

APPENDIX A. DEFINITIONS

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**SECTION A.1 PURPOSE.**

For the purposes of this UDO, certain words, concepts, and ideas are defined herein. Except as defined herein, all other words used in this Ordinance shall have their customary dictionary definition.

**SECTION A.2 INTERPRETATION.**

**A.2.1.** As used in this UDO, words importing the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter.

**A.2.2.** Terms used in the singular include the plural and the plural includes the singular number.

**A.2.3.** Terms used in the past or present tense include the future as well as the past and present.

**A.2.4.** The term “person” shall include a corporation, firm, partnership, association, organization and any other group acting as a unit, as well as an individual.

**A.2.5.** The words “may” and “should” are permissive; an officially adopted course or method of action intended to be followed.

**A.2.6.** The words “shall” and “will” are always mandatory and not merely directive; expresses determination to implement/take action.

**A.2.7.** The word “used for” shall include the meaning “designed for.”

**A.2.8.** The term “used” or “occupied” as applied to any land or building shall be construed to include the terms “intended, arranged, or designed to be used or occupied.”

**A.2.9.** The term “lot” includes the terms “plot,” “parcel,” “site,” and “tract.”

**A.2.10.** The term “building” includes the term “structure.”

**A.2.11.** The word “includes” shall not limit the term to specified examples but is intended to extend its meaning to all other instances or circumstances of like kind or character.

**A.2.12.** The terms "the Town" or "this Town" shall mean the Town of Nags Head, in the County of Dare, in the State of North Carolina, except as otherwise provided.

**A.2.13.** The term "County" shall mean the County of Dare, in the State of North Carolina, except as otherwise provided.

**A.2.14.** The terms "state" or "this state" shall be construed to mean the State of North Carolina, except as otherwise provided.

**A.2.15.** The word “UDO Administrator” shall mean the UDO Administrator or his/her designee.

**A.2.16.** The words “Planning Board” shall mean the “Town of Nags Head Planning Board.”

**A.2.17.** The terms "Board of Commissioners" and "commissioners" shall mean the Mayor and Commissioners, or governing body, of the Town of Nags Head, North Carolina.

**A.2.18.** The words "Board of Adjustment" shall mean the "Town of Nags Head Board of Adjustment."

**A.2.19.** The words "map," and "zoning map" shall mean the "Official Zoning Map for the Town of Nags Head, North Carolina."

**A.2.20.** The terms "GS" and "NCGS" refers to the latest edition of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended.

**A.2.21.** The term "US 158" shall mean United States Highway 158 or US Highway 158, also referred to as South Croatan Highway.

**A.2.22.** The term "NC 12" shall mean North Carolina Highway 12, also referred to as South Virginia Dare Trail.

**A.2.23.** The term "SR 1243" shall mean North Carolina State Road 1243, also referred to as South Old Oregon Inlet Road.

### SECTION A.3 ACRONYMS

**AEC** Area of Environmental Concern.

**ALE** Alcohol Law Enforcement.

**BOA** Board of Adjustment.

**BOC** Board of Commissioners.

**BMP** Best Management Practice.

**CAMA** Coastal Area Management Act.

**CBRS** Coastal Barrier Resources System.

**CRS** Community Rating System.

**CLOMR** Conditional Letter of Map Revision.

**FCC** Federal Communications Commission or a designated representative.

**FEMA** Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**FIS** Flood Insurance Study.

**FIRM** Flood Insurance Rate Map.

**FLSNV** First Line of Stable Natural Vegetation.

**IESNA** Illumination Engineering Society of North America.

**LIMWA** Limit of Moderate Wave Action.

**LOMA** Letter of Map Amendment.

**LOMC** Letter of Map Change.

**LOMR** Letter of Map Revision.

**LOMR-F** Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill.

**NCDEQ** North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality.

**NCDHHS** North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

**NCDOT** North Carolina Department of Transportation.

**NCGS** North Carolina General Statutes.

**OPA** Otherwise Protected Area.

**ROW** Right-of-Way.

**SCM** Stormwater Control Measure.

**UDO** Unified Development Ordinance.

**USDA** United States Department of Agriculture.

#### **SECTION A.4 DEFINITIONS.**

### **A**

**Abandoned vehicle** means, as authorized and defined in NCGS 160A-303, a motor vehicle which is left:

- (1) Upon a public street or highway in violation of a law or ordinance prohibiting parking;
- (2) On a public street or highway for longer than seven days;
- (3) On property owned or operated by the Town for longer than 24 hours; or
- (4) On private property without the consent of the owner, occupant or lessee thereof, for longer than two hours.

**Abandonment** means the relinquishment of property, or cessation of the use of property, by the owner or lessee without any intention of transferring rights to the property to another owner or of resuming the use of the property.

**Abutting** means having property or zoning district lines in common. Lots are also considered to be abutting if they are directly opposite each other and separated by a street or alley.

**Accelerated erosion** means any increase over the rate of natural erosion as a result of land-disturbing activity (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Act** means the North Carolina Sedimentation Pollution Control Act of 1973 and all rules and orders adopted pursuant to it (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Addition (to an existing building)** means an extension or increase in the floor area or height of a building or structure.

**Adequate erosion control measure, structure or device** means one which controls the soil material within the land area under responsible control of the person conducting the land-disturbing activity (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Administrative approval** means approval that the UDO Administrator or designee is authorized to grant after Administrative Review.

**Administrative review** means non-discretionary evaluation of an application by the UDO Administrator or designee. This process is not subject to a public hearing.

**Adult arcade** means any place to which the public is permitted or invited wherein coin-operated or slug-operated or electronically, electrically, or mechanically controlled still or motion picture machines, projectors, or other image-producing devices are maintained to show images to five or fewer persons per machine at any one time, and where the images so displayed are distinguished or characterized by the depicting or describing of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.

**Adult bookstore** means as defined in NCGS 14-202.10(1) which is incorporated in this definition by reference.

**Adult cabaret** means a nightclub, bar, restaurant, or similar commercial establishment that for at least ten percent of its business hours in any 24-hour period features:

- (1) Persons who appear in a state of nudity or semi-nudity;
- (2) Live performances that are characterized by the exposure of specified anatomical areas or by specified sexual activities;
- (3) Films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions that are characterized by the depiction or description of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas; or
- (4) Persons who engage in lewd, lascivious or erotic dancing or performances that are intended for the sexual interests or titillation of an audience or customers.

**Adult day service center** means a facility that provides day care on a regular basis for more than two hours per day for more than five adults, who are in need of supervision due to a physical or mental disability, and which does not provide overnight accommodations. Specifically, this definition excludes halfway houses and rehabilitation clinics.

**Adult escort** means a person who, for consideration, agrees or offers to act as a companion, guide, or date for another person for the purpose of participating in, engaging in, providing, or facilitating specified sexual activities.

**Adult escort agency** means a person or business that furnishes, offers to furnish, or advertises to furnish adult escorts as one of its business purposes for a fee, tip, or other consideration.

**Adult establishment** as defined in NCGS 14-202.10(2) which is incorporated in this definition by reference.

**Adult live entertainment** as defined in NCGS 14-202.10(3) which is incorporated in this definition by reference. (

**Adult live entertainment business** as defined in NCGS 14-202.10(4) which is incorporated in this definition by reference.

**Adult media center** means, but is not limited to, an adult bookstore, and an adult video store and means any place:

- (1) Which receives more than 50 percent of its gross income during any calendar month from the sale, rental, or both of books, periodicals, magazines, videotapes, CD-ROM, computer software, movies, and other products offered in photographic, print, electronic, magnetic, or digital or other imaging media which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matter depicting, describing, or presenting specified anatomical areas as defined in NCGS 14-202.10(10), or specified sexual activities as defined in NCGS 14-202.10(11), or sexually oriented devices, as defined in NCGS 14-202.10(9), or any combination thereof; or
- (2) Having more than 25 percent of its merchandise inventory consisting of books, periodicals, magazines, videotapes, CD-ROM, computer software, movies, and other products offered in photographic, print, electronic, magnetic, or digital or other imaging media which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matter depicting, describing, or presenting specified anatomical areas as defined in NCGS 14-202.10(10), or specified sexual activities as defined in NCGS 14-202.10(11), or sexually oriented devices, as defined in NCGS 14-202.10(9), or any combination thereof.

A commercial establishment may have other business purposes on the same building site that do not involve the offering for sale or rental of material depicting or describing specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas and still be categorized as adult media center. Such other business purposes will not serve to exempt such commercial establishments from being categorized as an adult media

center so long as one of its business purposes is the offering for sale or rental for consideration the specified materials which depict or describe specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.

**Adult mini-motion picture theater** as defined in NCGS 14-202.10(6), which is incorporated in this definition by reference.

**Adult motel** means a hotel, motel or similar commercial establishment that:

- (1) Offers accommodation to the public for any form of consideration and provides patrons with closed-circuit television transmissions, films, motion pictures, videocassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions that are characterized by the depiction or description of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas; and has a sign visible from the public right-of-way that advertises the availability of this adult type of photographic reproductions; or
- (2) Offers a sleeping room for rent for a period of time that is less than 12 hours; or
- (3) Allows a tenant or occupant of a sleeping room to sub-rent the room for a period of time that is less than 12 hours.

**Adult motion picture theater** as defined in NCGS 14-202.10(5), which is incorporated in this definition by reference.

**Adult theater** means a theater, concert hall, auditorium, or similar commercial establishment that for at least ten percent of its business hours in any day, features persons who appear in a state of nudity or live performances that are characterized by the exposure of specified anatomical areas or by specified sexual activities.

**Adult video store** means a commercial establishment that, as one of its principal business purposes, offers for sale or rental for any form of consideration any one or more of the following: books, magazines, periodicals or other printed matter, or photographs, films, motion picture, videotapes or videocassettes, video reproductions, CD-ROMs, slides, or other visual representations which depict or describe specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas; or any combination thereof.

**Aerial adventure park** means a place, typically a series of interconnected towers, platforms, and/or poles, consisting of a variety outdoor recreation elements including but not limited to rope climbing exercises, obstacle courses, and zip-lines.

**Affiliate** means a person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control of another person (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Alcohol and drug outpatient treatment facility** Outpatient facility which provides care for persons with drug and/or alcohol dependency problems and which may include outpatient follow-up care to the facility's patients.

**Alteration of a watercourse** means a dam, impoundment, channel relocation, change in channel alignment, channelization, or change in cross-sectional area of the channel or the channel capacity, or any other form of modification which may alter, impede, retard or change the direction and/or velocity of the riverine flow of water during conditions of the base flood.

**Amusement arcade** means a building or any part of a building in which five or more pinball machines, video games or machines or other similar player operated amusement devices are maintained. The term adult arcade is specifically excluded from this definition.

**Antenna** means any communication equipment that transmits and/or receives electromagnetic radio signals used in the provision of all types of wireless communication services.

**Antenna array** means a single or group of antenna elements and associated mounting hardware, transmission lines, or other appurtenances which share a common attachment device such as a mounting frame or mounting support structure for the sole purpose of transmitting or receiving electromagnetic radio signals used in the provision of all types of wireless communication services.

**Appeal** means a request for a review of the UDO Administrator's interpretation and/or decision of any provision of this Unified Development Ordinance.

**Applicable codes** means the North Carolina State Building Code and any other uniform building, fire, electrical, plumbing, or mechanical codes adopted by a recognized national code organization together with State or local amendments to those codes enacted solely to address imminent threats of destruction or property or injury to persons.

**Application, wireless facilities** means a request that is submitted by an applicant to the Town for a permit to collocate wireless facilities or to approve the installation, modification, or replacement of a utility pole, Town utility pole, or wireless support structure.

**Area of shallow flooding** means a designated Zone AO or AH on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with base flood depths determined to be from one (1) to three (3) feet. These areas are located where a clearly defined channel does not exist, where the path of flooding is unpredictable and indeterminate, and where velocity flow may be evident.

**Area of Special Flood Hazard** see Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).

**Area of future-conditions flood hazard** means the land area that would be inundated by the 1-percent-annual-chance (100- year) flood based on future-conditions hydrology.

**Art gallery** means a room or structure in which original works of art or limited editions of original art are bought, sold, loaned, appraised, or exhibited to the general public.

**Art gallery, owner occupied** means a structure for the collection, display and/or distribution of objects of art and generally open to the public and operated by the art gallery owner residing at the structure and does not employ any person outside the immediate family.



**Artisan's workshop** means an establishment for the preparation, display, and sale of individually crafted artwork, jewelry, furniture, sculpture, pottery, leathercraft, hand-woven articles, and related items.

**Assisted living residence** means any group housing and services program for two or more unrelated adults, by whatever name it is called, that makes available, at a minimum, one meal a day and housekeeping services and provides personal care services directly or through a formal written agreement with one or more licensed home care or hospice agencies. Settings in which services are delivered may include self-contained apartment units or single or shared room units with private or area baths. There are three types of assisted living residences: adult care homes, adult care homes that serve only elderly persons, and multi-unit assisted housing with services. As used in this definition, "elderly person" means: (i) any person who has attained the age of 55 years or older and requires assistance with activities of daily living, housing, and services; or (ii) any adult who has a primary diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia who requires assistance with activities of daily living, housing, and services provided by a licensed Alzheimer's and dementia care unit.

- (1) **Adult care home** means an assisted living residence in which the housing management provides 24-hour scheduled and unscheduled personal care services to two or more residents, either directly or for scheduled needs, through formal written agreement with licensed home care or hospice agencies. Some licensed adult care homes provide supervision to persons with cognitive impairments whose decisions, if made independently, may jeopardize the safety or well-being of themselves or others and therefore require supervision. Medication in an adult care home may be administered by designated trained staff. Adult care homes that provide care to two to six unrelated residents are commonly called family care homes. Adult care homes include halfway houses and drug rehab facilities.
- (2) **Multi-unit assisted housing with services** means an assisted living residence in which hands-on personal care services and nursing services which are arranged by housing management are provided by a licensed home care or hospice agency through an individualized written care plan. The housing management has a financial interest or financial affiliation or formal written agreement which makes personal care services accessible and available through at least one licensed home care or hospice agency. The resident has a choice of any provider, and the housing management may not combine charges for housing and personal care services. All residents, or other compensatory agents, must be capable, through informed consent, of entering into a contract and must not be in need of 24-hour supervision. Assistance with self-administration of medications may be provided by appropriately trained staff when delegated by a licensed nurse according to the home care agency's established plan of care.

**Auction house** means a building and/or land used for the temporary storage and sale on premise of new and/or used goods by means of request or invitation for bids.

**Automated Ice Vending** means an ice production machine or facility that may operate without full-time service personnel, designed to store and/or manufacture ice for the purpose of ice dispensing. These units are activated by the insertion of money, credit cards, check cards, token, or similar means. Ice is bagged automatically or dispensed in bulk to the consumer.

**Automobile dealership** means a retail business primarily housed in a structure and characterized by a mixture of related uses upon a commercial site; however, the principal use of the site shall be the marketing of new or used automobiles, whether by sale, rent, lease or other commercial or financial means. Secondary supporting uses may also exist upon the same site, such as maintenance, repair and service areas, parts storage areas and financial service areas.

**Average foot-candles** means the average of a number of points of foot-candle calculations or foot-candle measurements in a given area.

## B

**Base flood** means the flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

**Base flood elevation (BFE)** means a determination of the water surface elevations of the base flood as published in the flood insurance study and in accordance with the Town's flood damage prevention ordinance (Article 11, Part III). When the BFE has not been provided in a "special flood hazard area," it may be obtained from engineering studies available from a Federal, State, or other source using FEMA approved engineering methodologies. This elevation, when combined with the "freeboard," establishes the "regulatory flood protection elevation."

**Base station** means a station at a specific site authorized to communicate with mobile stations, generally consisting of radio receivers, antennas, coaxial cables, power supplies, and other associated electronics.

**Basement** means any area of the building which has its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all sides (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Battery charging station** means an electrical component assembly or cluster of component assemblies designed specifically to charge batteries within electric vehicles, which meet or exceed federal, state, and/or local requirements.

