nightclub, bar, theater, restaurant or similar establishment which frequently features live performances by topless or bottomless dancers, go-go dancers,
Agriculture, General: Any agricultural use, including aquaculture; animal husbandry; dairying; floriculture; forage crop production; forest crop production; grain production; grazing; horticulture; orchards; specialty crop production, such as maple syrup, mint, and willow; viticulture; and truck farming.

Airport: The use of any area of land or water which is used, or intended for use by four or more aircraft, for the landing and take-off of aircraft, and any appurtenant areas which are used, or intended for use, for airport buildings or other airport facilities or rights-of-way, together with all airport buildings and facilities located thereon.

Airstrip: The use of any area of land or water which is used, or intended for use by three or fewer aircraft based at such airstrip, for the landing and take-off of aircraft, and any appurtenant areas which are used, or intended for use, for airport buildings or other airport facilities or rights-of-way, together with all airport buildings and facilities located thereon.

Assembly: A company or association of natural persons gathered together at any location at a single time for any purpose, including but not limited to festivals, concerts or other activities which are regulated under ordinances of the County adopted pursuant to its authority under 59.54(6), Wis. Stats.

Awning and Canopy Signs: A sign imposed or painted upon or suspended beneath any roof-like structure which provides either permanent or temporary shelter for adjacent walkways or entrances to a building or property. For the purposes of this ordinance, such signs shall be regulated as “wall signs”.

Bed and Breakfast Establishments: Any place of lodging that provides 4 or fewer rooms for rent to transient guests, is the owner’s personal dwelling unit, is occupied by the owner at the time of rental, and in which the only meal served to guests is breakfast.
**Billboard:** A sign either free-standing or attached to a structure that exceeds 200 sq. ft. in area.

**Boardinghouse:** A place in which lodging, with or without meals, is offered for compensation to non-transient guests, that provides 4 or less rooms for rent, is the owner’s personal dwelling unit, and is occupied by the owner at the time of rental.

**Building:** An enclosed structure built, maintained, or intended to be used for the protection, shelter, or enclosure of persons, animals, or property and which is affixed to the ground.

**Building, Accessory:** A building, not attached to a principal building by means of a common wall, common roof, or an above ground, roofed passageway, which is:
1. Subordinate to and serves a principal structure or a principal use.
2. Located on the same lot as the principal structure or use served.
3. Customarily incidental to the principal structure or use.

**Building, Principal:** A building which houses a principal use of a lot, including any functional appurtenances, such as decks, stairways, and balconies, which are attached to, or located within 3 feet of, said building.

**Building Site:** A lot on which buildings or structures that are permitted in the applicable zoning district may be placed.

**Building Zone:** The area of a lot between the required highway setback line (or front yard line) and rear yard line (or navigable water setback line).

**Caliper:** The diameter of a tree measured at a point 6 inches above the ground.

**Camp Site:** A segment of a campground which is designated for camping by a camping party.

**Campground:** Any parcel or tract of land owned by a person, the state or a local government unit which is designed, maintained, intended or used for the purpose of providing sites for nonpermanent overnight use by 6 or more camping units, or by one to 5 camping units if the parcel or tract of land is represented as a campground.

**Camping Unit:** Any single temporary shelter, except sleeping bags, bed rolls, and hammocks, used for camping by a camping party.

**Camping Party:** Any individual or camping family or a group consisting of not more than 6 persons who are 7 years of age or older provided that such individual, family, or group is engaging in camping.
Camping: The placement of a temporary shelter used as, or designed to be used for sleeping purposes. Examples of shelters used for camping include tents, trailers, motor homes, recreational vehicles, tarpaulins, bed rolls, and sleeping bags.

Cemetery: Land used for the burial of dead humans, and dedicated for cemetery purposes, including columbaria, crematories, mausoleums, and mortuaries when operated in conjunction with and within the boundary of such cemetery.

Change of Use: Conversion of a principal use of a lot from one use category, as listed in s. 2.05(1), to another use category.

Clean fill: Clean soil, brick, building stone, concrete, reinforced concrete, and unpainted or untreated wood.

Clean fill site: A site used only to dispose of clean fill.

