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2.1 Acronyms
ac. - Acre
BFE - Base Flood Elevation
BMP - Best Management Practices
CGS - CT General Statutes
DEEP - Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
DBH - Diameter at Breast Height
DOT - Department of Transportation
FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency
ft - Feet
GFA - Gross Floor Area
Max - Maximum
Min - Minimum
MPH - Miles per Hour
n/a - Not Applicable
NGVD - National Geodetic Vertical Datum
ROW - Right-of-Way
RWA - Regional Water Authority
sq. ft. - Square Feet
TOD – Transit Oriented Development
TPZ - Town Plan and Zoning Commission
ZBA - Zoning Board of Appeals
ZEO - Zoning Enforcement Officer

2.2 Use of Terms
For the purposes of these Regulations, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning defined in this Section of these Regulations, unless otherwise clearly qualified by the context. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural include the singular, and words in the singular include the plural.
The language used in these Regulations is integral to their meaning and interpretation. Those terms not defined in this section, or elsewhere in this document, shall be accorded their common accepted meanings (See Section 2.4). In the event of conflicts between these definitions and those of the existing local codes, these Regulations shall take precedence.
Where in conflict, numerical metrics shall take precedence over graphic metrics.

2.3 Specific Terms
In the interpretation and enforcement of these Regulations, certain words contained herein shall be interpreted as follows:
a. The word “shall” is always mandatory.
b. The word “should” is recommended.
c. The word “may” is optional.
d. The words “occupied” or “used” include the words “designed, arranged or intended to be occupied or used”.
e. The words “zone”, “zoning district”, and “district” have the same meaning.
f. The word “person” also includes a partnership, association, trust, corporation, or other legal entity.
g. The word “lot” includes the words “plot” or “parcel”.

2.4 Undefined Terms
In the interpretation and enforcement of these Regulations, the Commission after consulting one or more of the following shall interpret words not defined in these Regulations:
a. The State Building Code, as amended;
b. The Connecticut General Statutes, as amended;
c. The Latest Illustrated Book of Development Definitions (Moskowitz + Lindbloom), as amended;
d. Black’s Law Dictionary;
e. A comprehensive general dictionary; and
f. Woodbridge Town Ordinances.

2.5 Definitions
In these Regulations, words and terms are defined as follows:

ACCESS DRIVE. A driveway not to exceed a grade of 15% and adequate to accommodate the free passage of Fire and other Emergency apparatus providing access from an accepted or approved street to an existing or proposed building on any lot.

ACCESSORY BUILDING. Any structure on the same lot with and customarily incidental to and sub-
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ordinate in extent in comparison to the principal permitted building on such lot except that any structure being used on a farm for a customary farm purpose shall not be limited in size or height.

ACCESSORY USE. The use of land, or of a building, or portion thereof, customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal use of the land or building and located on the same lot as the principal use.

ADULT DAY CARE FACILITY. An organized program, structured through individual plans of care, including but not limited to, both therapeutic and rehabilitative, which is provided in a congregate setting sixteen (16) hours or less during a twenty-four (24) hour calendar day.

ONLINE HOSPITALITY SERVICE. An online marketplace and hospitality service, for people to lease or rent short-term lodging including vacation rentals, apartment rentals, homestays, hostel beds, or hotel rooms.

AMMUNITION. Any projectile or other device which is designed to or may readily be converted to be expelled from any gun or firearm.

ANTENNAE. Devices used to collect or transmit telecommunications or radio signals. Examples include Panels, Microwave Dishes, and Whips.

ARCADE. A private frontage, conventional for retail use, wherein the façade is a colonnade supporting habitable space that overlaps the sidewalk, while the façade at sidewalk level remains at the frontage line.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD. The Woodbridge Town Plan and Zoning Commission shall appoint an Advisory Committee to review applications for new construction and substantial reconstruction within the WVD. The Architectural Review Board shall be composed of 5 individuals whose members shall include at least one architect, landscape architect, or planner who is a member of the America Institute of Certified Planners.