**Battery exchange station** means a fully automated facility that will enable an electric vehicle with a swappable battery to enter a drive lane and exchange the depleted battery with a fully charged battery through a fully automated process, which meets or exceeds federal, state, and/or local requirements.

**Beach recreation equipment rentals and sales** means a business involved in the rental and sale of non-motorized beach equipment such as kayaks, bicycles, surfboards, boogie boards, canopies, chairs and umbrellas for off premise use.

**Bed and breakfast** means a single-family dwelling that consists of the rental of more than two bedrooms on a daily or weekly basis. The rooms shall not be equipped to allow the preparation of meals, although meals may be provided to overnight guests in a common area by the proprietor of the establishment. The bed and breakfast operation shall be owner occupied and conducted by persons who are full time residents of the single-family dwelling.

**Bedroom** means a room designated as a sleeping or bedroom on the plans by the Dare County Health Department.

**Being conducted** means a land-disturbing activity has been initiated and permanent stabilization of the site has not been completed (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Best management practices or BMPs**, also known as Stormwater Control Measures (SCM) or stormwater management practices, are techniques implemented as a way of treating or limiting pollutants and other damaging effects of stormwater runoff in order to meet legislative and North Carolina Administrative Code requirements. This term means a permanent stormwater device that is designed, constructed, and maintained to remove pollutants from stormwater runoff by promoting settling or infiltration; or to mimic the natural hydrologic cycle by promoting infiltration, evapotranspiration, post-filtration discharge, reuse of stormwater, or a combination thereof. Common stormwater control measures include but are not limited to infiltration systems, permeable pavements, stormwater wetlands, wet ponds, bioretention cells and vegetative treatment swales.

**Birth center** means an accredited facility designed and intended for uncomplicated childbirth procedures with patients staying less than 24 hours.

**Block** means that portion of any street lying between its intersection with other streets.

**Boarding house** means a single-family dwelling containing at least two rooms, which are intended to be rented or otherwise occupied by individuals outside of the permitted family members occupying the dwelling unit, where communal facilities (such as a kitchen) are available in such dwelling unit for use by the tenants.

**Boat rental establishment** means a business involved in the rental of boats, jet skis, windsurfers, and other personal watercraft for use in the sound waters only. The term includes both powered and non-powered watercraft. The term shall not include amusement rides for use in manmade ponds or pools.

**Borrow fill** means fill material which is required for onsite construction and which is obtained from other locations. (For the purposes of Article 11, Environmental Regulations, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control)

**Breakaway wall** means a wall that is not part of the structural support of the building and is intended through its design and construction to collapse under specific lateral loading forces without causing damage to the elevated portion of the building or the supporting foundation system (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Buffer yard** means a yard which contains materials used to provide sight and sound screening from adjoining properties and rights-of-way. The required height and width of the buffer yard and materials used in its construction vary according to use.

**Buffer yard, mature or mature buffer** means an established vegetated area already in existence at the time of development or redevelopment which contains trees, shrubs, or combination thereof creating a densely vegetated landscape, which has the effect of providing an opaque visual barrier along a property's boundaries and within the property's yard setback.

**Buffer zone** means the strip of land adjacent to a lake or natural watercourse (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Building** means any structure enclosed and isolated by exterior walls constructed or used for residence, business, industry or other purposes. For the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention, see the definition for Structure.

**Building, accessory** means a subordinate building consisting of walls and a roof, the use of which is clearly incidental to that of a principal building on the same lot.

**Building materials** means any material such as lumber, brick, block, stone, plaster, concrete, asphalt, roofing shingles, gutters and other substances accumulated as the result of repairs or additions to existing buildings or structures, construction of new buildings or structures or the demolition of existing buildings or structures.

**Building permit** means the permit required for new construction, additions, remodeling, rehabilitation, or other improvements to an existing structure pursuant to Article 4, Development Review Process of this UDO and NCGS 160-417.

**Building, principal** means a building in which is considered the primary or predominant use of the lot on which it is located.

**Building setback line** means the required minimum distance between any building and the adjacent right-of-way or property line.

**Building site** means the area necessary within a lot of disturbed land and vegetation required for placement of principal structures (exclusive of decks) and accessory structures, its accessways and utilities, including areas disturbed for parking lots, power lines, driveways, septic tank drainfields, cemeteries and hiking trails.

**Built-upon area (BUA)** means that portion of a development project that is covered by impervious materials or partially impervious surfaces and used to calculate stormwater runoff potential, including buildings; pavement and compacted gravel areas such as roads or parking lots, and paths and recreation facilities such as athletic courts and concrete pool decks. Built-upon area does not include the surface area of pools, wooden slatted decks, or un-compacted, washed gravel, or pervious or partially pervious

paving material to the extent that the paving material absorbs water or allows water to infiltrate through the paving material. Built-upon area is distinct from "lot coverage" as defined herein.

**Business or construction trailer** means any trailer which, as its primary use, is used as a permanent, semi-permanent or temporary office or other place of business, or type of business, and from which a business may be operated.

**Business trash** means any waste accumulation of dust, paper, sawdust, cardboard, excelsior, rags or other accumulations other than garbage or household trash which are usually attendant to the operation of stores, offices and similar businesses.

## C

**Capital costs** means costs spent for developing public or community service facilities; such costs are limited to capital outlay items listed in the "Uniform Local Government Accounting Systems" procedural manual prepared by the state local government commission. Capital costs include payment of principal and interest on any debt or other financial obligation incurred by the Town with respect to a public facility.

**Capital improvements plan** means the plan adopted by the Town, projecting the capital needs and expenditures by the Town.

**Car wash** means the use of a site for washing and cleaning of vehicles and other light duty equipment.

**Cemetery** means land used or intended to be used for the burial of the human dead and dedicated for cemetery purposes, and specifically excluding crematories, mausoleums and mortuaries.

**Channel** means a portion of the electromagnetic frequency spectrum that is capable of carrying one standard video signal, in either analog or digital form. Consistent with future changes in technology and/or applicable law, the parties may mutually agree to a different definition in an individual franchise agreement.

**Chemical storage facility** means a building, portion of a building, or exterior area adjacent to a building used for the storage of any chemical or chemically reactive products (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Child care facility** includes child care centers, family child care homes, and any other child care arrangement not excluded by NCGS 110-86 (2) that provides child care, regardless of the time of day, wherever operated, and whether or not operated for profit.

- (1) **Child care center** means any place where, at any one time, there are three or more preschool-age children or nine or more school-age children receiving child care.
- (2) **Family child care home** means a child care arrangement located in a residence where, at any one time, more than two (2) children, but less than nine (9) children, receive child care.

**Cluster housing** means a development in which more than one dwelling unit is placed on a lot. For the purposes of this UDO, cluster housing shall only pertain to dwelling units that are threatened by shoreline erosion and are being relocated onto a lot containing another dwelling unit.

**Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA)** means North Carolina's Coastal Area Management Act. This act, along with the Dredge and Fill Law and the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act, is managed through NC Department of Environmental Quality's (NCDEQ's) Division of Coastal Management (DCM).

**Coastal A Zone (CAZ)** means an area within a special flood hazard area, landward of a V zone or landward of an open coast without mapped V zones; in a Coastal A Zone, the principal source of flooding must be astronomical tides, storm surges, seiches, or tsunamis, not riverine flooding. During the base flood conditions, the potential for wave heights shall be greater than or equal to 1.5 feet. Coastal A Zones are not normally designated on FIRMs (see Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA)).

**Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS)** consists of undeveloped portions of coastal and adjoining areas established by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CoBRA) of 1982, the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act (CBIA) of 1990 and subsequent revisions, and includes areas owned by federal or state governments or private conservation organizations identified as otherwise protected areas (OPA).

**Coastal counties** means the following counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Coastal high hazard area** means a Special Flood Hazard Area extending from offshore to the inland limit of a primary frontal dune along an open coast and any other area subject to high velocity wave action from storms or seismic sources. The area is designated on a FIRM, or other adopted flood map as determined in Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention, as Zone VE, or any property east of NC 12 and SR 1243.

**Coffee shop** means an establishment primarily engaged in the serving of coffee beverages and other non-alcoholic beverages and food items and classified and regulated by the Dare County Health Department as a coffee shop with a customer service area not exceeding 385 square feet. Permitted accessory uses include but are not limited to retail sales of packaged coffee and retail merchandise. There shall be no drive-in or drive-through beverage service.

**Collection** means the act of removing solid waste to the transfer stations or the facility.

**Co-location or co-located** means the installation of new antenna arrays on previously approved structures, including towers, buildings, utility poles, and water tanks.

**Collector street** means a street which serves or is designed to serve as a trafficway for a neighborhood or as a feeder to a major street from local access streets.

**Commercial crop production** means the production of crops or produce for sale, to wholesale or retail establishments.

**Commercial marina** means any publicly or privately owned dock, basin or wet storage facility constructed to accommodate mooring for more than four boats or providing, but not limited to, any of the following services for a fee: Permanent or temporary transient docking spaces, dry storage, fueling facilities, haul-out facilities and repair service. Site plans which have been approved by the board of commissioners for outdoor recreational uses are not considered a commercial marina.

**Commercial transitional protective yard** means a buffered protective yard on a commercial (C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4) lot. A commercial transitional protective yard is a required open space other than a court unoccupied and unobstructed by any structure or portion of a structure; provided, however, that fences, poles, posts may be permitted in any commercial transitional protective yard, subject to height limitations and requirements limiting obstruction of visibility or any other requirement of this UDO

**Commercial with accessory residential** means a principal commercial use with accessory single-family residences either attached or detached. This use could include single-family residential, duplex, or multiple detached single-family residential dwelling units configured in a cottage court arrangement.

**Communication facility** means the set of equipment and network components, including wires and cables and associated facilities used by a communications service provider to provide communications service.

**Communication tower, major** means any tower over 70 feet in height, measured from ground level to the highest point intended for transmitting or receiving radio, television or telephone or wireless communications.

**Communication tower, minor** means any tower 70 feet or less in height, measured from ground level to the highest point intended for transmitting or receiving radio, television or telephone or wireless communications.

**Communications service** means cable service as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 522(6), information service as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(24), telecommunications service as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(53); or wireless services.

**Communications service provider** means a cable operator as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 522(5); a provider of information service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(24); a telecommunications carrier, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(51); or a wireless provider.

**Community garden** means a use in which land is managed by a group of individuals to grow food or ornamental crops such as flowers, for donation or for use by those cultivating the land. Community Gardens may be divided into separate plots for cultivation by one or more individuals or may be farmed collectively by members of the group and may include common areas maintained and used by group members.

**Competent evidence** refers to the NC General Statutes requirement that the rules of evidence as applied in the trial division of the General Court of Justice ordinarily be followed but adds the important exception that “when evidence is not reasonably available under such rules to show relevant facts, they may be shown by the most reliable and substantial evidence available.” The Board just limits itself to the type of evidence that ought to be admissible before local administrative agencies generally. The term “competent” is essentially a synonym for “admissible before a local board.”

**Completion of construction or development** means that no further land-disturbing activity is required on a phase of a project except that which is necessary for establishing a permanent ground cover (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Computation of time** means the time within which an act is to be done shall be computed by excluding the first and including the last day; and if the last day is Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, that shall be excluded.

**Concealed building mounted antenna (flush)** means a building mounted antenna or antenna array which is concealed by, but not limited to, being located beneath the roof line, being screened behind an opaque facade, or blended into the building structure with faux windows, dormers or other architectural features that appear as part of the existing or proposed structure so that the antenna or antenna array is not visible by ordinary observation from the ground at the perimeter of the property boundary in any direction (360 degrees).

**Condominium** means ownership in common with others of a parcel of land and certain parts of a building thereon which would normally be used by all the occupants, together with individual ownership in fee of a particular unit in such building.

**Cottage court** means a residential type development with three or more detached single-family dwellings, on-site management office, and/or another complementary business use on one lot.

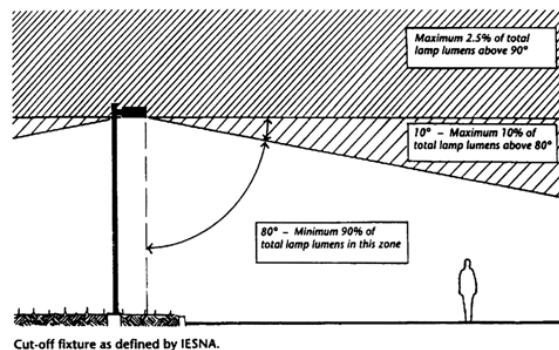
**Crawl space construction** means the enclosed under-floor space between the bottom of the floor joists and the earth under any building (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Crowd gathering activities in indoor public assemblies** means all events or activities within places of indoor public assembly designed for multiple activities and intended to attract large numbers of people. Such events and activities may include conferences, conventions, private parties, catered meals, and general retail in the form of craft fairs, food fairs and indoor flea markets.



**Customer service area** means the area within a restaurant or restaurant drive-in, open to the general public and designated for the purchase and/or consumption of food, drink, or other similar items. Customer service area shall include indoor and/or outdoor seating areas, indoor and/or outdoor lounge and bar areas, decks, porches, and patios but shall not include stairs, stair landings, handicapped ramps, restrooms, kitchen and food preparation areas, private offices, loading areas, hallways, exit access and exit discharge areas, and any other areas not open to the general public. Customer service area shall not include outdoor seating areas, or outdoor decks, porches or patios where such areas are not designated for the purchase of food, drink, or similar items and instead are used primarily as waiting areas for customers who are waiting to be seated in indoor customer service areas. Additionally, customer service area shall not include any outdoor areas used by the customers of restaurants located in shopping centers.

**Cutoff fixture** means a flat lens, full cutoff fixture that by its design, directs a minimum of 90 percent of total lamp lumens within 80 degrees of the vertical plane of the light fixture and a maximum of ten percent of the total lamp lumens above 80 degrees from the vertical plane, and no more than 2.5 percent of total lamp lumens above 90 degrees. Full cutoff fixtures must be installed in a horizontal position as designed.



## D

**Dare County Health Department** means the Dare County Department of Health and Human Services.

**Dedication** means a gift to the general public or a municipality, by the owner, of the right to use land for stated purposes. Since a transfer of property is involved, a dedication must be made by written instrument.

**Department** means the NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Design flood** see Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation.

**Design storm or design depth** means a rainfall event, expressed in depth, measured in inches, for the purposes of Article 11, Part I, Stormwater, Fill & Runoff Management and independent of storm duration, utilized for the calculation of storage volume required for BMPs. Design storm depth varies by fill depth, flood zone, and use as specified in Article 11, Part I.

**Designated public events site** means a parcel or contiguous group of parcels of acreage greater than five, owned by the public and designated by the board of commissioners for the purpose of creating a variety of opportunities for recreation, leisure, social or cultural experiences and special events in

accordance with the regulations of this Code. Public event sites may include temporary and fixed structures, as approved by the building inspector, and can host multiple uses with an events site and management plan and permit approved by the Town Manager.

**Developer** means that person who is improving a parcel of land within the Town and who may or may not be the owner of the property.

**Development** means any land disturbing activity that increases the amount of built-upon area or that otherwise decreases the infiltration of precipitation into the soil or any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate including buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations, or storage of equipment or materials, not including existing residential or commercial development already in place.

**Development activity** means any activity defined as Development which will necessitate a Floodplain Development Permit. This term includes buildings, structures, and non-structural items, including (but not limited to) fill, bulkheads, piers, pools, docks, landings, ramps, and erosion control/stabilization measures.

**Dialysis center** means a building or structure or portion thereof in which persons with impaired kidney function have toxins removed from their blood on a periodic basis through the use of dialysis machines. Application of the term shall be limited to facilities staffed routinely by nurses and/or technicians and not by a doctor.

**Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM)** means the digital official map of a community, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), on which both the Special Flood Hazard Areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the community are delineated.

**Director** means the director of the Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources of the NC Department of Environmental Quality (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Discharge point** means that point at which runoff leaves a tract of land (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Dish antenna** means any accessory structure capable of receiving radio or television signals from a transmitter or a transmitter relay which is located in planetary orbit or land based.