Commercial Riding Stable: See Riding Stable, Commercial.

Communication Towers, Antennas, and Transmitters: Any facilities or equipment used, or designed to be used, for receiving or sending communication signals.

Community Living Arrangements: A facility defined as such in s.46.03 (22), Wis. Stats.

Conditional Use Permit: A permit, issued by the Zoning Committee, stating that a use permitted as a conditional use may be established, expanded, or enlarged subject to any conditions placed on the authorization and the provision of this Ordinance.

Conditional Use: See Use Permitted as a Conditional Use.

Construction Sign: A sign erected and maintained on premises during construction to identify a construction project for which a building or grading permit has been issued.

Construction Site: The location of any construction that requires the issuance of a land use permit.

Contractors Establishment: See Trade or Contractors Establishment.

Deck: An unenclosed, unroofed exterior platform structure, with or without railings, which is elevated above pre-construction grade, is typically of wood construction, either attached to a building or freestanding.

Developments: Any change to improved or unimproved real estate including, but not limited to, the construction of buildings, structures or accessory structures; the construction of additions or improvements to buildings, structures or accessory structures and the placement of buildings or structures.
**Driveway:** A means of access to or from a property, site, or use; or a means of circulation within a parking area.

**Duplex:** Two attached dwelling units on a single lot regardless of the form of ownership of the units.

**Dwelling Unit Sign or Farm Identification Sign:** A sign identifying a dwelling unit or farm by name not by product or service offered.

**Dwelling Unit, Single Family:** A free-standing building which provides or is intended to provide living quarters exclusively for one family, except dwelling units that meet the definition of manufactured home.

**Dwelling Unit:** A building or portion thereof which provides or is intended to provide living quarters.

**Effective Date of This Ordinance:** The date that this Ordinance takes effect on a given parcel of land as provided in s. 1.06 or the date that an amendment to this Ordinance becomes effective.

**Enclosed Structure:** A structure consisting of a solid roof, a permanent foundation, a floor, and solid walls extending from the floor to the roof. Solid doors, windows, or other glazing are allowed in the wall segments. Open breezeways or screen walls do not qualify as enclosed structures.

**Family, Camping:** A parent or parents with their dependent children and not more than 2 guests. This definition to be used for camping related purposes only.

**Family:** A person or group of persons living together as a single housekeeping unit.

**Family Day Care Home:** A dwelling unit where supervision and care and/or instruction for not more than 8 children under the age of 7 is provided for periods of less than 24 hours per day, and which is licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services.

**Farm/Home Based Business:** A business, profession, occupation, or trade for gain or support which is conducted on the same lot as farmstead.

**Farm Market:** A use or structure(s) which principally involves the retail sale of farm and garden products, regardless of whether such products were produced on the premises.

**Fence:** A barrier intended to prevent escape or intrusion, or to mark a boundary. A fence does not include a railing serving a deck, porch, balcony, or similar items.
Floodplain: That land which has been or may be hereafter covered by flood water during the regional flood. The floodplain includes the floodway and the flood fringe, and may include other designated floodplain areas for regulatory purposes.

Floor Area: The sum of the gross horizontal areas of the several floors of the building, measured from the outer lines of the exterior walls of the building, except that the floor area of the dwelling does not include space not useable for living quarters, such as attics, unfinished basement rooms, garages, breezeways, and unenclosed porches or terraces. (See also Primary Floor Area).

Footprint, Building: A single horizontal plane bounded by the exterior walls of a building.

Free-standing Sign: A sign permanently attached to the ground which is wholly independent of any building or other structure.

Garage: An accessory structure (except for public highway garages) primarily intended for and used for the enclosed storage or shelter of motor vehicles.

General Agriculture: See Agriculture, General.

Grade Elevation: The average elevation around the base of a building or a structure where such building or structure meets the surface of the ground.

Highway: All public ways and thoroughfares and all bridges upon the same, including town, county, state and federal highways and all other streets and roads.