AWNING. A roof-like cover that is temporary or portable in nature and that projects from the wall of a building for shielding a doorway or window from the elements and may be periodically retracted into the face of the building.

BASEMENT. A story partly underground having more than half of its interior height measured from floor to ceiling above the average finished grade of the ground adjoining the building.

BAY WINDOW. A generic term for all protruding window constructions, regardless of height.

BICYCLE RACK. A row of paired metal prongs, or other design, that supports multiple bicycles so that each may be left unattended.

BICYCLE STALL, SINGLE. A single unit of paired metal prongs, or other design, that supports a single bicycle so that it may be left unattended.

BLOCK. The aggregate of private lots, passages, rear alleys, and rear lanes, circumscribed by public or private vehicular roadways.

BUILDABLE LOT AREA. The contiguous portion of a lot exclusive of, and undivided by, any areas of wetland soils and watercourse as defined in Section 22a-38 of the Connecticut General Statutes. All new lots must comply with this requirement whether or not they are part of a subdivision.

BUILDING. An independent structure resting on its own foundations. Any structure having a roof supported by columns or walls and intended for the shelter, housing or enclosure of any person, animal or material of any kind or nature. Where two or more buildings are connected by covered walkways or by structural features which are not roofed or provide shelter, housing, or enclosures of persons, animals, or material they shall be considered separate buildings.

BUILD-TO LINE. The line with which the exterior wall of a building is required to coincide. Front porches and handicapped ramps shall be exempt from
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build-to-line requirements.

BUILDING, DETACHED. A building separated on all sides from adjacent buildings by open spaces from the ground up.

BUILDING AREA. The aggregate of the maximum outside horizontal cross section area of the main building on a lot, including porches arranged for or altered for use as living rooms, enclosed against the weather and part of the main building. Excluded are cornices, eaves, gutters, steps, open porches of one or more stories, balconies, and terraces.

BUILDING, HEIGHT. The vertical distance of a building measured from the average elevation of the finished grade adjacent to the exterior walls of the building to:

A. The highest point of the roof, including any parapet, for a FLAT ROOF

B. The top of the lower slope for a MANSARD ROOF

C. The average height between the eaves and the ridge for a GABLE, HIP, GAMBREL, or OTHER ROOF TYPE.

When the finished ground level slopes away from an exterior wall, the vertical distance will be calculated based on the lowest points within the area between the building and the lot line or, when the lot line is more than ten feet from the building, between the building and a point ten-feet from the building.
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BUILDING LOCATION.

1- Principal Building
2- Backbuilding
3- Outbuilding

BUILDING, PRIMARY. A building in which the primary use of the lot is conducted.

BUILDING, SECONDARY. Any building which is subordinate, incidental or supplementary to the use of the principal building on the same lot or on a contiguous lot where both lots are under the same ownership in all respects as to title and fractional interest. A detached accessory building is one that is not attached to the principal building by any covered porch, breezeway or other roofed structure. (Syn. Accessory Building)

BUFFER. Open spaces, landscaped areas, fences, walls, berms, or any combination thereof used to physically separate and/or screen one use or property from another to visually shield or block noise, lights, or other nuisances.

CHILD DAY CARE CENTER. A structure or group of structures on a lot containing a facility licensed by the state of Connecticut as a child day care center as this term is defined in Section 19a-79-l(a) of the Public Health Code of the State of Connecticut, as it may have been amended from time to time.

CELLAR. A story having more than half of its interior height measured from floor to ceiling below the average finished grade of the ground adjoining the building.

CERTIFICATION. A signed, written approval by the Commission Chairperson, Secretary, or his/her designee, that a plan complies with the applicable requirements of these Regulations.

CO-LOCATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY. Telecommunications Facilities which utilize existing towers, buildings, or other structures for the placement of Antennae and do not require construction of a new tower. Co-located Telecommunications Facility may include accessory structures such as cabinets and sheds for associated telecommunications equipment.

COMMISSION. The Town Plan and Zoning Commission of the Town of Woodbridge.