**Disposal** means, as defined in NCGS 130A-290(a)(6), the discharge, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking or placing of any solid waste into or on any land or water so that the solid waste or any constituent part of the solid waste may enter the environment or be emitted into the air or discharged into any waters, including groundwaters (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**District** means the Dare Soil and Water Conservation District created pursuant to NCGS Ch. 139.

**Dock, private** means an estuarine pier or dock which may be permitted as an accessory use to the principal use, and shall be for the exclusive use of the landowner and shall not provide any services of a commercial marina.

**Docking facility** means any publicly or privately-owned dock, basin or wet storage facility constructed to accommodate mooring for four or less boats as an accessory to a principal commercial use.

**Dormitory** means a commercial facility used for monthly rental housing of unrelated residents in a communal non-transient living arrangement. The facility shall consist of separate sleeping, bathing, and common living areas.

**Drainage area** means the entire tributary area contributing surface runoff to a point of interest.

**Drainfield** shall also mean nitrification field or wastewater disposal area.

**Drive aisle** means the area of driveway necessary for vehicles to access parking stalls and for emergency vehicle access to structures.

**Driveway** means an improved accessway for vehicular traffic with the purpose of providing access to parking or maneuvering space from a public street or highway into an abutting property.

**Driveway apron** means that portion of a driveway which connects to the adjacent street or highway, usually within the right-of-way for that street.

**Dry hydrant** means an arrangement of pipe permanently connected to a water source other than a piped, pressurized water supply system that provides a ready means of water supply for fire-fighting purposes and that utilizes the drafting (suction) capability of the fire department pump.

**Dry well** means a structure or series of structures located to collect and discharge stormwater through a subterranean chamber which allows collected water to dissipate and infiltrate into the ground.

**Dwelling, accessory** means a secondary dwelling unit established in conjunction with, and clearly subordinate to, a principal dwelling unit, whether part of the same structure as the principal dwelling unit or as a detached structure on the same lot.

**Dwelling, duplex** means any dwelling place designed for, or occupied by, two families, each of which has direct access to the outside.

**Dwelling, large residential** means a single-family dwelling or two-family dwelling (duplex) that has 3,500 or more square feet of enclosed habitable living space.

**Dwelling, multifamily** means a building or portion thereof used or designed as a residence for three or more families living independently of each other and with each independent unit containing its own kitchen. Multifamily dwelling shall include a townhouse and any similar building, irrespective of the form of legal title.

**Dwelling, single-family** means a detached building designed for or occupied exclusively by one family.

**Dwelling unit** means one room, or rooms connected together, constituting a separate, independent housekeeping establishment for owner occupancy, or rental or lease, and physically separated from any other rooms or dwelling units which may be in the same structure, and containing independent cooking and sleeping facilities for a single-family.

## E

**Easement** means a grant by the property owner for use, by the public, a corporation or person, of a strip of land for specified purposes.

**Easement, access** means an easement created for the purpose of providing vehicular or pedestrian access to property.

**Earth station** - see Dish Antenna.

**Educational facility, pre-school** means a facility for the organized instruction of children not yet attending primary or secondary school.

**Electric vehicle** means any vehicle that operates, either partially or exclusively, on electrical energy from the grid, or an off-board source, that is stored on-board for energy purposes. Electric vehicle includes: (1) a battery powered electric vehicle; and (2) a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle.

**Electric vehicle charging station** means a public or private parking space located together with a battery charging station which permits the transfer of electric energy (by conductive or inductive means) to a battery or other storage device in an electric vehicle. An electric vehicle charging station is permitted as an accessory use to any principal use.

**Electric vehicle parking space** means any marked parking space that identifies the use to be exclusively for an electric vehicle.

**Electroluminescent** means direct conversion of electric energy to light by a solid phosphor, or other materials, subjected to an electrical current.

**Elevated building** means a non-basement building which has its lowest elevated floor raised above ground level by foundation walls, shear walls, posts, piers, pilings, or columns (for the purpose of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Elevation** means:

- (1) A vertical distance above or below mean sea level;
- (2) A fully dimensioned drawing to the front, rear, or side of a structure showing features and their relationship to grade, sea-level, or other reference point.

**Eligible facilities request** means a request for modification of an existing wireless tower or a base station that involves collocation of new transmission equipment or replacement of transmission equipment but does not include a substantial modification.

**Enclosure/Enclosed Area** means that portion of an elevated building below the lowest elevated floor that is either partially or fully shut in by rigid/solid walls and is located either partially or fully below the RFPE.

**Encroachment** means the advance or infringement of uses, fill, excavation, buildings, permanent structures or development into a floodplain, which may impede or alter the flow capacity of a floodplain (for the purpose of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Encroachment** means the location of a structure within a required yard that is not permissible under the requirements of this UDO. Article 8, District Development Standards, contains the minimum yard requirements for the Town's primary and special zoning districts.

**Energy dissipater** means a structure or a shaped channel section with mechanical armoring placed at the outlet of pipes or conduits to receive and break down the energy from high velocity flow (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Engineer** means a professional engineer registered in the state to act as duly authorized representative of the developer or the Town.

**Environmental awareness area** is an area designated and maintained for the purpose of conservation and environmental education. This may include non-profit wildlife, ecological preserves, watershed construction areas, interpretive signage, trails, research stations and appurtenant office, restroom and mechanical facilities (and is distinct from the definition of "area of environmental concern" or "AEC," which is a CAMA designation).

**Erosion** means the wearing away of land surface by the action of wind, water, gravity or any combination thereof (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Erosion escarpment** means the normal vertical drop in the beach profile caused from high tide and/or storm tide erosion.

**Erosion, natural** means the wearing away of the earth's surface by water, wind or other natural agents under natural environmental conditions undisturbed by man (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Estuarine frontal dunes** means the dunes which are the first mounds of sand located landward of the estuarine waters of the Roanoke Sound and having a minimum elevation equal to or greater than the mean flood level plus six feet (nine feet plus six feet). For the purpose of this article, estuarine frontal dunes occur in the area southerly of the northwest boundary of Parcel 13, Tax Map 185, as shown on Tax Maps 185 and 186. The estuarine frontal dunes extend southward and terminate at the southwest boundary of the SED-80 district.

**Equipment compound** means an area surrounding or near the base of wireless support structure within which a wireless facility is located.

**Existing building and existing structure** means any building and/or structure for which the “start of construction” commenced before the community entered the NFIP, dated November 10, 1972.

**Existing manufactured home park or manufactured home subdivision** means a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including, at a minimum, the installation of utilities, either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads, and the construction of streets) was completed before February 3, 1975 (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Ex parte** is a Latin legal term meaning “from (by or for) [the/a] party.” An ex parte decision is one decided by a judge without requiring all of the parties to the controversy to be present.

## F

**Fall zone** means the area in which a wireless support structure may be expected to fall in the event of a structural failure, as measured by engineering standards.

**Family** means any group of people operating as a single housekeeping unit occupying a dwelling unit.

**Family care home** means a home with support and supervisory personnel that provides room and board, personal care and habilitation services in a family environment for not more than six resident persons with disabilities. “Person with disabilities” means a person with a temporary or permanent physical, emotional, or mental disability, including but not limited to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, hearing and sight impairments, emotional disturbances and orthopedic impairments but not including mentally ill persons who are dangerous to others as defined in NCGS Section 122C-3(11)b.

**Family foster home** means the private residence of one or more individuals who permanently reside as members of the household and who provide continuing full-time foster care for a child or children who are placed there by a child placing agency or who provide continuing full-time foster care for two or more children who are unrelated to the adult members of the household by blood, marriage, guardianship, or adoption.

**Farm stand** means a temporary open-air stand or place for the seasonal selling of agricultural produce. A produce stand is portable and capable of being dismantled or removed from the sales site.

**Farmers Market, Municipally-Operated** means a municipally operated, seasonal market that is open to the public and held on Town property where individuals offer for sale locally produced and/or acquired items such as seasonal fresh produce, fruits, flowers, dairy, meats, prepared foods, seafood, beverages, farm products, arts and crafts, and wares, which are dispensed from booths located on-site. Other secondary activities could include, but are not limited to, art shows, live music, educational and learning activities, kids programming, and other municipally organized events and activities.

**Fence** means any artificially constructed barrier of any material or combination of materials erected to enclose or screen areas of land.

**Fill** is the depositing of soil, rock or other earthen materials by artificial means, but not including poured slab, asphalt, porous pavement, Turfstone™, or other manmade materials or surfaces designed in association with construction. Excavated material moved or relocated onsite is considered fill.

**Fill depth** is the difference between the post-development surface elevation and the pre-development surface elevation.

**Fine craft and folk art production** means a variety of crafts and arts rooted in community and cultural traditions that generally expresses and encompasses a range of utilitarian and decorative media including cloth, wood, paper, clay, metal and more. The term does not include Artisan's Workshop as defined herein.

**Flag pole** means a pole with a pulley and a cord on which a flag or flag sign is raised and flown.

**Flood or flooding** means a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from:

- (a) The overflow of inland or tidal waters; or
- (b) The unusual and rapid accumulation of runoff or surface waters from any source.

**Flood Boundary or Floodway Map (FBFM)** means an official map of a community, issued by the FEMA, on which the Special Flood Hazard Areas and the floodways are delineated. This official map is a supplement to and shall be used in conjunction with the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

**Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM)** means an official map of a community, issued by the FEMA, where the boundaries of the Special Flood Hazard Areas have been defined as Zone A.

**Flood insurance** means the insurance coverage provided under the National Flood Insurance Program.

**Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)** means an official map of a community issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on which both the special flood hazard areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the community are delineated (also see DFRIM).

**Flood Insurance Study (FIS)** means an examination, evaluation, and determination of flood hazards, corresponding water surface elevations (if appropriate), flood hazard risk zones, and other flood data in a community issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The flood insurance study report includes Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM's) and Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps (FBFMs), if published.

**Floodlight** means a light fixture usually capable of being pointed in any direction that is designed to project a light beam to an object or surface area to a luminance considerably greater than its surroundings.

**Flood-prone area.** See Floodplain.

**Floodplain** means any land susceptible to being inundated by water from any source.

**Floodplain administrator** is the individual appointed to administer and enforce the floodplain management regulations.

**Floodplain development permit** means any type of permit that is required in conformance with the provisions of this UDO, prior to the commencement of any development activity.

**Floodplain management** means the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventative measures for reducing flood damage and preserving and enhancing, where possible, natural resources in the floodplain, including, but not limited to, emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, floodplain management regulations, and open space plans.

**Floodplain management regulations** means Article 11, Part III of this UDO and other zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances, and other applications of police power which control development in flood-prone areas. This term describes federal, state or local regulations, in any combinations thereof, which provide standards for preventing and reducing flood loss and damage.

**Floodproofing** means any combination of structural and nonstructural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures, which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitation facilities, structures, and their contents.

**Flood-resistant material** means any building product [material, component or system] capable of withstanding direct and prolonged contact (minimum 72 hours) with floodwaters without sustaining damage that requires more than low-cost cosmetic repair. Any material that is water-soluble or is not resistant to alkali or acid in water, including normal adhesives for above-grade use, is not flood-resistant. Pressure-treated lumber or naturally decay-resistant lumbers are acceptable flooring materials. Sheet-type flooring coverings that restrict evaporation from below and materials that are impervious, but dimensionally unstable are not acceptable. Materials that absorb or retain water excessively after submergence are not flood resistant. Please refer to Technical Bulletin 2, Flood Damage-Resistant Materials Requirements, and available from the FEMA. Class 4 and 5 materials, referenced therein, are acceptable flood-resistant materials.

**Floodway** means the channel of a river or other watercourse, including the area above a bridge or culvert when applicable, and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one (1) foot.

**Floodway encroachment analysis** means an engineering analysis of the impact that a proposed encroachment into a floodway or non-encroachment area is expected to have on the floodway boundaries and flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood discharge. The evaluation shall be prepared by a qualified North Carolina licensed engineer using standard engineering methods and hydraulic models meeting the minimum requirement of the National Flood Insurance Program.



**Flood zone** means a geographical area shown on a Flood Hazard Boundary Map or Flood Insurance Rate Map that reflects the severity or type of flooding in the area.

**Flyboard** means a type of jetpack which supplies propulsion to drive the flyboard through water, the rider typically stands on a board connected by a long hose to a watercraft.

**Food bank** means a building or portion of a building from which foodstuffs are distributed to indigent individuals or families.

**Food truck** means a licensed vehicle or trailer equipped with facilities for cooking and selling food which satisfies local and state regulations for health and sanitation standards.

**Footcandle** means the unit of measure of illuminance on a surface. Footcandles are the ratio of the quantity of light in lumens divided by the surface area in square feet on which the lumens are falling. One lumen per square foot is one footcandle.

**Forest canopy** means (collectively) the light-intercepting layer formed by all of the tree tops and ultimate leaf bearing branches in a forest; the uppermost layer of vegetation in a forest. In the Nags Head Woods, the forest canopy may be kept to near constant height by the pruning effect of salt mist nearer the ocean or it may become irregular in height where salt impact is less.

**Forest sub-canopy** means a light-intercepting understory layer formed by shade-tolerant saplings, shrubs and small trees beneath the canopy of a forest. The Nags Head Woods sub-canopy species include dogwood, muscle wood, hop hornbeam and holly.

**Free of obstruction** means a space below the lowest floor of an elevated structure, located in a coastal high hazard area or VE-zone, that must be open and designed to be free and clear to allow floodwaters to flow freely beneath the structure. The space below the lowest floor that is unobstructed shall be a minimum vertical distance of 18 inches measured from the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member of the lowest floor to the highest finished grade directly beneath the structure. Breakaway walls cannot be utilized to meet the free of obstruction requirement.

**Freeboard** means the height added to the BFE to account for the many unknown factors that could contribute to flood heights greater than the height calculated for a selected size flood and floodway conditions, such as wave action, blockage of bridge or culvert openings, storm surge or precipitation exceeding the base flood and the hydrological effects of urbanization on the watershed. The base flood elevation plus the freeboard establishes the "regulatory flood protection elevation."

**Frontal dune** means, in areas where there is a primary dune, that dune shall be deemed to be the frontal dune. Where there is no primary dune, the frontal dune is deemed to be the first mound of sand located landward of the ocean beach having sufficient vegetation, height, continuity and configuration to offer protective value. Manmade mounds seaward of the natural line of frontal dunes and dunes created after June 1, 1979, shall not be considered to be frontal or primary dunes, except where no frontal or primary dune exists.

**Fully shielded** means a light fixture that is constructed or sufficiently shielded by an opaque housing, in such a manner that all light emitted is below the horizontal plane as determined by photometric test or certified by the manufacturer.

**Functionally dependent facility** means a facility which cannot be used for its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water, such as a docking or port facility necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, shipbuilding, or ship repair. The term does not include long-term storage, manufacture, sales or service facilities (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Furniture showroom** means a retail establishment that utilizes large, open floor areas to display furniture or mattresses.

**Furniture store** means an establishment that sells goods and/or movable objects, intended to support various human activities such as seating, eating, and sleeping, for furnishing or improving housing units that make a room or other area ready for occupancy.

## G

**General contractor's office** means a building or portion of a building occupied as an office by a "general contractor" as defined in NCGS 87-1.

**Glare** means the sensation produced by luminance within the visual field that is significantly greater than the luminance to which the eyes are adapted, causing annoyance, discomfort, or loss of visual performance. It results from high luminance or insufficiently shielded light sources in the field of view or from reflecting areas of high luminance. There are two types:

- (1) Disability glare affects visual performance and reduces the ability to see or identify objects. It is often accompanied by discomfort.
- (2) Discomfort glare produces discomfort but does not necessarily interfere with visual performance or visibility.

**Grade** means the average elevation of the land around a building as measured at the four corners of the structure or at four points around the building distributed evenly, or as the natural elevation of land within a property measured in feet above sea level.

