

Section 21.1 Explanation of Terms / Construction of Language

For the purpose of this Ordinance, certain rules of construction apply to the text as follows:

A. Words used in the present tense include the future tense; and the singular includes the plural, unless the context clearly indicates the contrary.

B. The word "person" includes a corporation, limited liability company, association, partnership, trust, firm, or similar entity as well as an individual.

C. The word "building" includes the word "structure" and both include any part thereof.

D. The word "lot" includes the word "plot", "tract", "site condominium unit," or "parcel".

E. The term "shall" is always mandatory and not discretionary; the word "may" is permissive.

F. The word "used" or "occupied" as applied to any land or building shall be construed to include the words "intended to be used or occupied," "arranged to be used or occupied," "maintained to be used or occupied," or "designed to be used or occupied."

G. The words "this Ordinance" means the text of this Ordinance as well as any part thereof and any and all maps, tables, graphics, and schedules, as included or attached as enacted or subsequently amended.

H. Unless the context clearly indicates the contrary, where a regulation involves two or more items, conditions, provisions, or events connected by the conjunction "and," "or," "either...or," the conjunction shall be interpreted as follows:

1. "And" indicates that all the connected items, conditions, provisions, or events shall apply.
2. "Or" indicates the connected items, conditions, provisions or events may apply singly or in any combination.
3. "Either/or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, provisions, or events shall apply singly, but not in combination.

I. The "Township" is the Township of Lake in the County of Huron, State of Michigan. The "Township Board", "Zoning Board of Appeals" and "Planning Commission" are, respectively, the Board of Trustees, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Planning Commission of the Township.

J. Any word or term not interpreted or defined by this Ordinance shall be used with a meaning of common or standard utilization. A dictionary may be consulted.

K. Where a specific agency, department, law, or rule is referred to in this Ordinance, such reference shall include any successor agency, department, law or rule.