COMMUNICATIONS TOWER. A structure that is intended to support equipment used to transmit and/or receive telecommunications signals. Examples include monopoles and lattice construction steel structures.

CONGREGATE COMMUNITY. A facility designed for occupancy by Elderly.

COUNTY SOIL + WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT. The New Haven County Soil and Water Conservation District established under subsection (a) of Section 22a-315 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

CROSS-BLOCK PASSAGE. A minimum 8-foot-wide pedestrian access reserved between buildings.

DEVELOPMENT. Any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to the construction of buildings or structures; the construction of additions, alterations or substantial improvements to buildings or structures; the placement of buildings or structures; mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment; the storage, deposition, or extraction of materials; the installation, repair or removal of public or private sewage disposal systems or water supply facilities; or any use or extension of the use of land.
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DISTURBED AREA. An area where vegetation, topsoil, or overburden is removed or upon which topsoil, spoil, underground development waste. An area where the ground cover is destroyed or removed leaving the land subject to accelerated erosion.

DWELLING UNIT. A dwelling unit is any building or portion thereof used or intended for use exclusively for residential occupancy by a family.

DWELLING UNIT, ACCESSORY. A dwelling unit that has been added onto or created within a single-family house. An accessory dwelling unit has a separate kitchen, bathing and sleeping areas.

DWELLING, ONE FAMILY. A single detached building used or intended for use exclusively as residence for only one family.

DWELLING, TWO FAMILY. A single detached building containing two Dwelling Units.

ELDERLY. A person who is sixty-two (62) years of age or over.

EROSION. The detachment and movement of soil or rock fragments by water, wind, ice, or gravity.

EXPRESSION LINE. A line prescribed at a certain level of a building for the major part of the width of façade, created by variation in material or by limited projection such as molding or balcony.

FACADE. The exterior walls of a building exposed to public view, or that wall viewed by persons not standing within the building.

FAMILY. One or more persons related by blood or marriage or legal adoption or a group of not more than four persons who are not so related, who are living together in a single dwelling unit and maintaining a common household.

FAMILY DAY CARE HOME. A facility within a one family dwelling unit in which care is provided for not more than six children, including the provid-
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FRONTAGE. The side of a lot abutting a street; the front lot line. See Definition Graphic located below.

RIGHT-OF-WAY.

FRONTAGE, PRIMARY. The side of a lot abutting the most traveled street.

FRONTAGE, SECONDARY. The side(s) of a lot abutting the lesser traveled street(s).

GALLARY. A private frontage conventional for retail use where the façade is aligned close to the frontage line with an attached cantilevered shed or lightweight colonnade overlapping the sidewalk.

GARAGE, PRIVATE. Any accessory building used only for the parking or storage of not more than four (4) passenger automobiles, except that in place of one passenger automobile there may be substituted one commercial vehicle not exceeding one-ton capacity if used solely by one residing in said main building, and other usual and customary storage.

GARAGE, PUBLIC. A building of one or more stories used for the storage of and/or repair of motor vehicles.

GOLF CLUB. An area of land, consisting of no less than 100 contiguous acres of land inclusive of land bisected by an improved road, laid out for golf with a series of 18 holes each including tee, fairway, and putting green and one or more natural or artificial hazards as well as swimming pool(s) and tennis facilities.

GRADING. Any excavating, grubbing, filling (including hydraulic fill) or stockpiling of earth materials or any combination thereof, including the land in its excavated or filled condition.

GROUP DAY CARE HOME. A facility within a one family dwelling unit in which is offered or provided a program of supplementary care to not less than seven (7) nor more than twelve (12) related or unrelated children on a regular basis for a part of the twenty-four hours in one or nor days in the week and licensed pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 19a-80 and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

GROSS RETAIL FLOOR AREA. The floor area or gross floor area, as herein before defined of a building used primarily for a retail store or stores.

GUN SHOP. Any establishment or portion of an establishment which sells guns, firearms or associated goods including ammunition and gun sights.