**Grading** means any cut or fill, or combination thereof, or re-compaction of soil, rock or other earthen materials.

**Granny pods/temporary health care structure** means a transportable residential structure, providing an environment facilitating a caregiver's provision of care for a mentally or physically impaired person, that (i) is primarily assembled at a location other than its site of installation; (ii) is limited to one occupant who shall be the mentally or physically impaired person, (iii) has no more than 300 gross square feet; and (iv) complies with applicable provisions of the State Building Code and NCGS 143-139.1. (NEW)

**Grantee** means a person who is granted a franchise or that person's lawful successors, transferees or assigns.

**Grantor** means the Town of Nags Head.

**Gravel** means a clean or washed, loose aggregation of well-rounded spherical stones, commonly referred to as pea gravel or river rock, that are up to three inches in diameter where 50 percent is larger than ¼-inch with less than five percent fines. Gravel is not crushed stone or rock.

**Gross floor area** means that area in square feet measured from the outside walls of a structure.

**Ground cover** means any natural vegetative growth or other material which renders the soil surface stable against accelerated erosion (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Groundwater recharge area** means a catchment basin or watershed underlain by layers of alternating permeable and impermeable strata such that excess rainfall not lost by evapotranspiration or runoff is retained and stored in subterranean porous layers of soil. Nags Head Woods acts as a groundwater recharge area since porous sandy soils permit little runoff of excess precipitation. For the purposes of this UDO, components of this system include ponds, wetland swales, bay forests, dunes and marsh.

**Group demonstration** means any assembly or concert of action between or among any two or more persons for the purpose of protesting or demonstrating for or against any matter, or of making known any position or promotion of such persons or matter, or of or on behalf of any organization, group, corporation or class of persons, or for the purpose of attracting attention to such assembly.

**Group development** means a group of buildings on a single site which are occupied and used for professional offices, retail, personal services, indoor recreation facilities, and/or restaurant uses.

## H

**Habitable floors** means any floor usable for living purposes, which includes working, sleeping, eating, cooking, or recreation or a combination thereof, except for a floor used only for storage purposes.

**Habitable building area** means a finished space in an enclosed portion of the building used for any purpose other than storage.

**Haunted house** means an indoor entertainment facility utilizing sets, props, and displays for a family-oriented environment.

**Hazardous waste management facility** means, as defined in NCGS 130, Article 9, a facility for the collection, storage, processing, treatment, recycling, recovery, or disposal of hazardous waste (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Height** means the vertical distance measured from the tallest part of a building to the ground at the base of the building. Typically, height is measured from the tallest portion of the roof to the top of the

concrete slab. In cases where a concrete slab is not present, height is measured from the tallest part of the roof to the average finished grade using the corners at the base of the building.

- In Shaded X, X, or AE special flood hazard area west of NC 12 and SR 1243, as defined in 11.42.3.1.2, height will be measured from the regulatory flood protection elevation or finished grade, whichever is higher. In cases where there is a ground floor enclosure below the regulatory flood protection elevation, height shall be measured from finished grade.
- In coastal high hazard areas and VE zones east of NC 12 and SR 1243 as defined in 11.42.3.1.1., height shall be measured from regulatory flood protection elevation (lowest horizontal structural member). In cases where the finished grade elevation is above the regulatory flood protection elevation, height shall be measured at approximately eighteen (18) inches above the highest, undisturbed, finished grade directly beneath the structure (free-of-obstruction).

**Height, wind energy facility** means the distance measured from grade at the center of the tower to the highest point of the turbine rotor or tip of the turbine blade when it reaches its highest elevation.

**Heliport** means an area providing for the takeoff and landing of helicopters and fuel facilities (whether fixed or mobile) or appurtenant areas for parking, maintenance, and repair of helicopters.

**High hazard flood area** means the area subject to high velocity waters (including, but not limited to, hurricane wave wash) in a storm having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year, as identified as zone V1-30 on the flood insurance rate maps of the Federal Insurance Administration, US Department of Housing and Urban Development. In the absence of these rate maps, other available base flood elevation data prepared by a federal, state or other source may be used, provided that such data source is approved by the Town.

**High quality water (HQW) zones** means for the coastal counties areas within 575 feet of high quality waters and for the remainder of the state are areas within one mile and drain to HQW's (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**High quality waters** means those classified as such in 15A NCAC 2B.0101(e)(5) - General Procedures, which is incorporated in this section by reference to include further amendments pursuant to NCGS 150B-14(c) (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Highest adjacent grade (HAG)** means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface, prior to construction, immediately next to the proposed walls of the structure.

**Historic structure** means any structure that is:

- (1) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing by the US Department of the Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;

- (2) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district; or
- (3) Individually listed on a local inventory of historic landmarks in communities with a "certified local government (CLG) program"; or
- (4) Certified as contributing to the historical significance of a historic district designated by a community with a "certified local government program."

Certified local government (CLG) programs are approved by the US Department of the Interior in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources through the state historical preservation officer as having met the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended in 1980.

**Home center** means a retail outlet carrying products for home improvements, remodeling maintenance, decorating, home care, recreational leisure and related needs, including hardware, appliances, lumber and other building materials, but only in such amounts as will meet the need for self-pickup individuals, do-it-yourself customers, and not amounting to a lumber yard or building material storage yard from which deliveries are made to commercial customers.

**Home occupation, class 1** means a professional services occupation commonly carried on within the dwelling by a member(s) of the household who occupy the dwelling. A home occupation shall be secondary to the use of the dwelling for living purposes.

**Home occupation, class 2** means a professional service occupation that is limited to services without any on-site/wholesale sales of commodities owned and/or operated by member(s) of the household who occupy the dwelling. These services may include real estate sales, law practice, accounting services, handmade goods, including baked goods (as long as they are sold off-site), and other similar professional occupations. A home occupation shall be secondary to the use of the dwelling for living purposes.

**Home occupation, class 3** means an occupation carried on within the dwelling owned and/or operated by member(s) of the household who occupy the dwelling that may involve the creation, display, or sale of artistic wares, crafts, pieces of art, sculptures, or other creations, and handmade goods (including baked goods). A home occupation shall be secondary to the use of the dwelling for living purposes.

**Hospital** means an institution providing physical services primarily for human inpatient medical or surgical care for the sick or injured. A hospital may include related facilities such as laboratories, outpatient services, training facilities, central service facilities, mental health and staff offices. A hospital shall include an on-site heliport.

**Hotel** means a structure containing hotel units, hotel suites, and or efficiency units with 24-hour, on-site management and intended for transient guests on a rental basis.

**Hotel efficiency unit** means a lodging unit having living and cooking facilities and also meeting the following requirements:

- (1) Efficiency units shall be limited to one bedroom.
- (2) The kitchen area shall comprise no more than ten percent of the entire unit.

**Hotel suite** means lodging unit having living and cooking facilities within a hotel and also meeting the following requirements:

- (1) Units shall be limited to two bedrooms.
- (2) The kitchen area shall comprise no more than ten percent of the entire unit.

**Hotel unit** means a lodging unit which does not contain independent cooking facilities and is designed and intended for transient guests on a rental basis. This definition shall include rental units customarily found in motels, hotels, inns and motor lodges.

**Housekeeping unit** means any household whose members are an interactive group of persons jointly occupying a dwelling unit, including joint access to and use of all common areas including living, kitchen, and eating areas within the dwelling unit, and sharing household activities and responsibilities such as meals, chores, expenses and maintenance, and whose makeup is determined by the members of the unit rather than by the landlord, property manager, or other third party.



**Impacts of stormwater** means impacts associated with inadequate storage, conveyance, or ponding of stormwater runoff, including erosion, intermittent flooding, or chronic flooding.

**Impervious surface** means any surface which, because of its material composition or compacted nature, impedes or prevents natural infiltration of stormwater into the soil.

**Improvements** are all changes or additions made on or to the land, excluding buildings and structures and including, but not limited to:

- (1) Street and roads and related curbing;
- (2) Sidewalks;
- (3) Storm drains and mains;
- (4) Water lines, water mains and fire hydrants;
- (5) Sewer lines and sewer mains;

- (6) Any sewerage treatment facility of any kind except one-family or two-family residence septic tanks;
- (7) Surface and subsurface electric and telephone and cable television lines and conduits;
- (8) Recreational facilities, except recreational facilities intended for use by an individual for his own private purposes which include, but are not limited to:
  - (a) Playgrounds;
  - (b) Parks;
  - (c) Marinas;
  - (d) Beaches and swimming pools;
  - (e) Golf courses;
- (9) Street lighting and related electric wires;
- (10) Natural gas lines;
- (11) Parking lots.

**Incipient inlet** means an ocean-to-sound inlet which has been formed, or an inlet in the first stages of formation, or an inlet which has opened and is now closed, as a result of a severe storm event.

**Incipient inlet high hazard area** means that land area on both sides of an inlet, an incipient inlet, or former inlet which has closed.

**Indoor entertainment** means performances, entertainment, or presentations consisting of or using electric or electronic amplified sound by live entertainers, or by prerecorded media, presented before audiences or customers. Sexually oriented business activities and adult live entertainment are specifically excluded from this indoor entertainment definition.

**Indoor entertainment facilities** means facilities as a part of, or included in the design or plan of, a building or structure to accommodate indoor entertainment as a principal or accessory use. Indoor entertainment facilities must be constructed to meet noise buffering requirements of the zoning district where located.

**Indoor fitness center** means a building which is occupied and used exclusively for physical health fitness programs and to provide facilities for group and individual exercise including aerobics, weightlifting, martial arts, stretching and meditation.

**Indoor place of amusement and entertainment** means any place of amusement and entertainment which operates indoors within a building which is completely walled on all sides and has a complete roof; except, a tent or temporary structure or building.

**Indoor public assembly facility** means a facility designated for multiple activities. The allowed activities may include conferences, conventions, concerts, private parties, catered meals, and general retail in the form of craft fairs, food fairs and indoor flea markets.

**Indoor recreation activities** means family indoor recreation uses either as a principal or accessory use.

**Inn** - see Hotel.

**ISO footcandle diagram** means lines plotted on a set of coordinates to show all points on a surface where equal levels of illuminance occur.

## J

**Jetpack** means a device, usually worn on the back, which is propelled by jets of escaping gases or liquids to allow a single user to propel themselves in the air.

**Junk** means old or scrap metals, rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber or debris. Junked, dismantled or wrecked motor vehicles or parts thereof and iron, steel and other old or scrap ferrous or nonferrous material are also junk. The term junk shall also include old or salvaged building materials, appliances, dismantled or wrecked boats, machinery and machinery parts, or parts thereof, and any item which is either in a wholly or partially rusted, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative condition.

**Junked motor vehicle** means, as authorized and defined in NCGS 160A-303.2, a vehicle that does not display a current license plate upon that vehicle and that:

- (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked;
- (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it originally was intended to move; or
- (3) Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than \$100.00.

**Junkyard** means an open storage area such as an automobile wrecking yard, building material salvage yard, scrap metal processing yard or any lot, land or structure or part thereof where an area of 600 square feet or larger is used for storing, keeping, buying, processing or selling junk. In addition, any open storage area on which three vehicles without proper, current license plates are located shall be considered a junkyard.

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**Lake or natural watercourse** means any stream, river, brook, swamp, sound, bay, creek, run, branch, canal, waterway or estuary and any reservoir, lake or pond, natural or impounded, in which sediment may be moved or carried in suspension, and which could be damaged by accumulation of sediment. (For the purposes of Article 11, Environmental Regulations, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control)

**Lamp** means a bulb, tube, or light emitting diode (LED) that is a light source.

**Land development regulations** means any ordinance enacted pursuant to Part 3E of Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS).

**Land disturbing activity** means any use of the land by any person in residential, industrial, educational, institutional or commercial development, highway and road construction and maintenance that results in a change in the natural cover or topography and that may cause or contribute to sedimentation, excluding disturbance allowable for site investigations (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Landowner** means any owner of a legal or equitable interest in real property, including heirs, devisees, successors, assigns, and personal representatives of such owner. The landowner may allow a person holding a valid option to purchase to act as his agent or representative for purposes of submitting a proposed site-specific development plan in the manner allowed by Article 3, Legislative/Quasi-Judicial Procedures of this UDO.

**Letter of Map Change (LOMC)** means an official determination issued by FEMA that amends or revises an effective Flood Insurance Rate Map or Flood Insurance Study. Letters of Map Change include:

- (1) **Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA)** means an official amendment, by letter, to an effective National Flood Insurance Program map. A LOMA is based on technical data showing that a property had been inadvertently mapped as being in the floodplain but is actually on natural high ground above the base flood elevation. A LOMA amends the current effective Flood Insurance Rate Map and establishes that a specific property, portion of a property, or structure is not located in a special flood hazard area.
- (2) **Letter of Map Revision (LOMR)** means a revision based on technical data that may show changes to flood zones, flood elevations, special flood hazard area boundaries and floodway delineations, and other planimetric features.
- (3) **Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-F)** means a determination that a structure or parcel of land has been elevated by fill above the BFE and is, therefore, no longer located within the special flood hazard area. In order to qualify for this determination, the fill must have been permitted and placed in accordance with the community's floodplain management regulations.

- (4) **Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR)** means a formal review and comment as to whether a proposed project complies with the minimum NFIP requirements for such projects with respect to delineation of special flood hazard areas. A CLOMR does not revise the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map or Flood Insurance Study; upon submission and approval of certified as-built documentation, a Letter of Map Revision may be issued by FEMA to revise the effective FIRM.

**Light duty truck** means any motor vehicle rated at 8,500 pounds Gross Vehicular Weight Rating or less which has a vehicular curb weight of 6,000 pounds or less and which has a basic vehicle frontal area of 45 square feet or less as defined in 40 CFR 86.082-2 and is:

- (1) Designed primarily for purposes of transportation of property or is a derivation of such a vehicle, or
- (2) Designed primarily for transportation of persons and has a capacity of more than 12 persons; or
- (3) Available with special features enabling off-street or off-highway operation and use.

**Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA)** means the boundary line given by FEMA on coastal map studies marking the extents of Coastal A Zones (CAZ).

**Light fixture** means any electrically powered illuminating device, reflective surface, lamp or any similar device, permanently installed or portable, used for illumination or advertisement, including illuminated signs.

**Loading and unloading area** means any space or area used by any moving vehicle for the purpose of receiving, shipping and transporting goods, wares, commodities and persons.

**Local damage assessment team** means a damage assessment team, required by the state division of emergency management, whose function is to assess losses to property immediately after a storm. The assessment is used to determine if the area can qualify for federal or state disaster assistance.

**Local Elevation Standard** means a locally adopted elevation level used as the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation (RFPE) to mitigate flood hazards in the Shaded X, X, AE, AO, VE, as depicted on the FIRMs for Nags Head. These areas may be vulnerable to flooding from storm surge, wind-driven tides, and excessive rainfall. Many of these areas have repetitively flooded and continue to remain at risk to flooding.

**Local government** means any county, incorporated village, town or city, or any combination of counties, incorporated villages, towns and cities, acting through a joint program pursuant to the provisions of the Act (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Lot** means a portion of a subdivision or any other parcel of land which is subject to this UDO, intended as a unit for transfer of ownership, for development or for both. The term "lot" includes the terms "plot," "parcel" or "tract."

**Lot area** means the total horizontal area included within lot lines.

**Lot balancing** is the act of grading a site utilizing existing on-site material for purposes such as providing a level building pad or vehicular areas. Lot balancing does not include the importation of fill.

**Lot, corner** means a lot abutting upon two streets at their intersection, provided that the interior angle at the intersection of two such streets is less than 135 degrees.

**Lot coverage** means that portion of the lot area, expressed as a percentage, that is covered or occupied by impervious surfaces or structures. For the purposes of determining lot coverage, the following features shall be considered impervious – any principal or accessory use or structure located above the ground including decks, parking areas, vehicular use areas, roadways, access ways, and sidewalks or walkways that prevent the infiltration of rainwater. Lot coverage is utilized to determine zoning compliance and is distinct from the amount of built upon area used in stormwater management calculations.

**Lot depth** means the average distance from the front lot line to the rear lot line measured in a general direction with the side lot lines of a lot.

**Lot lines** means the lines bounding a lot:

- (1) **Lot line, front** means the line separating a lot from the right-of-way of the street which is designated by the owner as the front street, except that where there is an access easement, that easement line shall be the front lot line, rather than the street itself.
- (2) **Lot line, rear** means the lot boundary opposite and most distant from the front lot line. In the case of a pointed or irregular lot, it shall be an imaginary line parallel to and farthest from the front lot line, not less than 30 feet long and wholly within the lot.
- (3) **Lot line, side** means a side lot line is any lot boundary line not a front lot line or rear lot line.

