*s* shall mean an unoccupied open space adjoining a building and on the same property that is permanently maintained accessible to the fire department and free of all encumbrances that might interfere with its use by the fire department.

*Public Officer* shall mean the Administrator of the Department of Neighborhood Services or his designee who is authorized by this to exercise the power prescribed by this ordinance for enforcement of this code or Division 1 of the Municipal Court of the City of Chattanooga.

*Public Record* shall include deeds, deeds of trust and other instruments of record in the register's office of the county.

*Repair* shall mean the replacement of existing work with an approved material similar to that used in the existing work, not including additional work that would change the structural safety of the building, or that would affect or change required exit facilities, a vital element of an elevator, plumbing, gas piping, wiring or heating installation, or that would be in violation of a provision of law or ordinance. The term "repair" or "repairs" shall not apply to any change of construction.

*Required* shall mean required by some provision of this chapter.

*Rooming House* shall mean any dwelling or that part of any dwelling containing one (1) or more rooming units, in which space is let by the owner or occupant to three (3) or more persons who are not husband and wife, son or daughter, mother or father, sister or brother of the occupant.

*Rooming Unit* shall mean any room or group of rooms forming a single habitable unit used or intended to be used for living and sleeping, but not for cooking or eating purposes.

*Rubbish* shall mean combustible and noncombustible waste materials except for garbage, and the term shall include the residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke and other combustible material, paper, rags, cartons, boxes, wood, excelsior, rubber, leather, tree branches, yard trimmings, tin cans, metal mineral matter, glass crockery and dust.

*Stairway*