Historic Building: A building which is one of the following: (1) listed on, or nominated by the state historical society for listing on, the National Register for Historic Places in Wisconsin; (2) included in a district which is listed on, or nominated by the state historical society for listing on, the National Register for Historic Places in Wisconsin, or which has been determined by the state historical society to contribute to the historic significance of the district; (3) listed on a certified municipal register of historic property; or (4) included in a district which is listed on a certified municipal register of historic property, and which has been determined by the municipality to contribute to the historic significance of the district.

Home Business: A business conducted on the same lot as, and in conjunction with and in conjunction with the use of a residence but not including a home occupation, as defined herein.

Home Occupation: A business, profession, occupation, or trade which is conducted for gain or support, located entirely within a principal dwelling unit, operated by at least one person residing in the dwelling unit, and is accessory, incidental and secondary to the use of the building as a dwelling unit and does not change the essential residential character or appearance of the dwelling unit.
**Indoor Maintenance:** Businesses which offer maintenance, including repair of goods and equipment. Examples of such uses include automobile body shops, small engine repair shops, boat repair and service, and electronics maintenance and repair.

**Industry, Heavy:** Assembly and manufacturing activities which are not included in the definition of Light Industry.

**Industry, Light:** The assembly or manufacturing of goods from component parts in which all such operations are conducted in buildings, and which shall not include basic industrial or heavy industrial processes such as metal foundries, metal plating, thermoforming of plastics, blending or formulation of fuels or other hazardous substances, extensive painting or coating of products which would require a spray booth, water wall, drying oven or apparatus, or any process or activity which involves hazardous materials, produces hazardous wastes, produces excessive noise, creates air or water emissions requiring pretreatment, special treatment, or pollution control devices, produces odors detectable in the ambient outdoor air, or which causes any other condition or nuisance which impairs the full use of neighboring properties.

**Institutional Recreation Camp:** An area containing one or more permanent buildings used periodically for the accommodation of members of associations or groups for recreational purposes.

**Kennel:** Any establishment or dwelling unit wherein or whereon 5 or more dogs over the age of 5 months are kept for breeding, sale, sporting, private purposes, or where boarding care is provided for compensation.

**Land Use Permit:** A permit, issued by the Zoning Administrator, stating that a use or a structure, except a sign or use permitted as a conditional use, may be established, expanded, or enlarged subject to any conditions placed on the permit and the provisions of this Ordinance.

**Livestock:** Any horse, bovine, sheep, goat, pig, domestic rabbit, or domestic fowl, including game fowl raised in captivity.

**Living Quarters:** A building or a portion of a building which provides, as a minimum, an area equipped or furnished for sleeping purposes. Living quarters also include those finished portions of a building in which normal residential activities occur.

**Lodging:** A use which provides commercial transient lodging in individual rooms, suites of rooms, or units. Examples of such uses include motels, hotels, inns, cottages, cabins, and resorts.

**Lodging Facility:** A structure which provides lodging. Examples of such structures include motels, hotels, inns, cottages, cabins, and resorts.
Lot: A parcel of land, not divided by a public right-of-way and sufficient in size to meet the lot width and lot area requirements of this Ordinance, which parcel is legally created and is occupied or designed to provide space for one principal structure and approved use, including all of the open space requirements under this Ordinance. Subject to the requirements as to consolidation of adjoining lots under common ownership as set forth in this ordinance, a lot may include all contiguous property under single ownership, consisting of multiple deeds or other instruments of legal description.

Lot Line, Side: Any lot line other than a front or rear lot line.

Lot of Record: Any lot, the description of which is properly recorded with the Trempealeau County Register of Deeds, which at the time of its recordation complied with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations.

Lot Width: The horizontal distance of a line which connects two side lot lines, runs through the building zone of the lot, and is perpendicular to the line bisecting the angle formed by the side lot lines. For lots with parallel side lot lines, the lot width is the perpendicular distance between the side lot lines.

Lot Line, Rear: In the case of rectangular or most trapezoidal shaped lots, that lot line which is generally parallel to and most distant from the front lot line of the lot. In the case of an irregular or triangular lot, a line 20 feet in length, entirely within the lot, parallel to, and at the maximum possible distance from, the front lot line.

Lot Line, Front: The lot line nearest to the centerline of the public highway from which the lot takes access.

Lot Line: A line bounding a lot which divides one lot from another lot or from a street or highway.

