

DEFINITIONS

sit services; utility systems such as, but not limited to, water, sanitary sewage, stormwater management, telecommunications, power distribution and waste management; and community services such as, but not limited to, public safety, parks, schools and libraries.

INFRASTRUCTURE, ADEQUATE. The capacity of infrastructure systems, as determined by the jurisdiction, to serve the demands imposed by a new development on building sites without negatively impacting services to existing users of the infrastructure and without negatively impacting the overall functionality of the infrastructure. Adequacy can be determined based on existing infrastructure or on the infrastructure as augmented by a development project.

INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES. Species that are not native to the ecosystem under consideration and that cause, or are likely to cause, economic or environmental harm or harm to human, animal or plant health, defined by using the best scientific knowledge of that region. Consideration for inclusion as an invasive species shall include, but shall not be limited to, those species identified on:

1. *Approved* city, county or regional lists.
2. State noxious weeds laws,
3. Federal noxious weeds laws.

JURISDICTION. The governmental unit that has adopted this code under due legislative authority.

LABEL. An identification applied on a product by the manufacturer that contains the name of the manufacturer, the function and performance characteristics of the product or material, and the name and identification of an approved agency and that indicates that the representative sample of the product or material has been tested and evaluated by an approved agency.

LABELED. Equipment, materials or products to which has been affixed a label, seal, symbol or other identifying mark of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, inspection agency or other organization concerned with product evaluation that maintains periodic inspection of the production of the above-labeled items and whose labeling indicates either that the equipment, material or product meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA). A technique to evaluate the relevant energy and material consumed and environmental emissions associated with the entire life of a building, product, process, material, component, assembly, activity or service.

LIGHTING BOUNDARY. Where the lot line abuts a public walkway, bikeway, plaza, or parking lot, the *lighting boundary* shall be a line 5 feet (1524 mm) from the lot line and located on the public property. Where the lot line abuts a public roadway or public transit corridor, the *lighting boundary* shall be the centerline of the public roadway or public transit corridor. In all other circumstances, the *lighting boundary* shall be at the lot line.

LISTED. Equipment, materials, products or services included in a list published by an organization acceptable to the *code official* and concerned with evaluation of products or

services that maintains periodic inspection of production of listed equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services and whose listing states either that the equipment, material, product or service meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

LOT. A portion or parcel of land considered as a unit.

LOT LINE. A line dividing one lot from another, or from a street or any public place.

LOW EMISSION, HYBRID AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE. Vehicles that achieve EPA Tier 2, California LEV-II, or a minimum of EPA LEV standards, whether by means of hybrid, alternative fuel, or electric power.

LOW VOLTAGE DRY-TYPE DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMER. A NEMA ‘Class 1’ transformer that is air-cooled, does not use oil as a coolant, has an input voltage ≤ 600 volts, and is rated for operation at a frequency of 60 hertz.

MANUAL. Capable of being operated by personal intervention (see “Automatic”).

MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REPORTING VALUE (MERV). Minimum efficiency-rated value for the effectiveness of air filters.

METER. A measuring device used to collect data and indicate usage.

MODIFIED ENERGY FACTOR (MEF). The capacity in cubic feet of the clothes container of a clothes washing machine, C, divided by the clothes washing total energy consumption in kWh per cycle. Total energy consumption per cycle is the sum of the machine electrical energy consumption per cycle, M; the hot water energy consumption per cycle, E; and the energy required for removal of the remaining moisture in the wash load per cycle, D. The equation is:

$$MEF = C/(M + E + D)$$

MUNICIPAL RECLAIMED WATER. Reclaimed water treated by a municipality.

NATIVE PLANT SPECIES. Species that are native to the ecosystem under consideration, defined by using the best scientific knowledge of that region. Consideration for inclusion as a native species shall include, but is not limited to, those species identified in any of the following:

1. *Approved* city, county and regional lists.
2. State laws.
3. Federal laws.

NEW CONSTRUCTION (For Section 302). The construction of any building or structure whether as a stand-alone, or an addition to, a building or structure. The term “new construction” includes new buildings and additions or enlargements of existing buildings, exclusive of any *alterations* or repairs to any existing portion of a building.

NONPOTABLE WATER. Water not safe for drinking, personal or culinary utilization.

OCCUPANT LOAD. The occupant load as calculated in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 10 of the *Building Code*.