

SECTION 3 – PERMIT RELATED DEFINITIONS

ABFE: Advisory Base Floor Elevation

ACCESSORY STRUCTURE: A structure not greater than 3,000 square feet in floor area, and not over two stories in height, the use of which is customarily accessory to and incidental to that of the dwelling(s) and which is located on the same lot.

ADDITION: An extension or increase in floor area or height of a building or structure.

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BUILDING (COMMERCIAL): Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use of occupancy.

BUILDING (RESIDENTIAL): Building shall mean any one- and two-family dwelling or portion thereof, including townhouses, that is used, or designed or intended to be used for human habitation, for living, sleeping, cooking or eating purposes, or any combination thereof, and shall include accessory structures thereto.

CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: Written, graphic and pictorial documents prepared or assembled for describing the design, location and physical characteristics of the elements of a project necessary for obtaining a building permit. Construction drawings shall be drawn to an appropriate scale.

MANUFACTURED HOME (MOBILE HOMES/TRAILERS): Manufactured home means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which in the traveling mode is 8 body feet or more in width or 40 body feet or more in length, or, when erected on site, is 320 square feet or more, and which is built on a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning and electrical systems contained therein: except that such term shall include any structure that meets all the requirements of this paragraph except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the secretary (HUD) and complies with the standards established under this title. For mobile homes built prior to June 15, 1976, a label certifying compliance to the Standard for Mobile Homes, NFPA 501, in effect at the time of manufacture is required. For the purpose of these provisions, a “mobile home” shall be considered a manufactured home.

MODULAR HOME: A structure manufactured offsite, transportable in one or more sections, which is blocked and anchored.

PRIVATE SEWER SYSTEM/SEWER TREATMENT PLANT: A water-tight receptor that receives the discharge of a building sanitary drainage system and is constructed so as to separate solids from the liquid, digest organic matter through a period of detention, and allow the liquids to discharge into the soil outside of the tank

through a system of open joint or perforated piping or a seepage pit. (Regulated by the Louisiana State Board of Health)

PUBLIC SEWER: A common sewer directly controlled by public authority.

REGISTERED DESIGN PROFESSIONAL: An individual who is registered or licensed to practice their respective design profession as defined by the statutory requirements of the professional registration laws of the state or jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed.

RENOVATIONS (Not including painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops and similar interior finish work): Any structural improvements to an existing building.