Lot Area: The area of a horizontal plane bounded by the front, side, and rear lot lines of a lot, but not including the area of any land below the ordinary high water mark of navigable waters nor any land in a public right of way or private access easement.

Manufactured Home Park: Any plot or plots of land designed, maintained, intended or used for the purpose of supplying a location or accommodations for more than two manufactured homes on a year-round basis and shall include all buildings used or intended for use as part of the equipment thereof, whether or not a charge is made for the use of the manufactured home park and its facilities. Manufactured home parks shall not include automobile or manufactured home sale lots on which unoccupied manufactured homes are parked for the purposes of inspection and sale.

Manufactured Home: Means a structure certified and labelled as a manufactured home as defined in Wisconsin Statutes Section 101.91(2), and manufactured in compliance with the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards, 42
USC 5401 to 5425, which is designed to be used as a dwelling, with or without a permanent foundation, when connected to utilities.

Structures which are delivered to the site in halves or other modular arrangements (consisting of complete wall sections or large units fabricated off-premise by the manufacturer of the basic unit and designed and intended to be attached to the basic unit) and which when joined together exceed 18 feet in width throughout, meet minimum floor area requirements of this Ordinance, have a length to width ratio of not more than 2.5 to 1 (with length measured along the center of the longest roof axis and width measured perpendicular to the above at the completed unit’s most narrow span), and which are placed upon a permanent foundation are considered single family dwelling units.

**Mini-Storage:** Indoor storage of customer’s items within partitioned buildings with individual access to each partitioned area.

**Mobile Home:** Means a vehicle manufactured or assembled before June 15, 1976, designed to be towed as a single unit or in sections upon a highway by a motor vehicle and equipped and used, or intended to be used, primarily for human habitation, with walls of rigid uncollapsible construction, and originally designed and built without self contained sanitary facilities. Mobile home includes the mobile home structure, its plumbing, heating, air conditioning and electrical systems, and all appliances and all other equipment attached to the unit. Mobile home also means any unit which lacks a title, serial number, manufacturer or other information which would clearly identify when it was constructed. All such units shall be presumed to be manufactured prior to June 15, 1976 unless proven otherwise.

**Model Home:** A single family dwelling unit which is used as a model for inspection by prospective home buyers and is unoccupied as a dwelling unit, but is intended for eventual use as a single family dwelling unit and which may or may not contain a home sales office.

**Multiple Family Dwelling:** A building containing three or more dwelling units.

**Nonconforming Use:** Any use of structures, land, or water which was lawfully established at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance or subsequent amendments thereto, which does not fully comply with the use requirements imposed by this Ordinance.

**Nonconforming Structure:** Any building or structure, other than a sign, legally established prior to the effective date of this Ordinance or subsequent amendments thereto, which does not fully comply with the requirements imposed by the individual sections of this Ordinance that pertain to the size, height, location, setback, and similar characteristics of structures.
Nonconforming Lot: A lot which, in its most recent configuration, does not contain sufficient area and/or width to meet the criteria of Section 3.02 (2) or Section 3.03 (3).

Nonconforming Sign: Any sign which at the time it was erected complied with all laws then applicable to it, but which does not conform with the requirements of subsequent amendments to such applicable laws.

Nonmetallic Mining/Nonmetallic Mining Operation: Operations or activities for the extraction from the earth for sale or use by the operator of mineral aggregates such as stone, sand, gravel and nonmetallic minerals such as asbestos, beryl, clay, feldspar, peat, talc; and topsoil-related operations or activities such as excavation, grading or dredging if the purpose of those operations or activities is the extraction of mineral aggregates and nonmetallic minerals; and related processes such as crushing, screening, scalping, dewatering and blending. Nonmetallic mining or nonmetallic mining operation does not include or allow the following activities or uses by way of illustration which include, but are not limited to: manufacture of concrete building blocks or other similar products, asphalt or hot blacktop mixing and production of ready mix concrete.

