

1. Definitions from Article E – Parking and Landscaping

All-Weather Surface: An improved surface that is constructed of concrete, asphalt, uni-stone pavers, or other paving materials approved by the City Engineer.

Alley: An accessway less than 30 feet in width that provides secondary access to the side or rear of a property.

Bicycle Parking Space: An area designed for the parking of a bicycle, including any associated device used to secure the bicycle.

Building Footprint: The area of the ground covered by a building, measured to the outside surface of the exterior walls at ground area. This area does not include the area of any upper story that extends beyond the ground story, or the area of any deck, level, or story of a structure above the ground story.

Drive Aisle: A circulation route through a Parking Lot for vehicle traffic that provides access to Vehicle Parking Spaces and that may connect to a Driveway.

Driveway: A private vehicle access from a street or alley to the interior of a lot.

Drive-Thru: Any use that provides goods or services to occupants of a motor vehicle.

Gross Floor Area: The floor area within the inside perimeter of the exterior walls of a building, without deduction for corridors, stairways, ramps, closets, columns, or the thickness of interior walls. Where a building or portion of a building has no surrounding exterior walls, this area is the usable area under the horizontal projection of the roof or floor above. This area does not include vent shafts, shafts with no openings, or interior courts.

Improved Surface: A surface improved for parking vehicles. May include gravel, stone, and all-weather surfaces.

Landscaping: Living vegetation used to enhance or improve environmental conditions. Landscaping may include grasses, shrubbery, trees, and other vegetation.

Landscaping Island: A curbed or otherwise delineated landscaped area within a parking lot that divides or terminates a parking bay.

Landscaping Median: A curbed or otherwise delineated landscaped area within a parking lot that extends the length of a parking bay, between the rows of vehicle parking spaces within that bay.

Loading Space: An off-street area, space, or dock used for the loading or unloading of cargo, products, or materials.

Lot: A single recorded parcel, tract, or other area of land established by plat or other means as permitted by law and intended to be used, developed, or built upon.

Outdoor Activity Area: An area of a lot outside of a building, whether or not covered, in which a principal or accessory use is conducted. This area includes outdoor dining, outdoor display and sales, outdoor recreation, and animal exercise areas. This area does not include outdoor storage, vehicle parking, drive aisles, loading areas, waste receptacle enclosures, landscaping, stormwater management facilities, pedestrian walkways, or undeveloped land.

Outdoor Display and Sales: An unenclosed area where the primary purpose is for the retail display of merchandise.

Outdoor Storage: An unenclosed area used for the holding or storage of goods, junk, materials, equipment, vehicles, or merchandise that are not actively displayed for sale and that remain on the lot for more than 24 hours. This area does not include an area used for outdoor display and sales.

Parking Lot: An open area, not within a public street right-of-way, that is designed, constructed, or used for the temporary or long-term parking or storage of motor vehicles. A Parking Lot includes all vehicle parking spaces, drive aisles, drive-through facilities, loading spaces, maneuvering areas, and any associated paved or improved surfaces but excludes public streets, alleys, and areas used for outdoor storage, display, and sales.

Parking Lot Alteration: A change to the location or dimensions of a vehicle parking space or drive aisle within an existing parking lot, without an increase in the area of the parking lot. A parking lot alteration includes a change that results in additional parking spaces. A parking lot alteration does not include resurfacing, sealing, restriping, or other routine maintenance that leaves the location and dimensions of each vehicle parking space and drive aisle unchanged.

Parking Lot Expansion: An increase in the area of an existing parking lot. A parking lot expansion includes an increase in area that results from paving, striping, or otherwise improving previously unimproved ground for vehicle parking or drive aisles.

Public Street: A dedicated public thoroughfare which affords the principal means of access to abutting properties, including road, highway, drive, lane, avenue, place, boulevard, or other thoroughfare. This definition does not include an alley or other public right-of-way less than 30 feet in width.

Pump: A single fueling position, consisting of one hose and nozzle assembly from which fuel is dispensed into one vehicle at a time.

Street: A public or private thoroughfare, other than an alley or driveway, that provides vehicular access to abutting properties.

Vehicle Parking Space: An off-street area designated for the parking of a single motor vehicle.