HEIGHT. The height of a building shall be measured from the mean level of the finished grade surrounding the building to a point midway between the highest and lowest points of the main roof; provided chimneys, spires, towers, elevator penthouses, tanks, and similar projections shall not be included in the height.

HEIGHT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER. The elevation of a co-located Telecommunications Facility or Communications Tower measured from ground level to the highest point on the structure, including antennae, lightning rods and such other equipment that may be fastened thereto.

INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY. An indoor sports facility providing space for athletic activity such as swimming, tennis, badminton, racquetball, or squash.

INDUSTRIAL. See MANUFACTURING.

INSPECTION. The periodic review of soil erosion and sediment control measures shown on the certified plan or as may be required by other provisions adopted by the Commission.

LANDSCAPING. Grading, filling, planting, and improving of land to produce a desirable aesthetic effect.
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FIGURE 2.1 LOTS, LOT LINES + LOT YARDS
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LAYERS. A range of depth of a lot within which certain elements are permitted.

LIGHTWELL. A private frontage type that is a below-grade entrance or recess designed to allow light into basements. (aka: light court.)

LINER BUILDING. A building specifically designed to mask a parking lot, parking structure or a big box store from a view along the frontage of a street.

LIVING UNIT FOR THE ELDERLY. A room or rooms including a bathroom and kitchen meeting the requirements of Elderly persons. When used in conjunction with a “Congregate Community” it may also be referred to as a “Personal Care Living Unit”, an “Assisted Personal Care Living Unit” or simply as a “Unit”.

LOADING DOCK. An off-street space available for the standing, loading, and unloading of one truck, excluding adequate maneuvering area.

LOT. An area of land in one ownership with definite boundaries ascertainable by deed or other instrument or plan filed in the Town Clerk’s office and used or set aside and available for use as the site of one or more buildings or for any other definite purpose. See Definition Graphic located below Lot Area.

LOT AREA. The total area within the lot lines of a parcel, excluding any street rights-of-way.

LOT, CORNER. A lot whose lot lines have an interior angle of less than 135 degrees at the intersection of two roads. A lot abutting on a curved road shall be deemed a corner lot if the tangents to the curve drawn at the points of intersection of the side lot lines with the curve, intersect at an interior angle of less than 135 degrees. See Definition Graphic located below Lot Area.

LOT, INFILL. The development of new housing or other buildings on scattered vacant sites in a built-up area.

LOT, MINIMUM SIZE. Minimum lot area, shape and frontage requirements are to be as stated in the respective zoning district regulations. In determining compliance with the minimum lot area, shape (including square on the lot provided for in lots in a Residence A Districts), slope and frontage requirements, the following areas shall be excluded:

A. Land subject to prior public utility easements;
B. Any part of an easement for ingress and egress;
C. Any right-of-way;
D. All wetlands as defined in the Connecticut General Statutes and the Woodbridge Inland Wetlands Regulations, as may be amended from time to time;
E. The area remaining after the exclusion shall be contiguous and with respect to the Residence A District shall be able to accommodate the size of the square on the lot that is specified for that zoning district;
F. Any area having a slope in excess of 25%;
G. Any street rights-of-way.

Exception: The foregoing provisions shall not apply to lawfully conforming or legally nonconforming lots in existence prior to the effective date of this amendment.

LOT FRONTAGE. The horizontal distance measured along the full length of the front lot line. In determining the frontage of a lot which is on the outside of a curve of the road the Commission may, in cases deemed to be appropriate, authorized the measurement to be made at the frontyard setback line.
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LOT LINE. A boundary line of a lot. See Definition Graphic located below Lot Area.

LOT LINE, FRONT. The line of a public road, drive, lane, or proposed road in a subdivision, on which abuts a lot. See Definition Graphic located below Lot Area.

LOT LINE, INTERIOR. A lot other than a corner, rear or a through lot.

LOT LINE, REAR. Any lot line which is the farthest lot line from the road and, does not front on a public road, drive, or lane. See Definition Graphic located below Lot Area.

LOT LINE, SIDE. Any lot line which is not a front lot or rear lot line. See Definition Graphic located below Lot Area.