**Lot of record** means a lot which is part of a subdivision or a lot or parcel described by metes and bounds which has been legally created and recorded in the office of the Dare County Register of Deeds.

**Lot width** means the width of a lot at the required building setback line measured at right angles to its depth. However, within the SED-80 district, the required lot width shall be measured at the actual building line.

**Low impact development** is a stormwater management design framework aimed at minimizing the negative impacts of stormwater runoff by mimicking pre-development hydrology.

**Low impact development solutions to reduce stormwater runoff, or the Town BMP manual** means the local reference guide designed to provide information for low impact development practices and which can be utilized to assist with compliance for residential projects using two feet or less of fill under Article 11, Part I, Stormwater, Fill & Runoff Management. All references herein to the Town BMP manual or "Low Impact Development Solutions to Reduce Stormwater Runoff," are to the latest edition or revision.

**Lowest adjacent grade (LAG)** means the elevation of the ground, sidewalk or patio slab immediately next to the building, or deck support, after completion of the building.

**Lowest floor** means the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including the basement). An unfinished or flood-resistant enclosure, usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access, or limited storage in an area other than a basement area is not considered a building's lowest floor, provided that such enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention.

**Lowest horizontal structural member** means the lowest beam, joist, or other horizontal member that supports the building.

**Lumen** means the unit of measure of the quantity of light emitted by a light source, irrespective of direction.

**Luminescent** means any surface that is illuminated through the use of phosphorescent or luminescent paint or material.

## M

**Maids' quarters** means an attached or detached individual dwelling unit identified as being an historic structure and listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places, a listing by the US Department of the Interior, or has preliminary been determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register.

**Maintained footcandles** means footcandles (minimum, maximum, or average) that are calculated with an adjustment for a maintenance factor that includes dirt buildup, lamp lumen depreciation, ballast factor, etc. The system is in effect over designed initially and then over time allowed to reach a maintained footcandle level.

**Major damaged structure** means a structure that can be made habitable with extensive repairs. Damage may include foundation, roof structure, and major structural components. The indicator for this category is if the cost to repair is greater than ten percent and less than 50 percent of the replacement cost at the time of damage.

**Manufactured home (includes double-wide and triple-wide homes)** means a preassembled dwelling unit built on a chassis, with body width exceeding eight feet and body length exceeding 32 feet, designed to be used as a dwelling, with or without a permanent foundation, when connected to the

required utilities. The term includes units that do and do not meet HUD model standards for manufactured homes. A travel trailer is not to be considered as a manufactured home.

**Map Repository** means the location of the official flood hazard data to be applied for floodplain management. It is a central location in which flood data is stored and managed; in North Carolina, FEMA has recognized that the application of digital flood hazard data products carries the same authority as hard copy products. Therefore, the NCEM's Floodplain Mapping Program websites house current and historical flood hazard data. For effective flood hazard data, the NC FRIS website (<http://FRIS.NC.GOV/FRIS>) is the map repository, and for historical flood hazard data the FloodNC website (<http://FLOODNC.GOV/NCFLOOD>) is the map repository.

**Market value** means the building value, not including the land value and that of any accessory structures or other improvements on the lot. Market value may be established by independent appraisal prepared by a certified professional appraiser; replacement cost depreciated for age of building and quality of construction (Actual Cash Value); or adjusted tax assessed values.

**Marshlands** means those lands, bordering on bodies of water, which are periodically subject to overflow by such bodies of water, and which lands are usually soft and wet and covered with or support the growth of "marsh grass," even though at times they may be solid, dry and firm.

**Massage and bodywork therapy** means systems of activity applied to the soft tissues of the human body for therapeutic, educational, or relaxation purposes. The application may include:

- (1) Pressure, friction, stroking, rocking, kneading, percussion, or passive or active stretching within the normal anatomical range of movement.
- (2) Complementary methods, including the external application of water, heat, cold, lubricants, and other topical preparations.
- (3) The use of mechanical devices that mimic or enhance actions that may possibly be done by the hands.

**Massage and bodywork therapist** means a person licensed by the NC Massage and Bodywork Therapy Board and conducting massage and bodywork therapy.

**Massage and bodywork therapy establishment means** any duly licensed site or premises in which massage and bodywork therapy is practiced. This term does not include any of the following:

- (1) On-site massage performed at the location of the customer.
- (2) Stand-alone devices, such as chairs, that are operated by the customer.
- (3) Establishments located within the confines of a hospital, nursing home, or other similar establishment or facility licensed or otherwise regulated by the NC Department of Health and Human Services.
- (4) Massage and bodywork therapy provided by a sole practitioner.

- (5) A student clinic operated by a Board-approved school or a massage and bodywork therapy program offered by community colleges in North Carolina that are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or massage and bodywork therapy programs offered by a degree or diploma granting college or university accredited by any accrediting agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education and licensed by the North Carolina Community College System or The University of North Carolina Board of Governors or exempt from such licensure pursuant to NCGS 116-15(c).
- (6) Chiropractic physician offices that provide massage and bodywork therapy only by massage and bodywork therapists currently licensed in North Carolina.

**Maximum footcandle** means the maximum footcandle point calculation or measurement in a given area.

**Mean high water (MHW)** means 1.18 feet above the National Geodetic Vertical Datum, 1988.

**Medical clinic** means a building or structure or portion thereof where medical services are provided by three or more doctors or practitioners for outpatients only.

**Medical office** means a building or structure or portion thereof where persons receive outpatient medical examinations, treatments, and procedures from licensed practitioners. This definition shall include doctor's and dentist's offices, and the offices of any other licensed and/or certified health care providers.

**Mentally or physically impaired person** means a person who is a resident of this State and who requires assistance with two or more activities of daily living (bathing, dressing, personal hygiene, ambulation or locomotion, transferring, toileting, and eating) as certified in writing by a physician licensed to practice in this State.

**Metaphysical wellness services** means hypnosis, past life regression, energy healing practices, phrenology, astrology, and intuitive readings such as psychic, palm, tarot and oracle cards for which there is no professional licensing recognized by the State of North Carolina.

**Micro wireless facility** means a small wireless facility that is no larger in dimension than twenty-four (24) inches in length, fifteen (15) inches in width, and twelve (12) inches in height and that has an exterior antenna, if any, no longer than eleven (11) inches.

**Microbrewery** means a facility for the production and packaging of malt beverages of low alcoholic content for distribution, retail, or wholesale, on or off premise.

**Migrating dune** means an area of unstabilized sand subject to movement under the influence of winds. Migrating dunes occur in the Nags Head Woods along the eastern boundary of the dune ridge maritime forest and along the oceanfront.

**Mini-storage** means a building or group of buildings in a controlled access and fenced compound that contains varying sizes of individual compartmentalized and controlled access stalls or lockers for the storage of customers' belongings.

**Minimum footcandle** means the minimum footcandle point calculation or measurement in a given area.

**Minor damaged structure** means a structure that can be made habitable in a short period of time with minimal repairs. Damage may include doors, windows, floors, furnaces, water heaters, and other minor structural damage. An indicator for this category is if the cost to repair is ten percent or less of the replacement cost at the time of damage.

**Mixed-use development** means a single building containing more than one type of land use or single development of more than one building, and use, under common ownership, where the different types of land uses are in close proximity, planned as a unified complementary whole, and functionally integrated to the use of shared vehicular and pedestrian access and parking areas. Mixed use is defined by a combination of professional offices, personal services, indoor recreation facilities, retail, and/or restaurant uses in combination with residential development.

**Modular unit** means a factory-fabricated transportable building designed to be used by itself or to be incorporated with similar units at a building site into a modular structure. The term is intended to apply to major assemblies and does not include prefabricated panels, trusses, plumbing trees, and other prefabricated sub-elements which are to be incorporated into a structure at the site.

**Monopole** means a slender self-supporting communications tower consisting of a single pole.

**Motel** - see Hotel.

**Motor lodge** - see Hotel.

**Motor vehicle or vehicle** means all machines designed or intended to travel over land by self-propulsion or while attached to any self-propelled vehicle.

**Multiple principal uses** means multiple, unrelated, primary or predominate uses located within one building.

**Multi-level deck platform** means any deck structure, with a support structure independent of a principal or accessory structure, containing two or more elevation-separated deck platforms. This definition does not include decking customarily found in conjunction with residential dwellings when located within the CAMA Ocean Hazard Area and required to be structurally detached pursuant to 15A NCAC 07H 0.300, when such decking is in contact with the principal or accessory structure on two or more levels.

N

***Nags Head (Town of) Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance*** means Article 11, Part II of this UDO. Article 11, Part II shall also include the Act and all rules and orders adopted pursuant to the Act or this UDO (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

***Navigational light*** means a light used to guide or direct ships, boats or other types of watercraft and which may have a flashing or intermittent pattern of illumination.

***Net buildable land*** means that portion of any lot that does not include estuarine marsh, fresh water marsh, ponds, wetland swales or streams (as determined or defined by CAMA or the US Army Corps of Engineers).

***New construction*** means any new development, construction, or installation that results in real property improvement or that requires any building permit, certification, or other action permitting real property improvement. The term includes the installation of factory-built or modular housing. The term does not include fences, poles, pipelines, transmission lines, advertising signs, or similar structures and improvements that do not generate the need for additional or expanded community facilities upon completion of the additions or improvements. The term excludes the renovation and repair of existing structures and accessory uses and their structures, unless such renovations and repairs and accessory uses shall cause an increase in the off-street parking requirements or a change in occupancy as occupancy is defined by the state building code. The term also excludes additions, unless such addition causes an increase in the off-street parking requirements or a change in occupancy as occupancy is defined by the state building code.

***New construction*** means structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after February 3, 1975, and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

***Nonconforming lot*** means a legally created lot which does not have required frontage on a Town-approved street or fails to meet minimum dimensional requirements for the district in which it is located.

***Nonconforming sign*** means a legally erected sign which is not in compliance with the regulations imposed by this UDO.

***Nonconforming site*** means an existing site which was legally developed that no longer conforms to one or more of the regulations applicable to the district in which the site is located. A site may be nonconforming due to excessive lot coverage, inadequate or nonconforming parking facilities, nonconforming outdoor lighting, inadequate buffering or other regulations, excluding signs, which are not in compliance with the provisions of this UDO. A nonconforming site may be in conjunction with nonconforming structures or nonconforming uses.



**Nonconforming structure** means a legally created structure that fails to meet the minimum dimensional requirements for the district in which it is located.

**Nonconforming use** means the use of a structure or land which does not conform with the regulations of the district in which such structure or land is situated but was previously lawful.

**Non-conversion agreement** means a document stating that the owner will not convert or alter what has been constructed and approved. Violation of the agreement is considered a violation of the ordinance and, therefore, subject to the same enforcement procedures and penalties. The agreement must be filed with the recorded deed for the property. The agreement must show the clerk's or recorder's stamps and/or notations that the filing has been completed.

**Non-encroachment area (NEA)** means the channel of a river or other watercourse, including the area above a bridge or culvert when applicable, and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one (1) foot as designated in the Flood Insurance Study report.

**Non-profit/community outreach center** means a building that is owned and operated by a non-profit entity that is exempt under section 501(c)(3) or section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code and is occupied and used exclusively as a community center providing social and/or recreational programs but which does not provide:

- (1) Overnight accommodations; or
- (2) Any business offices, and

Specifically, this definition excludes halfway houses and rehabilitation clinics.

**Non-profit/outreach center with aquatic fitness facility** means a building that is occupied and used exclusively as an aquatic fitness center providing social and/or recreational programs, wellness center, health fitness programs, child and youth services, and/or public divine worship activities, but which does not provide overnight accommodations; and is owned and operated by a non-profit entity that is exempt under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code. This definition specifically excludes halfway houses.

**Non-profit wildlife and ecological preserve** means a natural wildlife and ecological protected area with facilities intended to support the preservation of the natural environment and provide educational programming to the public.

**North Carolina DEQ Stormwater Design Manual** is the stormwater design manual approved by North Carolina. All references herein to the NC Stormwater Design manual are to the latest published edition or revision.

**Nude model studio** means any place where a person who appears in a state of nudity or displays specified anatomical areas is provided to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured,

photographed, or similarly depicted by other persons who pay money or any form of consideration. There is excepted from this definition any studio which is part of a school for artists who are regularly enrolled in a course of instruction in the arts, and in which the use of nude models involves less than ten percent of the course hours.

***Nudity or a state of nudity*** means the appearance of a human bare buttock, anus, male genitals, female genitals, or female breast without a fully opaque complete covering of the breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola, or human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state even if completely and opaquely covered.

***Nursing home*** means a facility, however named, which is advertised, announced, or maintained for the express or implied purpose of providing nursing or convalescent care for three or more persons unrelated to the licensee. A nursing home is a home for chronic or convalescent patients, who, on admission, are not as a rule, acutely ill and who do not usually require special facilities such as an operating room, X-ray facilities, laboratory facilities, and obstetrical facilities. A nursing home provides care for persons who have remedial ailments or other ailments, for which medical and nursing care are indicated; who, however, are not sick enough to require general hospital care. Nursing care is their primary need, but they will require continuing medical supervision.

***Nuisance vehicle*** means a vehicle on public or private property that is determined and declared to be a health or safety hazard, a public nuisance, and unlawful, and including a vehicle found to be:

- (1) A breeding ground or harbor for mosquitoes, other insects, rats or other pests;
- (2) A point of uncontrolled growth of weeds or other noxious vegetation;
- (3) A point of collection of pools or ponds of water;
- (4) A point of concentration of quantities of gasoline, oil or other flammable or explosive materials as evidenced by odor;
- (5) One which has areas of confinement, such as trunks, hoods, etc., which cannot be operated from inside the area of confinement;
- (6) One so situated or located that there is a danger of it falling or turning over;
- (7) One which is a point of collection of garbage, food waste, animal waste, or any other rotten or putrescible matter of any kind;
- (8) One which has sharp parts thereof which are jagged or contain sharp edges of metal or glass; or
- (9) Any other vehicle specifically declared a health and safety hazard and a public nuisance by the police department or Town Manager.

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**Oath** shall be construed to include an affirmation in all cases in which, by law, an affirmation may be substituted for an oath, and in such cases the terms "swear" and "sworn" shall be equivalent to the terms "affirm" and "affirmed."

**Ocean beach** means the area of land consisting of unconsolidated soil material that extends from the mean low water line landward to a point where either the growth of vegetation occurs; or a distinct change in slope or elevation alters the configuration of the land form, whichever is farther landward.

**Ocean erodible area** means the area in which there exists a substantial possibility of excessive erosion and significant shoreline fluctuation. The oceanward boundary of this area is the mean low water line. The landward extent of this area is the distance landward from the first line of stable and natural vegetation as defined in 15A NCAC 07H .0305(a)(5) to the recession line established by multiplying the long-term annual erosion rate times 90; provided that, where there has been no long-term erosion or the rate is less than two feet per year, this distance shall be set at 120 feet landward from the first line of stable natural vegetation. For the purposes of this UDO, the erosion rates are the long-term average based on available historical data. The current long-term average erosion rate data for each segment of the North Carolina coast is depicted on maps entitled "2011 Long-Term Average Annual Shoreline Rate Update" and approved by the Coastal Resources Commission on May 5, 2011 (except as such rates may be varied in individual contested cases or in declaratory or interpretive rulings). In all cases, the rate of shoreline change shall be no less than two feet of erosion per year. The maps are available from the UDO Administrator.

**Ocean hazard area** means the area consisting of the ocean erodible area and the high hazard flood area.

**Oceanfront setback** means a line which is measured in a landward direction from the vegetation line for the purposes of establishing the minimum required setback distance for oceanfront development as prescribed by the Coastal Area Management Act. The oceanfront setback is determined using the total floor area of a structure and the erosion rate of the property in question, as determined by the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management.

**Octave** means the interval of frequency between two sounds whose frequency ratio is two.

**Official time standard** shall mean standard time or daylight-saving time as may be in current use in the Town, whenever certain hours are named in this UDO.

