

Article IV – Definitions (continued)

within those districts as specified in this ordinance. See Article IX, Section 907 ***Ordinance #42, May 8, 1979***

63. **Story:** That portion of a building included between the surface of any floor and the surface of the floor next above it, or of the ceiling above it. A basement shall be counted as a story if its ceiling is over six feet above the average level of the finished ground surface adjoining the exterior walls of such story, or if it is used for business or dwelling purposes.
64. **Street:** A public dedicated right-of-way other than an alley, which provides primary access to abutting properties and over which the public has easement of vehicle access, or a sixty-six foot easement or right-of-way recorded with the Mackinac County Register of Deeds and dedicated to the land owners, heirs or assignees for road purposes only. ***Ordinance #38, January 24, 1978***
65. **Structure:** Anything constructed, assembled or erected, the use of which requires location on the ground or attachment to something having location on or in the ground, and shall include tanks, towers, advertising devices, bins, tents, lunch wagons, trailers, dining cars, camp cars or similar structures on wheels or other supports used for business or living purposes. The word “structure” shall not apply to wires and their supporting poles or frames of electrical or telephone utilities or to service utilities entirely below the ground.
66. **Use:** The principal purpose for which a lot or the main building thereon is designed, arranged or intended and for which it is, or may be used, occupied or maintained.
67. **Vacant Lot):** A Vacant lot is a lot in which there is no practical activity taking place upon it, and it is without any usable structure. There is no size minimum or maximum for a lot to be considered a vacant lot. Activities on land not containing a usable structure such as hunting, fishing, private recreational camping, snow-mobile riding, bike riding, motorcycle riding, or swimming shall be a vacant lot for purposes of this Ordinance. Uses such as lumbering and logging, oil / gas / water well digging and production, community camping for local kid’s clubs, churches, or organizations, or some other special or defined use as otherwise stated in his ordinance that is operated as a business enterprise removes the lot from the definition of a vacant lot.
68. **Variance:** The granting to a petitioner, by the Zoning Board of Appeals, permission to vary from the strict application of this document as provided in Article VI, Section 601-2. The granting or denying of a variance shall be at the total discretion of the Board of Appeals, who may and should accept input from the Zoning Enforcement Officer, the Township Supervisor, the Building Inspector, surrounding neighbors who may be effected by the variance, the petitioner, and witnesses the petitioner wishes to have heard. No variance will be granted without the express written permission of the Township Board of Appeals.
69. **Yard:** Open space on the same lot with a building or group of buildings, lying between the building and the nearest lot or street line, and unoccupied and unobstructed from the ground upward, except for plants, trees, shrubs, or fences.
70. **Yard, Front:** Open space extending across the full width of a lot between the front lot line or the proposed street line and the nearest line of the building or portion thereof. The depth of such yard shall be the shortest horizontal distance between the front lot line or proposed from street line and the nearest point of the building or any portion thereof.
71. **Yard, Rear:** Open space extending across the full width of a lot between the rear line of the lot and the nearest line of the building, porch, or projection thereof. The depth of such yard