Nonmetallic mining does not include the following activities:

(a) Excavations or grading by a person solely for domestic use at his or her dwelling unit.
(b) Excavations or grading conducted for highway construction purposes within the highway right-of-way.
(c) Grading conducted for farming, preparing a construction site or restoring land following a flood or natural disaster.
(d) Excavations for the foundation of structures provided that such excavation does not exceed a volume of material 1.5 times the volume of the polyhedron bounded by the natural grade, the bottom of the footings, and the exterior of the foundation walls.
(e) Minor land disturbances such as installation of utilities, walks and driveways, sanitary waste disposal systems, or fuel storage tanks.
(f) Any mining operation, the reclamation of which is required in a permit obtained under ss. 293.01 to 293.93, Wis. Stats.
(g) Any activities conducted at a soil or hazardous waste disposal site required to prepare, operate or close a solid waste disposal facility under ss. 289.05 to 289.33 or a hazardous waste disposal facility under ss. 291.001 to 291.97, Wis. Stats., provided, however, that section applies to activities related to solid or hazardous waste disposal which are conducted at a nonmetallic mining site separate from the solid or hazardous waste disposal facility such as activities to obtain nonmetallic minerals to be used for lining, capping, covering or constructing berms, dikes or highways.
(h) Any nonmetallic mining site or portion of a site which is subject to permit and reclamation requirements of the Department of Natural Resources under ss. 30.19, 30.195 and 30.20, Wis. Stats.
Occupancy Unit: A room, or interconnected rooms, consisting of living quarters physically separated from any other unit in the same building. The unit may include facilities for cooking, eating, and other facilities convenient to human living.

Offices: Exclusively indoor uses for handling of information or administrative services. Such uses do not typically provide services directly to customers on a walk-in or on-appointment basis.

Off-premise Sign: A sign other than an on-premise sign. Off-premise signs can include billboards and other advertising signs that direct attention to a business, commodity or service conducted, sold or offered at a location other than the premises on which the sign is located.

On-premise Sign: A sign relating in its subject matter to the premises on which it is located.

Opaque: Impenetrable to view, or so obscuring to view that features, buildings, structures, and uses become visually indistinguishable.

Open Space: Area on a lot that is open to the sky, contains no structures, parking, driveways, or other impervious surfaces, and contains no nonmetallic mining uses. (See also Preserved Open Space.)

Open Fence: A fence whose entire length is not greater than 50% opaque and whose individual elements or sections are also not greater than 50% opaque.

Outdoor Recreation, Private: Land uses which offer recreation activities primarily outdoors, including such uses as private parks, sportsman’s clubs, campgrounds, golf courses, and ski hills, and which are operated for members or on a commercial basis for members of the public.

Outdoor Recreation, Public: Land uses operated by governmental units which offer recreation activities primarily outdoors.

Outdoor Storage: The keeping within an unroofed and un-walled area of any goods, material merchandise or vehicles in the same place for more than 24 hours.

Permanent Sign: A sign that is erected or displayed for more than 14 days.

Planned Residential Development: An area of land, controlled by a developer, to be developed as a single entity for more than one dwelling unit, the plan for which does not necessarily comply with the various dimensional and locational requirements for the zoning districts in which it is located.

Political Sign: A sign identifying and/or urging voter support for a particular election issue, political party or candidate for public office.
Preserved Open Space: Open space which has been permanently preserved in conjunction with a planned residential development or manufactured home park.

Primary Floor Area: The floor area of a building for purposes of determining required parking ratios for certain uses, such area to include only that portion of the total floor area devoted to customer service, sales and office space and not to include warehouses, utility, hallways and other accessory space, except as they generate parking demand.

Principal Use: See Use, Principal.

Principal Structure: See Structure, Principal.

Principal Building: See Building, Principal.

Private Riding Stable: See Riding Stable, Private.

Public Highway Frontage: The length of a lot line abutting the right-of-way line of a public highway.

Real estate Sign: A sign advertising the sale, rent or lease of the property on which it is located.

Rear Yard: See Yard, Rear.

Rear Lot Line: See Lot Line, Rear.

Recreation Camp: See Institutional Recreation Camp.

Recreational Vehicle: Means a vehicle or vehicular attachment designed for human temporary living quarters for one or more persons, such as a pick-up camper, travel trailer, tent trailer, and motor home. This definition shall also include non-habitable recreational watercraft, towed trailers, etc.