LOT, REAR. A lot accessible only over a private right-of-way or driveway at least 20’ but not more than 50’ in width.

LOT, THROUGH. A lot other than a corner lot having frontage on two streets or two frontages on the same street.

LOT WIDTH. The distance between side lines of a lot measured along the front lot line and the front yard setback line except where the front lot line is a curve in which case the distance shall be measured only along the front yard setback line.

LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT, (LID). A comprehensive stormwater management and site-design technique where the design of a hydrologically functional site mimics pre-development conditions. This is achieved by using design techniques that infiltrate, filter, evaporate, and store runoff close to its source. LID addresses stormwater through a variety of small, landscape features located on-site. LID is a versatile approach that can be applied to new development, urban retrofits, and revitalization projects. This design approach incorporates strategic planning with micro-management techniques to achieve environmental protection goals while still allowing for development or infrastructure rehabilitation to occur.

MANUFACTURING. Any process whereby the nature, size, or shape of articles is changed, or where articles are assembled or packaged in quantity.

MANUFACTURING, HEAVY. The assembly or finishing of articles predominately from raw, unprocessed materials.

MANUFACTURING, LIGHT. The assembly or finishing of articles predominately from previously processed materials or finished products or parts.
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There is no outdoor storage of raw or semifinished materials. All manufacturing takes place within the primary structure.

MOTEL. A structure or group of structures on a lot, containing individual rental sleeping rooms, each with private bath and with, or without, individual cooking facilities. An office, lounge and apartment for resident manager, linen and supply storage, and maintenance rooms shall be provided, but no rooms or structures for any other uses shall be provided.

NON-BUILDING USE. A principal use of land to which the buildings on the lot, if any, are accessory, such as public parking lot, or an open storage yard for materials.

NURSING HOME. A structure or group of structures on a lot containing a facility licensed by the State as either a “chronic and convalescent home” or a “rest home with nursing supervision” as those terms are defined in the public Health Code of the State of Connecticut including child day care for employees and adult day care as accessory uses, subject to regulations for the Dev 1 District, upon formal application and after a public hearing.

OUTDOOR DINING AREA. An outdoor area located on the same property as a Restaurant, Fast Food Restaurant or Retail Food Establishment that allows for tables & chairs for outdoor table service or self-service dining subject to a zoning permit and the requirements found in Section 3.3.X.

PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (PCS). Those digital, wireless services provided under Federal Communications Commission licenses related to the title "Personal Communications Services".

PANELS. A type of Antennae that is rigid, flat, and directional, and are up to 6 feet in height. For panels over 6 feet see Structure.

PARKING, ACTUAL. The amount of parking required prior to adjustment based upon the shared parking factor and/or the allowed TOD reduction.

PARKING, EFFECTIVE. The amount of parking required based upon adjustment using the shared parking factor and/or the allowed TOD reduction.

PARKING, TEMPORARY. Parking meant for drop-off, pick-up, or standing. Time allowed shall not exceed 30 minutes.

PARKING LOT. Any area of open land customarily used for parking four or more automobiles or other motorized equipment or vehicles, whether or not for compensation and whether such parking is designed for short or long periods.

PERVIOUS. Any material that permits full or partial absorption of stormwater into previously unimproved land.

PLANNED RESIDENTIAL CARE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE ELDERLY. A structure or group of structures on a lot containing dwelling units exclusively for occupancy by one or more persons at least one of whom in each unit is Elderly. Said lot shall abut a nursing home with which the owner and/or operator of the Planned Residential Care Development for the Elderly has a binding legal agreement for placement of said elderly persons who need more intensive care. A signed copy of this agreement shall be submitted to the TPZ as part of permitting process and reviewed by the Town Attorney for compliance with the intent of these regulations. Said structure or structures shall also contain community areas suitably equipped to meet the social interaction and leisure time needs of the residents and common dining facilities where at least one meal each day is made available to residents.

REAR ALLEY. A vehicular way located to the rear of lots providing access to service areas, parking, and outbuildings and containing utility easements. Rear alleys should be paved from building face to building face, with drainage by inverted crown at the center or with roll curbs at the edges.