**Officials, departments, boards, commissions, etc.,** as referenced in this UDO by title only, shall be deemed to refer to officials, departments, etc. of the Town of Nags Head, North Carolina.

**Open space** means an unoccupied natural, grassed or landscaped space open to the sky.

**Open storage** means unroofed storage area.

**Open vertical fixture** means a lighting fixture that is an unshielded, high intensity discharge fixture with an open bottom refractor.

**Operations and maintenance agreement** means the owner's document that is filed with the Town at the time of the certificate of compliance which provides SCM maintenance instructions and inspection schedule.

**Otherwise Protected Area (OPA)** see Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS).

**Outdoor aquatic facility** means a facility where water sports are performed outdoors in a swimming pool and/or wading pool. The term does not include private swimming pools.

**Outdoor place of amusement and entertainment** means any place of amusement and entertainment which operates out of doors or outside a building or structure which is completely walled on all sides or not having a complete roof. Any shed or building within the terms of this UDO not completely walled in on all sides, and any tent or temporary structure or building, shall be deemed to be an outdoor place of amusement and entertainment.

**Outdoor performances and events** such as fairs, festivals, musical concerts, sporting events, contests, promotional events or other types of performances or events on public or private lands that:

- (1) Represent a use or uses of land, buildings, and structures not intended to be of a permanent duration;
- (2) Are intended to or likely to attract substantial crowds, participants and/or spectators;
- (3) Are advertised and/or open to the general public; and
- (4) Are unlike the customary or usual activities generally associated with the principal use of the property where the performance or event is to be located.

**Outdoor stand** means an approved area where the sale of produce, hot dogs, coffee, ice cream or Italian ice, and fudge occurs from a cart or structure.

**Oversized vehicle** means any motor vehicle, boat or trailer, which exceeds either ten feet in width or 20 feet in length, exclusive of fixtures or accessories

**Owner** as applied to any property, shall include any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, joint tenant or tenant by the entirety, of the whole or a part of such property.

## P

**Parade** means any parade, march, ceremony, show, exhibition or procession of any kind in or upon the public streets, sidewalks, alleys, parks or other public grounds or places in the Town.

**Parent** means an affiliate that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls another person (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control). (

**Park** means any public land available for recreational, education, cultural or aesthetic use.

**Parking, off-street** means a designated vehicular storage space located outside of any dedicated public right-of-way and contained within a property boundary.

**Parking, on-street** means a vehicular storage space as permitted by the Town within a public right-of-way.

**Parking space or stall** means a designated vehicular storage space within a public or private parking area.

**Participating customers** means all single-family, two-family and multi-family residential customers presently being served by the Town public services department and solid waste division.

**Pedicab** means a non-motorized for-hire vehicle, propelled by human power, for which public patronage is solicited and for which the charges are based upon the number of miles operated or zone covered.

**Pennants** means small usually multicolored, plastic or fabric flags held together by a string or cord, and generally used to attract attention to a business or site.

**Permeable pavement** means paving materials that absorb water or allow water to infiltrate through the paving material. Permeable pavement materials include pervious concrete, porous asphalt, permeable interlocking concrete pavers, concrete grid pavers, Turfstone TM, gravel meeting the definition of this section, and other proven technologies available as covered in the NC Best Management Practices Manual and as approved by the Town Engineer for appropriateness to the site and existing conditions. Compacted gravel shall not be considered permeable pavement.

**Person** means any individual, association, partnership, or corporation and includes any officer, employee, department, agency or instrumentality of the United States, the state or any political subdivision thereof.

**Person conducting land-disturbing activity** means any person who may be held responsible for a violation unless expressly provided otherwise by this UDO, the Act or any order adopted pursuant to this UDO or the Act. (For the purposes of Article 11, Environmental Regulations, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control)

**Person responsible for land disturbance violation** means:

- (1) The developer or other person who has or holds himself out as having financial or operational control over the land-disturbing activity; or
- (2) The landowner or person in possession or control of the land when he has, directly or indirectly, allowed the land-disturbing activity or has benefited from it, or failed to comply

with any duty imposed by any provision of this UDO, the Act, or any order adopted pursuant to this chapter or the Act (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Personal property** includes every species of property except real property.

**Phase of grading** means one of two types of grading, rough or fine (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Picket line** means one or more persons formed together for the purpose of making known any position or promotion of such persons, or of or on behalf of any organization, group, corporation or class of persons.

**Pier** means a wharf, deck, quay, or other structure allowing access to water for private recreational and/or commercial boating, swimming, diving, fishing and transportation. The term pier includes docks.

**Pier, commercial fishing** means a privately, jointly, or publicly owned structure used for recreational or commercial activity where a user fee is required or the use of the pier involves goods which are introduced into commerce.

**Pier, private** means a privately-owned structure used specifically for recreational and/or fishing-related activities that is for the exclusive use of the owner.

**Place of amusement and entertainment** means any site, location, lot, building or structure of any description whatsoever, whether indoors or outdoors, at which entertainment or amusement is provided to or for the general public or private membership, whether free or for charge or donation. The term shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Pool and billiard halls;
- (2) Dance halls;
- (3) Carnivals;
- (4) Circuses;
- (5) Itinerant shows or exhibitions of any kind;
- (6) Coffee houses;
- (7) Cocktail lounges;
- (8) Nightclubs;
- (9) Beer halls;
- (10) Amusement parks and pavilions;

- (11) Bowling alleys;
- (12) Golf courses, miniature and carpet golf courses;
- (13) Adult entertainment houses and membership clubs.

**Plan** means an erosion and sedimentation control plan (for the purposes of Article 11, Environmental Regulations, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Plat, final** means a drawing, in final form, showing a proposed subdivision, containing all information or detail required by law and by this UDO and which complies with NCGS 39-32.1, 39-32.2 and 47-30, to be presented to the Planning Board for approval, and which, if approved, may be duly filed or recorded by the applicant in the office of the Dare County Register of Deeds.

**Plat, preliminary** means a drawing clearly marked "preliminary plat" showing the features of a proposed subdivision as specified in Article 10, Part V, Subdivision Regulations, submitted to the Planning Board for the purpose of consideration prior to submission of the plat in final form, and in sufficient detail to clearly illustrate the layout of the proposed subdivision.

**Pond** means a small body of standing water with rooted plants growing across it (or at least capable of supporting plants all the way across). In Nags Head Woods, ponds often exhibit moderate seasonal variations in water depth.

**Post-development surface elevation** means the finished or final land surface grades recorded at the completion of construction activities.

**Pre-development surface elevation** means the land surface grades existing prior to any land disturbing or grading activities.

**Post-FIRM** means construction or other development for which the start of construction occurred on or after December 31, 1974, the effective date of the initial Flood Insurance Rate Map.

**Pre-FIRM** means construction or other development for which the start of construction occurred before November 10, 1972, the effective date of the initial Flood Insurance Rate Map.

**Preliminary sketch** means a sketch of a proposed subdivision, showing the information specified in Section 4.22, Initial Conference; Preliminary Sketch, which is to enable the subdivider to reach a general understanding as to the form of the layout and objectives of this UDO.

**Primary dune** means the first mound of sand located landward of the ocean beach having an elevation equal to the mean flood level (in a storm having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year) for the area plus six feet. The primary dune extends landward to the lowest elevation in the depression landward of that same mound of sand (commonly referred to as the "dune trough").

**Primary frontal dune (PFD)** means a continuous or nearly continuous mound or ridge of sand with relatively steep seaward and landward slopes immediately landward and adjacent to the beach and

subject to erosion and over-topping from high tides and waves during major coastal storms. The inland limit of the primary frontal dune occurs at the point where there is a distinct change from a relatively steep slope to a relatively mild slope (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Principally above ground** means that at least 51 percent of the actual cash value of the structure is above ground (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Private club (non-profit)** means a noncommercial club, owned and operated by a non-profit legal entity composed of and with membership restricted to residents and owners of lots or dwellings in the residential development containing the private club.

**Property** means all real property subject to UDO regulations and restrictions and zoning boundaries by the Town.

**Public safety and/or nuisance** means anything which is injurious to the safety or health of an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, or unlawfully obstructs the free passage or use, in the customary manner, of any navigable lake, or river, bay, stream, canal or basin (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Public trust beach area** means the area adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean that is subject to public trust rights. This area is in constant flux due to the action of wind, waves, tides, and storms and includes the wet sand area of the beach that is subject to regular flooding by tides, i.e., state owned property seaward of the mean high water mark, and the dry sand area of the beach that is subject to occasional flooding by tides, including wind tides other than those resulting from a hurricane or tropical storm. Natural indicators of the landward extent of the public trust beach area include, but are not limited to, the first line of stable, natural vegetation; the toe of the frontal dune; and the storm trash line.

**Public water supply well field** means a well or series of wells operated by a governmental entity to provide water for its citizens.

## Q

**Quasi-judicial decision** means those decisions that require the finding of facts and the application of standards that involve judgment and discretion. Examples include conditional use permits and variances.

## R

**Real estate rental management facility** means a building containing those uses, including but not limited to, administrative offices and warehouse/storage areas for the convenience, maintenance, housekeeping and service of rental homes and properties.

**Real property** includes lands, tenements and hereditaments.



**Recessed or flush-mounted** means a fixture that is mounted above the ceiling with the opening, lens, or cover of the fixture recessed or level with the ceiling surface, and all light emitted is below the horizontal plane.

**Recreational vehicle** means a vehicle which is built on a single chassis; 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection; designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light-duty truck; designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use; and is fully licensed and ready for highway use.

**Redevelopment** means any development activity that physically alters an existing developed site.

**Reference level** is:

- (1) The reference level is the bottom of the lowest floor or the bottom of the lowest attendant utility including ductwork, whichever is lower, with only flood resistant materials located below the reference level west of NC 12 and SR 1243.
- (2) The reference level is the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member of the lowest floor for structures in Coastal High Hazard Areas (CHHA) east of NC 12 and SR 1243.

**Reflective** means any light that is reflected light back towards its source in intensity many times greater than would be reflected by a white painted surface. Reflectorized materials may include, but are not limited to reflective sheeting, glass beads and glass or plastic reflectors and shall also include reflective elements that sparkle in the sunlight or that contain luminous paint that glows in the dark.

**Regulatory flood protection elevation** means the Local Elevation Standard (LES). The Local Elevation Standard is a locally adopted elevation level used as the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation (RFPE) to mitigate flood hazards in the Shaded X, X, AE, AO, VE, as depicted on the FIRMs for Nags Head. These areas may be vulnerable to flooding from storm surge, wind-driven tides, and excessive rainfall. Many of these areas have repetitively flooded and continue to remain at risk to flooding.

Coastal High Hazard Areas (CHHA) - Properties located to the east of NC 12 and SR 1243 are located in an active oceanfront environment that is vulnerable to storm surge, erosion, sea level rise, and other hazards. These areas have special flood hazards associated with high velocity waters from storm surges or seismic activity and, therefore, the RFPE is 12 feet NAVD 1988.

Properties west of NC 12 and SR 1243 - The RFPE for properties located west of NC 12 and SR 1243 and in flood zones Shaded X, X, or AE, is 9 feet NAVD 1988. This includes properties abutting US 64, also known as the Causeway.

**Reinforced turf** means a turf or grassed surface which is reinforced through an underlying grid, honeycomb or other reinforcement structure which holds up under light automobile traffic and parking use while providing a porous, vegetated medium that allows stormwater to infiltrate.

**Religious complex** means a church (a building primarily used for public divine worship) or a church and any related structures including a parsonage, fellowship halls, educational buildings, youth centers, recreational facilities (which include playgrounds), day care centers, parochial schools or similar structures or areas located on a single site.

**Remedy a violation** means to bring the structure or other development into compliance with state and local floodplain management regulations or, if this is not possible, to reduce the impacts of its noncompliance. Ways that impacts may be reduced include protecting the structure or other affected development from flood damages, implementing the enforcement provisions of this article, or otherwise deterring future similar violations, or reducing federal financial exposure with regard to the structure or other development (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Reservation** means a reservation of land which does not involve any transfer of property rights. It simply involves a retention of property rights by the subdivider.

**Residential group development** means the use of a site for occupancy by groups of people not defined as a family, on a weekly or longer basis. Typical uses include fraternity or sorority houses, dormitories, residence halls, boarding/lodging houses, convents, and monasteries.

**Restaurant** means an establishment engaged in the service of food and/or beverages to patrons seated inside a building. A restaurant site may contain more than one principal restaurant building, or one principal restaurant building in combination with another principal drive-in restaurant, drive-through restaurant, or takeout restaurant building.

**Restaurant, drive-in** means an establishment whose principal business is the serving of prepared food, desserts and/or beverages to a customer, either within a motor vehicle parked upon the premises or at other facilities on the premises outside the restaurant building.

**Restaurant, drive-through** means an establishment where drive lane facilities are provided for the serving of prepared food, frozen desserts or beverages directly to a customer in a motor vehicle by a means which eliminates the need for the customer to exit the motor vehicle.

**Restaurant, neighborhood** means a restaurant situated and designed to serve a small client base fronting on NC 12 comprised of less than 1,000 square feet of indoor customer service area.

**Restaurant, sit-down** means an establishment that sells food and beverages in a ready-to-consume state primarily to persons who are seated within the building or outside on the premises.

**Restaurant, takeout** means an establishment engaged in the preparation of food and/or beverages which are delivered or picked up and consumed by patrons off premises.

**Retail, general** means establishments that provide goods directly to the consumer where such goods are available for immediate purchase and removal from the premises by the purchaser.

**Ridgeline forest** means a type of maritime forest in which the pruning effect of salt mist is moderated by distance from the ocean source. The forest canopy is dominated by various evergreen oaks (live, laurel, water) and an understory sub-canopy of dogwood, muscle wood, hop hornbeam and holly. In the Nags Head Woods, the dune ridge maritime forest typically occupies the highest dunes along a major north-south oriented dune ridge near the eastern boundary of the district.

**Right-of-way** means each of the following which have been, or are hereafter, dedicated to the public and maintained by any public authority or by others and located within the Town, including without limitation, the surface and space within, above and below any real property in which the Town has an interest in law or equity, whether held in fee, or other estate or interest, or as a trustee for the public, including, but not limited to, any public street, boulevard, road, highway, freeway, lane, alley, court, sidewalk, parkway, swale, river, tunnel, viaduct, bridge, park, or any other place, area, easements, rights-of-way and similar public property and areas, or real property owned by or under the control of the Town.

**Riverine** means relating to, formed by, or resembling a river (including tributaries), stream, brook, etc.

**Roanoke Sound dune ridge** means the western ridges of the westernmost north-to-south oriented dune. This dune ridge forms a natural barrier between the high ground of the dune ridge and the lower terrain to the west. For the purpose of this section, the Roanoke Sound dune ridge is located in the area northward of the northwest boundary of Parcel 13, Tax Map 186, as shown on Tax Map 185 and 186, and generally west of the Nags Head Woods Road, and extends northward to the Town's northern limits.

**Roof line** means the top plate or roof panel of a building or structure.

## S

**Sand dunes** means naturally occurring accumulations of sand in ridges or mounds landward of the beach.

**Salt marsh** means a flat bed of salt-resistant grasses, sedges and/or rushes that is periodically flooded by salt or brackish water. In Nags Head Woods, salt marsh extends in an irregular band along the foot of the westernmost forested dunes westerly to the edge of the estuary. Characteristic plants include cattails, giant cordgrass and black needle rush.

**Salvage yard** means any non-residential property used for the storage, collection, and/or recycling of any type of equipment, and including but not limited to, vehicles, appliances and related machinery (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**School** means any state-accredited public or non-profit educational institution including primary and secondary schools, both public and private.

**Search ring** means the area within which a wireless support facility or wireless facility must be located in order to meet service objectives of the wireless service provider using the wireless facility or wireless support structure.

**Secondary Structure** means a structure that features habitable conditioned space above the RFPE located on the same parcel as a primary use structure. A secondary structure is not an accessory structure as defined in this section. A secondary structure is subject to the same standards as a primary use structure.