Residential Density: The ratio of dwelling units to acres for a particular tract of land.

Residential Use: Any listed under “residential uses” in s. 2.05 (1).

Restaurant: An establishment where food and drink are prepared to individual order, ordered and served at the table, and consumed primarily within the principal building.

Riding Stable, Private: Any establishment where 6 or fewer adult horses are kept for riding or private recreation.
Riding Stable, Commercial: Any establishment where 7 or more adult horses are kept for riding or recreation, or where any number of horses are stabled for compensation, sale, or show.

Roadside Stand: A use or structure involving only the display and sale of agriculture products which are produced exclusively on the premises.

Roof Sign: Any sign or graphic erected or maintained on a building, any portion of which extends above the lowest horizontal line of any roof.

Salvage Yard: Any land or structure where waste or scrap materials including, but not limited to, scrap iron and other metals, paper, rags, rubber tires, glass, appliances and 6 or more inoperable vehicles, are either bought, sold, stored, exchanged, baled, packed, disassembled, or hauled for compensation.

Sawmill: A plant where timber is processed and/or sold for retail or wholesale purposes.

Seasonal Campsites: Campsites located in a permitted campground or trailer park that remain occupied by single party or unit for more than two (2) months in a calendar year.

Setback: The minimum horizontal distance from the centerline of a highway, or from the edge of the right-of-way of a highway, or from the ordinary high water mark to a structure or use.

Shrubbery: Woody vegetation which is less than a height of 15 feet and is generally incapable of attaining such height.

Side Yard: See Yard, Side.

Sign: Any device, fixture, placard, or structure that uses any color, form, graphic, illumination, symbol, or writing to advertise, announce the purpose of, or identify a person or entity, or to communicate information of any kind to the public and which is intended to be visible from any highway or from navigable water.

Sign Face: That portion of the surface of a sign structure where words, letters, figures, symbols, logos, fixtures, colors, or other design elements are or may be located in order to convey the message, idea, or intent for which the sign has been erected or placed. The sign face may be composed of two or more modules on the same surface that are separated or surrounded by portions of a sign structure not intended to contain any advertising message or idea and are purely structural or decorative in nature.

Site Plan: A graphic representation of a parcel of land and all of the structures and features, or proposed structures and features, contained thereon.
Slope: The relationship of the change in vertical distance to the change in horizontal distance, expressed as a percentage.

Sludge: Means liquid or solid material removed from septic tanks, cesspools, portable toilets, seepage pits or grease removed from grease traps. This definition shall also include by products or waste from solid or liquid waste facilities.

Solid or Liquid Waste Facility: A facility or land for solid and liquid waste treatment, solid and liquid waste storage, or solid and liquid waste disposal, and includes commercial, industrial, municipal, state and federal establishments or operations such as, without limitation because of enumeration, sanitary landfills, dumps, incinerators, land disposal sites, transfer stations, storage facilities, collection and transportation services and processing, treatment and recovery facilities. Solid or liquid waste facility does not include a salvage yard.

Specified Anatomical Areas: a) less than completely and opaquely covered human genitals, pubic region, buttock and female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola; b) human male genitals in a discernible turgid state even if completely and opaquely covered.

Specified Sexual Activities: a) Human genitals in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal; or b) acts of human masturbation, sexual intercourse or sodomy; or c) fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttock or female breast.

Structural Alterations: Any change in the supporting members of the exterior portions of a building or structure, such as foundations, load-bearing wall columns, sills, and rafters, or any change in the dimensions or configuration of the roof or exterior walls.

Structural Repairs: Any repairs of the supporting members of the exterior portions of a building or structure, such as foundations, load-bearing wall columns, sills, and rafters.

Structure: Anything constructed, erected, or manufactured, the use of which requires a more or less permanent location on or in the ground.

Structure, Accessory: A building or other structure which is customary, incidental, and subordinate to a permitted principal use of a lot and located on the same lot as the principal use, and does not meet the definition of a principal structure.

Structure, Permanent: A structure placed on or in the ground or attached to another structure in a fixed position, and intended to remain in place for a period of more than 9 months.