REAR LANE. A vehicular way located to the rear
of lots providing access to service areas, parking, and outbuildings and containing utility easements. Rear lanes may be paved to driveway standards. The street-scene consists of gravel or landscaped edges, has no raised curb, and is drained by percolation.

**RESIDENCE OFFICE.** An office situated within a dwelling unit, the use of which is clearly accessory and secondary to the residential use of the dwelling unit.

**RESTAURANT.** A place having an adequate kitchen and dining room, the primary business of which is the service of meals to patrons seated at tables or counters. Meals are served by waiters or waitresses and consumed at the table or counter where they are ordered. A Restaurant may have a Restaurant Permit to allow the retail sales of alcoholic liquor to be consumed on the premises, as granted by the Department of Liquor Control (See Restaurant, Fast Food; Restaurant, Drive-in).

**RESTAURANT, DRIVE-IN.** A place that delivers prepared food and/or non-alcoholic beverages to patrons in motor vehicles, regardless of whether it also serves said items to patrons who are not in motor vehicles, for consumption in or out of motor vehicles, on or off the premises.

**RESTAURANT, FAST FOOD.** A place whose primary business is the quick sale of (1) frozen desserts, (2) food, already prepared, or prepared and cooked quickly, or cooked or heated in a microwave oven, or (3) non-alcoholic beverages for consumption on or off the premises. Generally, service is cafeteria style in disposable plates or containers, and food and beverages are not consumed at the point where they are ordered or paid for.

**RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT.** Any business where food or beverages are sold to the public for either on premises or off premises consumption. Such establishments shall not be considered Restaurants or Fast Food Restaurants. No additional parking will be required provided that they have indoor seating for 10 or less patrons. For outdoor seating see Section 3.3.X.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW).** A strip of land acquired by reservation, dedication, prescription, or condemnation and intended to be occupied by a street, crosswalk, railroad, electric transmission lines, oil or gas pipeline, water line, sanitary storm sewer, or similar uses. Generally, the right of one to pass over the property of another. See Definition Graphic located above.

**ROAD.** Any street, road, drive, or lane, public or private.

**ROAD, ACCEPTED.** Any road which has become public by official acceptance by the Town according to law.

**ROAD, APPROVED.** Any road, the design and location of which has been approved by official action.
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ROAD LINE. The right-of-way line of a road.

ROOMER or BOARDER. An individual other than a member of the family occupying a dwelling unit.

ROOMING HOUSE or BOARDING HOUSE. Any dwelling in which at least 3 persons, but less than 15 persons are housed or boarded for consideration or otherwise without separate kitchen facilities, with or without meals. If 15 or more persons are housed or boarded, such building(s) shall be considered a hotel or motel.

SCHOOL. Any nursery, kindergarten, elementary, junior high, or senior high school, college, or university, offering general, or general and specialized courses of instruction.

SCREEN OR SCREENING. A landscape strip at least ten feet wide, may be combined with a wall or fence, as required by the Commission, densely planted (or having equivalent natural growth) with evergreen shrubs or trees at least six feet high within three years. The screen, and wall or fence, if any, may have reasonable entrances and exits and said screen, wall or fence shall be maintained in good condition at all times.

SEDIMENT. Solid material, either mineral or organic, that is in suspension, is transported or has been moved from its site or origin of erosion.

SEASONAL OUTDOOR DINING AREA. An outdoor area located on the same property as a Restaurant, Fast Food Restaurant or Retail Food Establishment that allows for tables & chairs for outdoor table service or self-service dining subject to an approval by the Commission and requirements found in Section 3.3.X.

SETBACK. The distance between the building and any lot line. See Definition Graphic located below Lot Area.
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**SHOPFRONT FACADE.** A facade that is provided on average every 30' along the frontage. The Shopfront shall be no less than 70% glazed in clear glass and shaded by an awning overlapping the sidewalk as specified in Section 4.C. The first floor shall be confined to retail or commercial use for a minimum depth of 20 feet from the frontage line. Lobbies for hotels, offices and multiple family dwellings may be considered as part of the required retail frontage, provided that any such lobby occupies no more than 50% of said building.