**Sediment** means solid particulate matter, both mineral and organic, that has been or is being transported by water, air, gravity or ice from its site of origin (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Sedimentation** means the process by which sediment resulting from accelerated erosion has been or is being transported off the site of the land-disturbing activity or into a lake or natural watercourse (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Semi-nude** means a state of dress in which clothing covers no more than the human bare buttock, anus, male genitals, female genitals, or female breast without a fully opaque complete covering of the breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola, or human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state even if completely and opaquely covered.

**Sexual encounter center** means a business or commercial enterprise that, as one of its business purposes, offers for any form of consideration:

- (1) Physical contact by customers in the form of wrestling or tumbling between persons of the opposite sex; or
- (2) Activities between male and female persons, or persons of the same sex when one or more of the persons is in a state of nudity or semi-nudity.

**Sexually oriented business** means a business which offers its customers or patrons any device, activity or demonstration depicting specified sexual activities, or which is intended to appeal to sexual interests, titillation or arousal of the customer or patron. A sexually oriented business shall include an adult establishment as defined in NCGS 14-202.10(2) and, in addition, without limitation: adult arcade, adult bookstore, adult video store, adult cabaret, adult media center, adult live entertainment business, adult motel, adult motion picture theater, adult mini-motion picture theater, adult theater, adult movie studio for the purpose making pornographic films, adult escort agency, nude model studio, and sexual encounter center.

**Sexually oriented business activities** means those activities usually provided for, promoted, or offered by a sexually oriented business, whether or not, as the principal business purpose or as a sideline or accessory business purpose, and whether or not in connection with or on the same premises with a business which is not a sexually oriented business.

**Sexually oriented devices** as defined in NCGS 14-202.10(9) which is incorporated in this definition by reference.

**Shaded X Zone** means areas of moderate flood hazard shown on the FIRM and are the areas between the limits of the base flood and the 0.2% annual chance for flood. Also commonly referred to as the 500-year flood.

**Shared driveway** means a driveway shared by two (2) adjacent property owners that is privately-owned and maintained.

**Shear wall** means walls used for structural support but not structurally joined or enclosed at the end (except by breakaway walls). Shear walls are parallel or nearly parallel to the flow of the water.

**Shooting Range, Police** means an area designed for the safe discharge and use of firearms for the purpose of law enforcement training.

**Shopping Center** means a single, commercial structure which includes or is designed to include two or more establishments with a combined floor area of at least 10,000 square feet planned for a single or contiguous lot.

**Short-term rental** means the rental of residential property for vacation, leisure, recreation, or other purposes for fewer than thirty (30) days by a person who has a permanent residence to which he/she intends to return.

**Short-term rental, partial house** means a resident occupied single-family dwelling that consists of the rental of up to two guest rooms for vacation, leisure, recreation, or other purposes for fewer than thirty (30) days. The partial house short-term rental should be subordinate and incidental to the principal residential use of the dwelling.

**Short-term rental, whole house** means the rental of an entire single-family dwelling to a group operating as one housekeeping unit for vacation, leisure, recreation, or other purposes for fewer than thirty (30) days.

**Shrubs** means woody plants with several permanent stems instead of a single trunk.

**Sidewalks** shall include any portion of a street, between the curb line and the adjacent property line intended for the use of pedestrians.

**Sign** means any surface, fabric or device bearing lettered, pictorial or sculptured matter designed to convey information visually and exposed to public view, or any structures, including billboard or poster panel, designed to carry visual information. Municipal public works of art are not considered signage.

**Sign area** means the area of signs composed, in whole or in part, of freestanding letters, devices or sculptured matter not mounted on a measurable surface shall be construed to be the area of the least square, rectangle or circle that will enclose the letters, devices and/or sculptured matter. The area of a

double-faced sign shall be the area of one face of the sign, provided that the two faces are of the same size and are parallel to one another with no more than 24 inches between each sign face.

**Sign, bulletin board** means a sign used to announce meetings or programs to be held on the premises of a church, school, auditorium, library, museum, community recreation center or similar noncommercial places of public assembly.

**Sign, commercial** means a sign which directs attention to a business, profession or industry located upon the premises where the sign is displayed, to type of products sold, manufactured or assembled, and/or to service or entertainment offered on said premises; but not a sign pertaining to the preceding if such activity is only minor and incidental to the principal use of the premises. Prior to the issuance of a certificate of completion a commercial sign may be erected on a premises provided a site plan has been approved by the Town and the required building permit(s) has been issued.

**Sign, commercial flag** means a sign made of fabric or other flexible material and displayed as a flag on a flag pole having a commercial message. Flag signs shall not exceed 24 square feet in area and 14 feet in height and shall be allowed only on freestanding flag poles.

**Sign, digital** means any sign featuring electronic display or moving images created by incandescent, LCD, plasma, LED or projected images for any purposes other than traffic control devices. This definition is intended to include any sign containing incandescent lights or exposed light bulbs used as a message or reader board, or to project images. This definition does not include LED technology used only for the purpose of illuminating a structural sign face.

**Sign, noncommercial** means a sign that contains no commercial advertising or statements, logos, designs or trademarks designed or intended to promote or produce financial gain other than donations for charitable organizations such as groups which are tax exempt pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

**Sign, flag (non-advertising, non-informational)** means a piece of fabric or other flexible material attached to a freestanding flagpole.

**Sign, outdoor advertising (and structure)** means a sign and structure which directs attention to a business, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold, or offered:

- (1) Only elsewhere than upon the premises where the sign is displayed; or
- (2) As a minor or incidental activity upon the premises where the sign is displayed.

**Sign, permanent** means a sign attached or affixed to a building, window, or structure, or to the ground in a manner that enables the sign to resist environmental loads, such as wind, and that precludes ready removal or movement of the sign and whose intended use appears to be indefinite.

**Sign, temporary** means a type of non-permanent sign located on private property that is generally displayed for a limited period of time in conjunction with a specific activity or event occurring at the property.

**Siltation** means sediment resulting from accelerated erosion, which is settleable or removable by properly designed, constructed and maintained control measures; and which has been transported from its point of origin within the site of a land-disturbing activity; and which has been deposited or is in suspension in water (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Site** means the area or parcel of land on which a business or residence is located and operated. A site may be one or more subdivided lots, unsubdivided parcels, tracts, or areas of land which join and are being developed under a common scheme of development.

**Site element** means improvements to the existing land form for the purposes of development to include buildings, pavement, decks, landscaping, pools or other accessory structures.

**Site plan** means a plan provided that reflects existing and proposed conditions on a site that is intended for construction. This may include but is not limited to topography, structures or additions, grading, drainage, erosion control measures, trees to be saved or planted to comply with the applicable standards of this UDO as well as other requirements of the Town Code of Ordinances.

- (1) **Site plan, major** means all site plans not meeting the requirements for a minor site plan.
- (2) **Site plan, minor** includes the following: increases in lot coverage or building floor area not greater than 1,000 square feet, changes to stormwater management measures, landscape buffering, vegetation preservation area, signage, or site lighting for existing development, and/or any temporary changes to sites as part of activities eligible for and subject to the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit.

**Site specific development plan** means a plan which has been submitted to the Town by a landowner describing with certainty the type and intensity of use for a specific parcel or parcels of property. Such site specific development plan shall be presented to the Town as specified and subject to all provisions of Section 3.8, application for building permits for conditional uses.

**Skate park facility** means a facility for the use of skateboards, roller skates, and inline roller skates.

**Small fishing skiff** means a rental skiff, used for fishing, 16 feet or less in length, powered by either electric or four-cycle engine of 25 horsepower or less.

**Small wireless facility** means a wireless facility that meets both of the following qualifications:

- (1) Each antenna is located inside an enclosure of no more than six (6) cubic volume or, in the case of an antenna that has exposed elements, the antenna and all of its exposed elements, if enclosed, could fit within an enclosure of no more than six (6) cubic feet.

- (2) All other wireless equipment associated with the facility has a cumulative volume of no more than twenty-eight (28) cubic feet. For purposes of this subdivision, the following types of ancillary equipment are not included in the calculation of equipment volume: electric meters, concealment elements, communications demarcation boxes, ground based enclosures, grounding equipment, power transfer switches, cut-off switches, vertical cable runs for the connection of power and other services, and other support services.

**Soft play** means indoor juvenile entertainment that features physical interaction with inflated, textile play structures, such as bouncing chambers and ball-crawling pits, and other similar play apparatus.

**Soil erosion and sedimentation control plan** means a plan designed by the Soil Conservation Service or a comparable organization that will ensure the stabilization and subsequent revegetation of all areas that have been disturbed to the extent that bare land has become exposed.

**Solar energy facility** means a solar collector or other device or structural design feature of a structure that relies upon sunshine as an energy source and is capable of collecting, distributing, and storing (if appropriate to the technology) the sun's radiant energy for a beneficial use.

**Solid waste disposal facility** means, as defined in NCGS 130A-290(a)(35), any facility involved in the disposal of solid waste (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Solid waste disposal site** means, as defined in NCGS 130A-290(a)(36), any place to which solid wastes are disposed of by incineration, sanitary landfill, or any other method (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Special flood hazard area (SFHA)** means the land in the floodplain subject to a one percent or greater chance of being flooded in any given year, as determined in Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention.

**Specified anatomical areas** as defined in NCGS 14-202.10(10) which is incorporated in this definition by reference.

**Specified sexual activities** means as defined in NCGS 14-202.10(11) which is incorporated in this definition by reference.

**Sport-climbing wall** means an artificial attempt to recreate the characteristics of a rock-climbing face. They are usually incorporated into existing internal or external walls but can be a freestanding structure. The purpose of climbing walls is to allow basic climbing instruction and sport climbing. They allow climbers to experience the same faceholds, cracks, overhangs and other features one might expect to find at a natural climbing area.

**Standing** means the following persons who shall have standing to file a petition or appeal under this UDO:



- (1) Any person meeting any of the following criteria:
  - (a) Has an ownership interest in the property that is the subject of the decision being appealed, a leasehold interest in the property that is the subject of the decision being appealed, or an interest created by easement, restriction, or covenant in the property that is the subject of the decision being appealed.
  - (b) Has an option or contract to purchase the property that is the subject of the decision being appealed.
  - (c) Was an applicant before the decision-making board whose decision is being appealed.
- (2) Any other person who will suffer special damages as the result of the decision being appealed.
- (3) An incorporated or unincorporated association to which owners or lessees of property in a designated area belong by virtue of their owning or leasing property in that area, or an association otherwise organized to protect and foster the interest of the particular neighborhood or local area, so long as at least one of the members of the association would have standing as an individual to challenge the decision being appealed, and the association was not created in response to the particular development or issue that is the subject of the appeal.
- (4) A Town whose decision-making board has made a decision that the Board of Commissioners believes improperly grants a variance or is otherwise inconsistent with the proper interpretation of an ordinance adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

**Start of construction** includes substantial improvement and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition placement or other improvement was within 180 days, unless a lesser period of time is required, of the permit date. The actual start means the first placement of permanent construction of a structure (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of slabs or footings, installation of piles, construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of the building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Static Line** means the vegetation line that existed within one year prior to the onset of project construction for a large-scale beach fill project. Once established, this shall be the reference line for measuring oceanfront setbacks in all locations where it is landward of the first line of stable natural vegetation. This line is established in coordination with the Division of Coastal Management and is depicted on published maps for the community that has conducted the large-scale beach fill project.

**Storm event** means any natural weather event causing damage and destruction of property. A storm event may include, but not be limited to, hurricanes, tropical storms, northeasters, erosion, flood, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, fire, waterspouts, and ice or snow storms.

**Storm drainage facilities** means the system of inlets, conduits, channels, ditches and appurtenances which serve to collect and convey stormwater through and from a given drainage area (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Stormwater Control Measure or SCM, also known as Best Management Practices or BMP** means a permanent structural device that is designed, constructed, and maintained to remove pollutants from stormwater runoff by promoting settling or filtration; or to mimic the natural hydrologic cycle by promoting filtration, evapo-transpiration, post-filtration discharge, reuse of stormwater, or a combination thereof.

**Stormwater management system** refers to a drainage network or series of best management practices working together as part of a comprehensive approach to handling stormwater.

**Stormwater retrofit** means implementation of stormwater management for an existing site, which previously had no stormwater management measures in place, measures inadequate to meet the stormwater management requirements of this UDO, or measures inadequate to meet other stormwater management goals or requirements.

**Stormwater runoff** means the flow of surface water resulting from precipitation and distinct from runoff created by human activity such as pumping or draining. (For the purposes of Article 11, Environmental Regulations, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control)

**Street** includes any public way, road, highway, street, avenue, boulevard, parkway, alley, lane, viaduct, bridge, and the approaches thereto within the Town and shall mean the entire width of the right-of-way between abutting property lines.

**Street, collector** means a street which serves or is designed to serve as a traffic-way for a neighborhood or as a feeder to a major street from local access streets. Collector streets collect traffic from 100 to 400 dwelling units.

**Street, environmental** means a local street intended to serve primarily as a direct access to residentially zoned properties in environmentally sensitive areas with a projected low traffic count, on which through traffic is discouraged and which is designed to serve no more than 50 dwelling units. An environmental street shall be a cul-de-sac, a loop street less than 2,000 feet in length or a street that does not connect with more than one major street, unless otherwise required by Town Code Chapter 36, Streets,

Sidewalks, & Other Public Places. An environmental street is only allowed within 100 feet of estuarine waters, within a maritime forest, a residential subdivision street located wholly or partially within the CAMA Fresh Pond area of environmental concern (AEC). A street location within an environmentally sensitive area may be selected only if no other feasible location exists within the proposed development.

**Street, local access** means a street intended to serve primarily as a direct access to abutting properties, and on which through traffic is discouraged. A local access street is a cul-de-sac, a loop street less than 2,500 feet in length, or a street less than one mile in length which does not connect major streets. A local access street does not collect traffic from more than 100 dwelling units.

**Street, marginal access** means a local access street which parallels and is immediately adjacent to a major street or highway and which provides access to the properties abutting it and separates the abutting properties from the major street or highway right-of-way.

**Street, major** means a street which serves or is designed to serve heavy flows of traffic and which is used primarily as a route for traffic between communities or other heavy traffic-generating areas. Specifically, the term includes any state-maintained highway.

**Street, sub collector** means existing streets for which the right-of-way is less than 60 feet.

**Structure** means anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires location on the ground or attachment to something having location on the ground.

**Structure** means a walled and roofed building, a manufactured home, or a gas or liquid, or liquefied gas storage tank that is principally above ground (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Structure, accessory (appurtenant structure)** means a structure located on the same parcel of property as the principal structure and the use of which is incidental to the use of the principal structure. Garages, carports and storage sheds are common accessory structures.

**Structure, midpoint** is defined as the halfway point of the principal structure measured from front to rear on the property, including decks.

**Structure highlighting** means:

- (1) Exposed or channel neon, argon, krypton or similar gas tube lighting, not utilized as a part of permitted signage, that directs attention to a building, or structure;
- (2) Any unshielded light source, or light source that illuminates a translucent or opaque two- or three-dimensional surface, or object, that is not part of a permitted sign, that directs attention to a building or structure.

**Subdivider** means any person who shall lay out any subdivision or part thereof, as defined in this section, either for himself or others.

**Subdivision** means all divisions of a tract or parcel of land into two or more lots, building sites or other divisions for the purpose of sale or building development (whether immediate or future) and shall include all divisions of land involving the dedication of a new street or a change in existing streets; but the following shall not be included within this definition nor be subject to the regulations of this UDO:

- (1) The combination or recombination of portions of previously subdivided and recorded lots where the total number of lots is not increased and the resultant lots are equal to or exceed the standards of the municipality as shown in this UDO.
- (2) The division of land into parcels greater than ten acres where no street right-of-way dedication is involved.
- (3) The public acquisition by purchase of strips of land for the widening or opening of streets or for public transportation system corridors.
- (4) The division of a tract in single ownership whose entire area is no greater than two acres into not more than three lots, where no street right-of-way dedication is involved and where the resultant lots are equal to or exceed the standards of the municipality as shown in this UDO.
- (5) The division of a tract into parcels in accordance with the terms of a probated will or in accordance with intestate succession under Chapter 29 of the General Statutes.

