

Comparison of Existing and New Definitions Draft 2019

New Definition

Accessory Dwelling Unit - An accessory dwelling unit means an efficiency, one-bedroom apartment or structure that is clearly subordinate to a single-family dwelling, and has facilities and provisions for independent living, including sleeping, food preparation, and sanitation.

New Definition

Accessory Use Residential – a use or building incidental and subordinate to the principle building or use located on the same lot such as a shed, garage or storage building.

Existing definition –

Accessory Use or Building: A use or building customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal use or building and located on the same lot.

New Definition

Agricultural Use Farm – a parcel or parcels of land owned, leased or managed by a person devoted primarily to farming as defined by Vermont Statutes.

Existing Definition

Agricultural Use: Land containing at least two acres which is used for raising livestock, or agricultural or forest products, including farm structures and the storage of agricultural equipment: riding and boarding stables; and as an accessory use, the sale of agricultural products raised on the property

New Definition

Businesses selling age restricted merchandise and services - Businesses that sell merchandise and or services that are regulated by age by the Town, Vermont or Federal government.

New Definition

Community Center - includes public or private meeting hall, place of assembly, museum, art gallery, library, place of further education and church not operated for profit.

Existing Definition

Community Center: Includes public or private meeting hall, place of assembly, museum, art gallery, library, place of further education and church, not operated primarily for profit.

New Definition

Dwelling Unit - a building or part of a building intended for human habitation that contains living, sleeping, cooking and sanitation facilities.

Existing Definition

Dwelling Unit: Building or part thereof used as living quarters for one family. The terms dwelling, one family dwelling, two family dwelling, or dwelling group shall not include a motel, hotel, boarding house, tourist home, mobile home or similar structure.

New Definition

One-Family Dwelling Unit - Detached building used as living quarters by one family

Existing definition

Dwelling, one family: Detached building used as living quarters by one family.

New Definition

Two-Family Dwelling Unit - Detached building used as living quarters by two families

Existing Definition

Dwelling, Two Family: Building used as living quarters by two families living independently of each other.

New Definition

Multi-Unit Dwelling - a structure used as living quarters for three or more families.

New Definition

Home Occupation - an occupation, profession, activity or use that is carried on for gain within a home by a resident that does not alter the homes exterior or affect the residential character of the property.

Existing Definition

Home Occupation: Accessory use of a service character conducted within a dwelling by the residents thereof, which is clearly secondary to the dwelling used for living purposes and does not change the character thereof.

New Definition

Hotel, Motel, Bed and Breakfast (B&B) or Dormitory - Building consisting of rooms which are rented as sleeping units each unit consisting of a bedroom and bath and may contain or share kitchen facilities.

Existing Definition

Motel: Building containing rooms which are rented as a series of sleeping units for automobile transients; each sleeping unit consisting of at least a bedroom and bathroom.

New Definition

Industrial Use - any facility for the assembly, manufacture, compounding, processing, packing, treatment, research or testing of goods and services

Existing Definition

Industrial Use: Any facility for the assembly, manufacture, compounding, processing, packing, treatment, research or testing of materials, goods or products.

New Definition

Office Building - A structure used primarily for the conduct of business relating to administration, clerical services, consulting, and other client services not related to retail sales. Office buildings can hold single or multiple firms

Existing Definition

Professional Residence - Office: Residence in which the occupant has a professional office of an architect, accountant, chiropractor, dentist, doctor of medicine, landscape architect, land surveyor, lawyer, optometrist, osteopath, physiotherapist, planning consultant, podiatrist, engineer, or psychologist, which is clearly secondary to the dwelling use for the living purposes and does not change the residential character thereof, and where not more than one person outside the family is employed.

New Definition

Public Service - any site, structure, facility or infrastructure owned and operated by the Town, State or other unit of government.

New Definition

Retail Business - includes an enclosed structure for the sale of retail goods or services such as restaurant, automobile service station, bank

Existing Definition

Retail Store: Includes enclosed restaurant, cafe, shop and store for the sale of retail goods, personal service shop and department store; and shall exclude any drive-up service, free standing retail stand, gasoline service and motor vehicle repair service, new and used car sales and service, trailer and mobile home sales and service

New Definition

Rental Units – Dwelling units or portions of dwelling units rented for a fee or service

Short-Term Rental – rental of a dwelling unit or portion of a dwelling unit for 1 to 30 consecutive days and no more than 60 days in a year, such as an “air BnB”

Long-Term Rental – rental of a dwelling unit or portion of a dwelling unit for more than 60 days in a year

New Definition

Signage - an object device fixture display or structure used for visual communication.

Existing Definition

Sign: Any structure, display device of representation which is designed or used to advertise or call attention to anything, person, business activity or place and is visible from the highway or other right of way. It does not include the flag, pennant or insignia of any nation, state or town.

New Definition

Utility Service - any site structure facility or infrastructure privately or publicly owned and operated.

Existing Definition

Public Water, Public Sewer: Water supply and sewage disposal systems approved by the Selectmen for municipal operation.