

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- **“ACI”** American Concrete Institute
- **“ANSI”** American National Standards Institute
- **“AMIA”** Al- Maktoum International Airport
- **“ASTM”** American Society of Testing and Materials
- **Building Height:** Denotes the height of a building in meters measured from the finished sidewalk level to the top of the roof parapet or to the top of the coping tile of the pitched roof. The building height is measured along the midpoint of the building elevation facing the street that provides access to the parcel. In cases where the parcel is bounded by more than one street, the façade facing the main street, (or if not applicable, the façade having the longest frontage to the street) will be taken for reference.
- **Building Line:** Denotes the vertical line that defines the outer face of the building façade.
- **“Building Completion Certificate”** is a certificate granted by the Authority acknowledging completion of construction and finishing and enabling connection to public utilities and occupation.
- **“DCA”** Department of Civil Aviation
- **“DIA”** Dubai International Airport
- **“DWC”** Dubai world Central
- **Floor Area Ratio (F.A.R):** Coefficient that denotes the ratio of the total built up area of buildings and structures on a given parcel over the total land area of the parcel. When calculating the F.A.R, the areas of the following shall not be counted as part of the total built up area:
 - i. Basement floors with no direct natural lighting intended for use for parking, building services and storage,
 - ii. Balconies, terraces, garden sheds (of up to 2.20m clear height) and non enclosed shade structures (i.e. completely open on 2 sides at least),
 - iii. Elevator rooms, stairwells and areas reserved for water tanks and other mechanical equipment on the roof,
 - iv. Roof Attics or parts thereof, which are not used and cannot be converted for habitation.
 - v. Mezzanine floors which have access only through the ground floor and not from any common stair or lift lobby.
- **“HACCP”** Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point
- **“Hazardous Goods”** means:
 - i. Any compressed, liquefied or dissolved gases.
 - ii. Any substance which becomes dangerous by interaction with water or air.
 - iii. Any liquid substance with a flash point below 75°C.
 - iv. Any corrosive substance or a substance which emits poisonous concentrations of fumes when heated.
 - v. Any substance liable to spontaneous combustion.
 - vi. Any radioactive material and any substance which readily emits heat or other harmful radiations when it changes state or decomposes.
 - vii. Sheds which contain vehicles loaded with hazardous materials.
 - viii. Any other substance considered hazardous by the suppliers..
- **“Habitable room”** means a room used for office, workshop or other purpose involving occupation by human beings for continuous periods of time, but not including a W.C.
- **“LEED”** is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, a certificate issued by the US Green Building Council for Sustainable Buildings.
- **“NFPA”** National Fire Protection Association
- **“Operation Fitness Certificate”** is a certificate granted by the Authority after a Building Completion Certificate is issued; acknowledging completion of installation and confirming the facility is safe for Operation.
- **“Permanent building or FACILITY”** means buildings or structures designed and constructed in reinforced concrete or steel with a combination of steel or pre cast concrete or reinforced bearing block walls or brick, or other durable material.