

§ 140-2. Terms defined.

In this bylaw the following terms shall have the meanings described below:

ACCESSORY USE — A use which, in the Town of Barre, is customarily subordinate or incidental to the principal use of land or buildings.

APARTMENT HOUSE — A building designed as a dwelling for three or more families.

BOARDINGHOUSE — A dwelling in which the family resident therein provides eating and/or sleeping accommodations for not more than six paying guests who use only the cooking facility ordinarily used by the resident family. **[Amended 6-12-2000 ATM, Art. 42]**

BUILDING — A roofed structure forming a shelter for persons, animals or property, and permanently located on the land.

DWELLING — A building or portion thereof designed for residential occupancy on a year-round or seasonal basis, but not including apartment house, boardinghouse, hotel or motel.

FARM — A parcel of land used principally for raising crops, or for the raising of livestock and poultry, dairy cattle, plant or tree nurseries or for greenhouses. Includes necessary personnel, structures, buildings, vehicles and equipment, but not residential or commercial structures other than those directly related to farm operation.

FRONTAGE — The dimension of a lot along the street that the lot abuts. Said dimension is not necessarily a straight line. **[Added 2-28-2005 STM, Art. 4]**

HOME OCCUPATION — One use customarily conducted within a dwelling, such as dressmaking, teaching of not more than two students simultaneously, office of medical doctor, dentist, attorney, architect or certified public accountant, carried on by the owner/occupant thereof with not more than two nonresident employees, provided that such use is secondary to the use of the dwelling for residential purposes by the owner and does not change the residential character thereof. **[Amended 6-12-2000 ATM, Art. 42]**

JUNKYARD — Land or structures used commercially for collecting, storing or selling wastepaper, rags, scrap metal, or discarded material; or for collecting, dismantling, storing, salvaging or selling inoperative machinery or vehicles or parts thereof.

LOT — A tract of land under separate ownership, occupied or intended to be occupied by a principal building and the structures accessory to it and including such open spaces as are required.

MOTEL — A building or group of buildings on a single lot, detached or in connected units, desired for transients and providing for accessory off-street parking facilities for each room or suite.

NONCONFORMING USE — Use of a building or land, existing at the time of the enactment or subsequent amendment of the Zoning Bylaw, which does not conform to the regulations of the district in which it is situated.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE — The office of recognized professionals, such as a doctor, dentist, lawyer, architect, engineer, artist, musician, designer, or teacher, as distinguished from an office of a business nature.

SMALL SPECIALTY RETAIL BUSINESS — A use allowed in residential districts with a

special permit not to require more than two employees not including the owner occupant, provided that such use is secondary to the use of the dwelling for residential purposes by the owner and does not change the residential character thereof. **[Added 6-13-2005 ATM, Art. 28]**

SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY — A structure that is designed, constructed and intended to convert solar energy to electricity generated for residential or commercial use. "Solar energy facility" shall include and not be limited to: solar energy facilities, whether referred to as "solar energy facility," "photovoltaic facility," "solar photovoltaic system," or otherwise. **[Added 6-21-2016 ATM, Art. 47]**

SPECIAL PERMIT — A permit approved by the special permit granting authority as designated at § 140-30, for uses that require a special permit in this bylaw, MGL c. 40A, § 9, and any other provision of MGL following a public hearing process as required by MGL c. 40A, § 11, and any other requirement of MGL. **[Added 2-26-1979 STM, Art. 6; amended 6-21-2016, Art. 44]**

STREET — A public or private vehicular thoroughfare which affords the principal means of access to abutting property and which, as defined, includes the entire right-of-way. If no right-of-way has been established, it shall be deemed to extend 25 feet on each side of the center of the traveled way and parallel thereto.

STRUCTURE — A combination of materials assembled at a fixed location to give support or shelter or for other purposes, shall include buildings, framework, sheds, platforms, towers and the like.

TOURIST OR GUESTHOUSE — A dwelling in which overnight accommodations are provided for paid transient guests.

TRAILER COURT or TRAILER PARK — A group of at least two trailers or mobile homes.

TRAILER OR MOBILE HOME — A vehicle, with or without motive power, used or intended to be used for human habitation or for office or business use.

TRAVEL/CAMPING TYPE TRAILER — A vehicular, portable unit designed for travel, camping or recreational use. **[Added 6-12-2000 ATM, Art. 42]**

USE — The purpose for which a building or land is arranged or intended, or for which a building or tract of land is or may be occupied.

VARIANCE — Administrative permission to use land or structures for a use prohibited by the applicable zoning regulations as provided under criteria in other sections of this bylaw. Variances may be granted for relief from use and/or area requirements of the bylaw. **[Amended 2-26-1979 STM, Art. 6]**