**Subdivision, major** means any subdivision not classified as a minor subdivision including, but not limited to, subdivisions of five or more lots, or any size subdivision requiring any new street or extension of municipal facilities.

**Subdivision, minor** means any subdivision containing not more than four lots fronting on an existing street, not involving any new street or road or the extension of municipal facilities, not adversely affecting the development of the remainder of the parcel or adjoining property and not in conflict with any provision or portion of the master plan, official map, or this UDO.

**Subsidiary** means an affiliate that is directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controlled by another person (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Substantial damage** means damage of any origin sustained by a structure during any one-year period whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred. See definition of substantial improvement.

**Substantial improvement** means any combination of repairs, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvement of a structure, taking place during any one-year period for which the cost equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the

improvement. This term includes structures which have incurred "substantial damage," regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either:

- (1) Any correction of existing violations of state or local health, sanitary or safety code specifications which have been identified by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to ensure safe living conditions; or
- (2) Any alteration of a historic structure, provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure and the alteration is approved by variance issued pursuant to 11.43.7. Variance Procedures.

**Substantial modification (wireless facility)** means the mounting of a proposed wireless facility on a wireless support structure that substantially changes the physical dimensions of the support structure. A mounting is presumed to be a substantial modification if it meets any one or more of the criteria listed below. The burden is on the local government to demonstrate that a mounting that does not meet the listed criteria constitutes a substantial change to the physical dimensions of the wireless support structure.

- (1) Increasing the existing vertical height of the structure by the greater of (i) more than ten percent (10%) or (ii) the height of one additional antenna array with separation from the nearest existing antenna not to exceed twenty (20) feet.
- (2) Except where necessary to shelter the antenna from inclement weather or to connect the antenna to the tower via cable, adding an appurtenance to the body of a wireless support structure that protrudes horizontally from the edge of the wireless support structure the greater of (i) more than twenty (20) feet or (ii) more than the width of the wireless support structure at the level of the appurtenance.
- (3) Increasing the square footage of the existing equipment compound by more than 2,500 square feet.

**Surveyor** means a person licensed as a land surveyor by the state.

**Swimming pool** means a structure, whether above or below grade level, designed to hold water more than 30 inches deep to be used for recreational purposes.

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**Technical bulletin and technical fact sheet** mean a FEMA publication that provides guidance concerning the building performance standards of the NFIP, which are contained in Title 44 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations at Section 60.3. The bulletins and fact sheets are intended for use primarily by State and local officials responsible for interpreting and enforcing NFIP regulations and by members of the development community, such as design professionals and builders. New bulletins, as well as updates of existing bulletins, are issued periodically as needed. The bulletins do not create regulations; rather they provide specific guidance for complying with the minimum requirements of existing NFIP

regulations. It should be noted that Technical Bulletins and Technical Fact Sheets provide guidance on the minimum requirements of the NFIP regulations. State or community requirements that exceed those of the NFIP take precedence. Design professionals should contact the community officials to determine whether more restrictive State or local regulations apply to the building or site in question. All applicable standards of the State or local building code must also be met for any building in a flood hazard area.

**Temperature controlled** means having the temperature regulated by a heating and/or cooling system, built-in or appliance.

**Temporary emergency, construction, or repair residence** means a subordinate residence that is: located on the same lot as a single-family dwelling made uninhabitable by fire, flood, or other natural disaster and occupied by the persons displaced by such disaster, or (ii) located on the same lot as a residence that is under construction or undergoing substantial repairs or reconstruction and occupied by the persons intending to live in such permanent residence when the work is completed.

**Temporary structure or building** means any structure or building intended for temporary use, or which is not permanently anchored or attached to a permanent foundation.

**Temporary use permit** means a permit issued by the Town Manager and UDO Administrator that allows for reasonable accommodations in zoning regulations for the temporary use or temporary modification of use of property.

**Ten-year storm** means the rainfall of an intensity expected to be equaled or exceeded, on the average, once in ten years, and of a duration which will produce the maximum peak rate of runoff, from the watershed of interest under average antecedent wetness conditions (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Tenant** means one who resides on or has the temporary use or occupancy of real property owned by another person. In the case of residential property, the term "tenant" shall be considered to mean any individual actually residing at the residential location, whether such person is listed on a lease or not.

**Top plate** means the point at which the structural wall framing, and the structural roof framing join together at the top of the uppermost habitable floor. When a building is designed with top plates at more than one horizontal level, the uppermost plate is the one referred to and regulated by this UDO.

**Tour boat** means a vessel used to transport passengers for passive nature or recreational enjoyment from a shore-based site to a destination or attraction and returning to the same shore-based site without embarking or disembarking passengers enroute. A tour boat does not include charter boat, guide boat, or water taxi boat.

**Town** means the Town of Nags Head, North Carolina as it is now, or may in the future be, constituted.

**Town Administrator** means a person designated by the Town Manager to represent the Town in all business with the grantee.

**Town right-of-way** means a right-of-way owned, leased, or operated by the Town, including any public street or alley that is not part of the State highway system.

**Town utility pole** means a pole owned by a Town located in a Town right-of-way that provides lighting, traffic control, or similar function.

**Townhouse** means a single-family dwelling on its own individual lot but connected on two sides, by means of a common wall for at least ten feet of its length, to two other single-family dwellings or an end dwelling of a row of such dwellings.

**Tract** means all contiguous land and bodies of water being disturbed or to be disturbed as a unit, regardless of ownership (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Trade association** means an unincorporated or incorporated association of members of a particular profession or trade formed for the advancement of the trade or the betterment of its members in the trade.

**Trade association office** means a building or portion of a building wherein an unincorporated or incorporated association of members of a particular profession perform noncommercial, predominantly administrative and/or clerical activities, educational, and/or training activities and meetings necessary for the advancement of the trade or the betterment of its members in the trade.

**Trade center** means a structure containing two or more individual units, primarily devoted to service and wholesale operations and the storage of materials for off-site work.

**Trailer** includes any of the following:

- (1) **Travel trailer** means a vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational and vacation uses, and, when factory equipped for the roads, it shall have a body width not exceeding eight feet and a body length not exceeding 32 feet.
- (2) **Pickup coach** means a structure designed to be mounted on a truck chassis for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation.
- (3) **Motor home** means a portable, temporary dwelling to be used for travel, recreation, and vacation, constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle.
- (4) **Camping trailer** means a folding structure of canvas or other material mounted on wheels and designed for travel, recreation and vacation use.

**Trailer park** means a parcel or tract of land under single ownership which has been planned and improved for open-air camping or the temporary placement of trailers as a service to the traveling public.

**Transient occupancy** means occupancy by the same individual or owner for a combined period of no greater than 30 days in any single calendar year.

**Tree** means a woody perennial plant with one main stem or trunk which develops many branches, usually at some height above the ground.

**Tree removal** means removal of a tree or portion of a tree or any act which causes a tree to die within a period of two years including, but not limited to, damage inflicted upon the root system by machinery, storage of materials and soil compaction; changing the natural grade above the root system or around the trunk; damage inflicted on the tree permitting infection or pest infestation; excessive pruning; or paving with concrete, asphalt or other impervious material within such proximity as to be harmful to the tree.

**Twenty-five year storm** means the stormwater runoff resulting from a rainfall of an intensity expected to be equaled or exceeded, on the average, once in 25 years, and of a duration which will produce the maximum peak rate of runoff, from the watershed of interest under average antecedent wetness conditions (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

## U

**Uncovered** means the removal of ground cover from, on or above the soil surface (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Undertaken** means the initiating of any activity or phase of activity which results or will result in a change in the ground cover or topography of a tract of land (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Use** means:

- (1) Any purpose for which a building or other structure or a tract of land may be designed, arranged, maintained or occupied; or
- (2) Any activity, occupation, business or operation carried on in a building or other structure or on a tract of land.

**Use, accessory** means a building, structure or use which meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) It is clearly incidental to and customarily found in connection with a principal building or use;
- (2) It is subordinate to and serves a principal building or a principal use;
- (3) It is subordinate in area, extent or purpose to the principal building or principal use served;
- (4) It contributes to the comfort, convenience or needs of occupants, or business in the principal building or the principal use served;



- (5) It is located on the same lot as the principal building or use served; and
- (6) Is not a sexually oriented business or a sexually oriented business activity.

**Use, conditional** means a use that would not be appropriate generally or without restriction throughout a particular zoning district but which, if controlled as to number, area, location or relation to the neighborhood, would preserve the intent of this chapter to promote the public health, safety, morals and general welfare. Specific provisions are made for conditional uses which may be permitted in certain zones and the procedures for application are set out in Section 3.8, Conditional Use Permits of this UDO.

**Utility pole** means a structure that is designed for and used to carry lines, cables, wires, lighting facilities, or small wireless facilities for telephone, cable television, electricity, lighting, or wireless services.

## V

**Variance** means a relaxation of the terms of this UDO where such variance will not be contrary to the public interest and where, owing to conditions peculiar to the property and not the result of the actions of the applicant, a literal enforcement of this UDO would result in unnecessary and undue hardship.

**Vegetation line** means the first line of stable natural vegetation or the static line, as defined by CAMA, which shall be used as the reference point for measuring oceanfront setbacks. In cases where the static line is landward of the first line of stable natural vegetation, the static line shall be used for the measurement. In areas where there is no stable natural vegetation present and a static line has not been established, this line shall be established by connecting or extending the lines from the nearest adjacent vegetation on either side of the site and by extrapolating (by either on-ground observation or by aerial photographic interpretation) to establish the line.

**Velocity** means the average velocity of flow through the cross section of the main channel at the peak flow of the storm of interest. The cross section of the main channel shall be that area defined by the geometry of the channel plus the area of flow below the flood height defined by vertical lines at the main channel banks. Overload flows are not to be included for the purpose of computing velocity of flow (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Vessel** means a vessel as defined in NCGS 76A-2.

**Violation** means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's floodplain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required Article 11, Part III is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

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**Water surface elevation (WSE)** means the height, in relation to NAVD 1988, of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in coastal or riverine floodplains (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Watercourse** means a lake, river, creek, stream, wash, channel or other topographic feature on or over which water flows at least periodically. Watercourse includes specifically designated areas in which substantial flood damage may occur (for the purposes of Article 11, Part III, Flood Damage Prevention).

**Watercraft, non-powered** means an apparatus including, but not limited to, sailboat, canoe, kayak, windsurfer, stand-up paddle board, pedal boat, which does not have a motor or engine designed to propel such craft or apparatus.

**Watercraft, personal** means a small vessel that uses an outboard or propeller-driven motor, or an inboard motor powering a water jet pump, as its primary source of motive power and which is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on, or being towed behind the vessel, rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel.

**Watercraft, powered** means an apparatus including, but not limited to, fishing skiff, fishing boat, guide boat, designed for use on water, including trailers therefor, and motors or engines designed to propel such craft or apparatus.

**Waste** means surplus materials resulting from onsite construction and disposed of at other locations (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

**Wetlands** means areas that are inundated or saturated by an accumulation of surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions.

**Wetland swales** means seasonally flooded or water-saturated depressions located between drier adjacent dune ridges. The vegetation cover includes a tree canopy. The general aspect of a swale greatly resembles that of a forested swamp, of which it may be considered a subunit. In the Nags Head Woods, dominant wetland swale vegetation includes sweet gum, black gum, red maple, buttonbush and cattails. Swales may become flooded seasonally or following heavy rainfall.

**Wind energy** means kinetic energy present in wind motion that can be converted to mechanical energy for driving pumps, mills, and electric power generators.

**Wind energy facility, rooftop** means no more than two commercially manufactured roof-mounted systems per site, attached to either principal or accessory structures, designed to supplement other electricity sources as an accessory use to existing principal buildings or facilities, wherein the power generated is used primarily for on-site consumption having a total rated capacity of ten kW or less. The structural, mechanical, and electrical installation of such facilities shall conform to all applicable local, state and federal code and permitting requirements.

**Wind energy facility, small** means a single system designed to supplement other electricity sources as an accessory use to existing principal buildings or facilities, wherein the power generated is used primarily for on-site consumption. A small wind energy conversion system consists of a single wind turbine, a tower, and associated control or conversion electronics, which has a total rated capacity of 20 kW or less.

**Wind energy facility, vertical axis** means a system where the main rotor shaft is set vertically, and the main components are located at the base of the turbine. They are designed to supplement other electricity sources as an accessory use to existing principal buildings or facilities, wherein power generated is used primarily for on-site consumption. A vertical axis wind energy facility consists of a single wind turbine, a tower, and associated control or conversion electronics.

**Wireless facility** means equipment at a fixed location that enables wireless communications between use equipment and a communications network, including (i) equipment associated with wireless communications and (ii) radio transceivers, antennas, wires, coaxial or fiber optic cable, regular and backup power supplies, and comparable equipment, regardless of technological configuration. The term includes small wireless facilities. The term shall not include any of the following:

- (1) The structure of improvements on, under, within, or adjacent to which the equipment is collocated.
- (2) Wireline backhaul facilities.
- (3) Coaxial or fiber optic cable that is between wireless structures or utility poles or Town utility poles or that is otherwise not immediately adjacent to or directly associated with a particular antenna.

**Wireless infrastructure provider** means any person with a certificate to provide telecommunications service in the State who builds or installs wireless communication transmission equipment, wireless facilities, or wireless support structures for small wireless facilities but that does not provide wireless services.

**Wireless provider** means a wireless infrastructure provider or a wireless services provider.

**Wireless services** means any services, using licensed or unlicensed wireless spectrum, including the use of Wi-Fi, whether at a fixed location or mobile, provided to the public using wireless facilities.

**Wireless services provider** means a person who provides wireless services.

**Wireless services structure** means a new or existing structure, such as a monopole, lattice tower, or guyed tower that is designed to support or capable of supporting wireless facilities. A utility pole or a Town utility pole is not a wireless support structure.

**Working days (soil erosion and sedimentation control)** means days exclusive of Saturday and Sunday during which weather conditions or soil conditions permit land-disturbing activity to be undertaken (for the purposes of Article 11, Part II, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control).

## X

**X Zone** means the areas of minimal flood hazard shown on the FIRM which are areas outside of the Special Flood Hazards Areas and higher than the elevation of the 0.2% annual flood chance. Also referred to as Unshaded X zone.

## Y

**Yard** means a required open space, unoccupied and unobstructed by any structure or portion of a structure from 12 inches above the general ground level of the graded lot upward, provided that, fences, walls, poles, posts and other customary yard accessories, ornaments and furniture may be permitted in any yard subject to height limitations and requirements limiting obstruction of visibility or any other requirement of this UDO. Further, customary accessory buildings or structures, including pools and pool surrounds, may be located in any rear or side yard no closer than five feet to any property line and subject to other limitations of this UDO. For lots of record which front on access easements, yard and lot depth measurements shall be made from the edge of the easement rather than from the lot line.

- (1) **Yard, front** means a yard extending between side lot lines across the front of a lot adjoining the public street. Depth of required front yard shall be measured at right angles to a straight line joining the foremost points of the side lot lines. The foremost point of the side lot line, in the case of rounded property corners at street intersections, shall be assumed to be the point at which the side and front lot lines would have met without such rounding. Front and rear yard lines shall be essentially parallel.
- (2) **Yard, rear** means a yard extending across the rear of the lot between side lot lines. Depth of a required rear yard shall be measured in such a manner that the yard established is a strip of the minimum width required by district regulations with its inner edge parallel with the rear lot line.
- (3) **Yard, side** means a yard extending from the rear line of the required front yard to the rear yard. Width of a required side yard shall be measured in such a manner that the yard established is a strip of the minimum width required by district regulations with its inner edge parallel with the side lot line.

## Z

**Zoning** means a police power measure, enacted primarily by general purpose units of local government, in which the community is divided into districts or zones within which permitted and conditional uses

are established as are regulations governing lot size, building bulk, placement, and other development standards. Requirements vary from district to district, but they must be uniform within districts. The Zoning Code consists of two parts: a text and a map.

**Zoning districts** means those districts depicted on the official zoning map and described in Article 6 Zoning Districts of this UDO.

**Zoning permit** means a permit issued by the UDO Administrator that authorizes the recipient to make use of property in accordance with the requirements of this UDO.