Structure, Principal: A building or other structure which houses a principal use of a lot, including any functional appurtenances, such as decks, stairways, and balconies, which are attached to, or located within 3 feet of, said building or structure.
Structure, Temporary: A structure without any foundation or footing and which is removed when the designated time period, activity or use for which the temporary structure was erected has ceased.

Subdivision: All forms of land division under Ch. 236, Wis. Stats. or County Ordinances including plats and certified survey maps and deeds, land contracts and other means of legally creating a land division.

Temporary Sign: A nonpermanent sign that is erected or displayed for 14 days or less.

Topsoil: Soil material (normally the A horizon and upper part of the B horizon of a soil profile) which is acceptable for re-spreading on the surface of re-graded areas to provide a medium which sustains a dense plant growth capable of preventing wind and water erosion of the topsoil and other materials beneath.

Trade or Contractors Establishment: Uses such as plumbers, heating and air conditioning contractors, excavators, carpenters, painting contractors, wastewater treatment system contractors, electricians, well drillers, and similar uses in which primary work takes place off premise.

Trade or Contractors Yard: Any site where materials from a trade or contractors establishment are stored.

Transient: A person who travels from place to place away from his or her permanent address for vacation, pleasure, recreation, culture, or business.

Tree: Woody vegetation that is, or is capable of attaining, a height of at least 15 feet.

Unincorporated Area: All lands and waters located within Trempealeau County which are located outside the municipal boundaries of a village or city.

Use, Accessory: A use subordinate to and customarily incidental to a permitted principal use of a lot and located on the same lot as the principal use.

Use, Principal: The basic use of a lot or structure, or one of the basic uses of a lot or structure where more than one basic use exists on a lot. Principal uses are those listed as such in s. 2.05 (1).

Use Permitted As A Conditional Use: A use whose nature, character, or circumstance is so unique or so dependent upon specific conditions that predetermination of permissibility by right is not practical, but which may be permitted on a case-by-case basis subject to the conditional use permit procedure.

Use, Temporary: A use which is conducted for not more than 7 consecutive days nor more than 10 days in any one year period.
Use: The purpose or activity for which a parcel of land, or structure(s) thereon, is designed, arranged, intended, occupied, or maintained.

Utility Facilities: Any structure or equipment, except for communication towers, used or designed for the production, transmission, delivery, or furnishing of heat, light, water, power, sewer services, or telecommunications either directly or indirectly to or for the public.

Variance: An authorization, granted by the Board of Adjustment, to depart from the literal requirements of this Ordinance.

Vision Clearance Triangle: At each intersection between public highways or between highways and alleys or between alleys there shall be a clear zone, free of visual obstructions to the line of sight of travelers on those highways or alleys.

Walkway: An unenclosed, unroofed exterior platform structure, with or without railings, not exceeding 48 inches wide.

Wall sign: A sign fastened, placed or painted upon and parallel to the exterior wall or door of a building, whether front, rear or side of the structure. For the purposes of this ordinance, awning and canopy signs shall be regulated as wall signs.

Wetland: Those areas where water is at, near, or above the land surface long enough to be capable of supporting aquatic or hydrophytic vegetation and which have soils indicative of wet conditions.

Woodland: Land covered with trees, not including orchard or nursery trees.

Yard, Front: A yard extending along an entire front lot line from the front lot line to the depth or width specified in the yard requirements for the applicable district.

Yard, Rear: A yard extending along an entire rear lot line from the rear lot line to the depth or width as specified in the yard requirements for the applicable district.

Yard, Side: A yard extending along an entire side lot line from the side lot line to the depth or width specified in the yard requirements for the applicable district.

Yard: A required area on a lot, unoccupied by buildings and open to the sky, extending along a lot line to a specified depth or width.

Zoning Administrator: An authorized representative of the Zoning Committee appointed by the County of Trempealeau for purpose of carrying out the terms of this Ordinance.
**Zoning Committee or Committee:** The committee designated by the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors to fulfill the responsibilities as stated in this Ordinance. This definition applies to all chapters of this Ordinance.

**Zoning Map:** The series of maps showing the location and boundaries of the zoning districts established by this Ordinance.