

Article IV – Definitions (continued)

51. **Planning Commission:** The Clark Township Planning Commission.
52. **Porch:** An entrance to a building, attached to and projecting out from the main wall of the building. *Ordinance #51, April 8, 1980
53. **Principal Building (Or Primary Building):** A principal building / primary building is a building which is in its ordinary status considered the central building on the lot. A principal building / primary building is the building which is associated with the primary purpose / use of the lot, such as a house, or a business or enterprise structures where the customers and/or central offices are located.
54. **Professional Office:** Rooms or buildings used for office purposes by members of any recognized profession, including doctors, dentists, lawyers, accountants, engineers, architects, etc. but not including medical or dental clinics.
55. **Resort:** A group of attached or detached dwellings not more than two stories in height containing guest rooms which are provided for transient of short or long duration, generally in conjunction with a recreation facility such as a beach, with or without meals furnished, including structures and uses normally auxiliary thereto.
56. **Shelter, Fall-Out:** A structure or portion of a structure intended to provide protection to human life during periods of danger to human life from nuclear fall-out, air raids, storms, or other emergencies. Fall-out shelters constructed completely below the ground level, except for a vent not exceeding 30 inches in height above ground level, may be contained within any yard area.
57. **Shelters, Temporary:** A structure constructed of such things as wood, plastic, canvas, or other inexpensive materials, to protect such things as woodpiles, boats, snowmobiles, etc., from the elements during the winter season. *Ordinance #51, April 8, 1980*
58. **Shopping Center:** A group of five or more commercial establishments planned, developed, and managed as a unit, with off-street parking provided on the same property and related in location to the center. Parking will contain at least the appropriate size and type of shops in the center.
- For purposes of this definition, a Shopping Center includes shopping mall, enclosed or open, strip mall, commercial center, or anything that otherwise fits into this definition.
59. **Sign:** Any structure, part thereof, or device attached thereto or painted or represented thereon or any material or thing, which displays numerals, letters, words, trademark or other representation used for direction, or designation of any person, firm, organization, place, product, service, business, or industry which is located upon any land, on any building, in or upon a window, or indoors in such a manner as to attract attention from outside the buildings.
60. **Sign Area:** The sign area is the surface of the structure used to convey the message exclusive of the necessary supports of any appurtenances required by the building code. The area of open sign structure, consisting of letters or symbols without a solid surface in between shall be calculated on the basis of the total area within the perimeter of the group of letters and/or symbols. The area of a double face sign, which is constructed back to back as a single unit, shall be calculated according to the surface area of one side only.
61. **Sign, Outdoor Advertising:** A sign which calls attention to a business commodity, service, entertainment, or other activities, conducted, sold, or offered elsewhere than on the premises upon which the sign is located.
62. **Special Land Uses:** The granting to a petitioner, by the Planning Commission, certain uses of land and/or buildings, because of their particular nature and due to certain circumstances, being designated as Special Land Uses. These uses may be permitted to become established