

## **ARTICLE 5 DEFINITIONS**

**5.1** For the purpose of this Ordinance, words in the present tense include the future; words in the singular number include the plural number, the word “shall” is always mandatory and not discretionary. The term “Township” shall mean Clark Township in Mackinac County, Michigan. Any terms or word defined shall be defined by common or standard usage.

**5.2 Definitions:** For the purpose of these regulations, certain terms and words are defined as follows:

**5.2.1 Accessory Building:** Means a structure which is a supplementary building or structure on the same parcel as the main building, which is naturally and normally incidental, clearly subordinate, and devoted exclusively to the principal use on the same parcel. An accessory building may be erected on the parcel prior to the main building.

**5.2.2 Accessory Structure:** Means a structure, which is naturally, and normally incidental, clearly subordinate, and devoted exclusively to the principal use on the same parcel. An accessory structure may be part of the main structure, occupied by or devoted exclusively to an accessory use. Accessory structures include, but are not limited to, the following: playground equipment, sports courts, children’s playhouses, domestic animal shelters, fallout shelters, swimming pools, gazebos, barbecue stoves, septic systems, parking lots, loading docks, sheds, storage buildings, radio and television antennas, and structures which are clearly permanent and may be easily removed. An accessory structure may be erected on the parcel prior to the main building.

**5.2.3 Accessory Use:** Means a use of land naturally and normally incidental, clearly subordinate, and devoted exclusively to the principal use of the same parcel on which the principal use is located. The landowner and/or user has the burden of proving to the Township Zoning Enforcement officer, and/or the Zoning Board of Appeals, that the use intended is an accessory use. Vacant lots may not be classified as being used for any primary purpose or principal use.

**5.2.4 Alley:** A passage larger than a sidewalk but not a designated street, road, thru-way or by-way as designated by the Michigan Department of Transportation or the Mackinac County Road Commission, which is open to the public for travel only as a secondary means of vehicular access to abutting lots and/or rear entrances to buildings, and not intended for general traffic circulation.

**5.2.5 Apartment House:** A building used and/or arranged for rental occupancy, or cooperatively owned by its occupants, having three or more family units, and with a yard, compound, service, or utilities in common.

**5.2.6 Area:** See District

**5.2.7 Assisted Living Facility:** (see: Care Homes)

**5.2.8 Basement:** That portion of a building below the first floor joists, at least half of whose clear ceiling height is above the level of the adjacent ground.