**SIGN.** Any structure, or part thereof, any device attached to a building, painted, or represented thereon, which shall display, and/or include any letter, word, model, flag, insignia, device, or representation. A sign includes a billboard and a neon tube, a series of signs, string of lights, or similar device outlining, or hung upon any part of a building. **Exception:** A flag or insignia of any government or governmental agency, or of any fraternal, civic, charitable, or religious organization. Window displays lasting no more than 30 days are treated as temporary signage.

**SIGN, ADVERTISING.** A sign, including the type commonly known as a billboard, which directs attention to a business, commodity, service, or entertainment conducted, sold, or offered elsewhere than upon the same lot where such sign is displayed or only incidentally upon such lot.

**SIGN AREA.** The area within the shortest line that can be drawn around the outside perimeter of a sign.

**SIGN, BUSINESS.** A sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service, or entertainment conducted, sold, or offered upon the same lot on which it is displayed. A “for sale” or “to let” sign related to the lot on which it is displayed shall be deemed a business sign.

**SIGN, DIRECTIONAL.** A sign with sign area of not over two square feet indicating the direction or route to an establishment.

**SIGN, DIRECTLY ILLUMINATED.** Any sign designed to give forth any artificial light directly (or through any transparent or translucent material) from a source of light connected with such sign.

**SIGN, ELEEMOSYNARY.** A sign which directs attention to an event to be conducted within the Town of Woodbridge during a specified period, not lasting more than two weeks, held by an educational, municipal, religious, or philanthropic organization. Examples of such events include, but are not limited to: plays, concerts, seasonal fairs, and rummage sales, registration for team sports, blood drives, picnics, and dinners.

**SIGN, FLASHING.** Any sign, illuminated directly, or indirectly, where the artificial light is not maintained stationary, and such light is constant in intensity and color at all times when in use.

**SIGN, INDIRECTLY ILLUMINATED.** A sign illuminated with a light so shielded that no direct rays therefrom are visible elsewhere than on the lot where said illumination occurs. If such shielding is defective, such sign shall be deemed to be a directly illuminated sign.

**SLOPE.** In determining the minimum lot area required, all slopes equal to, or greater than 25 percent shall be excluded. Slopes shall be measured prior to any proposed excavation, filling, or other regrading activities. Slopes are further defined as slopes equal to or greater than 25 percent as measured on a certified topographic survey (to Class T-2 or T-3), meeting the minimum standards of one of the following types of topographic surveys:

A. “Class T-2” (field survey procedures)

B. “Class T-3” (aerial survey) whereby Surveyor of Record provides horizontal and vertical control, to National Map Standards for photogrammetric mapping

C. “Class T-D” (to be verified and certified to Class T-2) (survey utilizes an existing aerial survey)

**SOIL.** Any unconsolidated mineral or organic material of any origin.
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SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN. A scheme that minimizes soil erosion and sedimentation resulting from development and included, but is not limited to, a map and a narrative.

SPECIAL CARE UNITS. Units which shall be occupied only by persons, who, due to their physical or mental condition, are incapable of operating a motor vehicle and who hold no valid driver’s license.

STOOP. A small landing with steps in the front of a building.

STORY. That part of a building comprised between any floor and the floor or roof next above.

STREET. See ROAD.

STREETSCREEN. A freestanding wall or combination of wall and landscape built along the frontage line, or co-planar with the street. It may screen a parking lot from the thoroughfare, provide privacy to a side yard, and/or strengthen the spatial definition of the public realm at a height not less than 42 inches or more than 54 inches.

STRUCTURE. Anything constructed or erected above ground from an assembly of materials. For the purposes of these Regulations the following shall not be deemed to be a structure: a small structure not to exceed six (6) feet in any direction and not permanently attached to the ground, an ornamental well, or fence, a non-retaining wall, a sign, a dumpster used during construction for which a permit has been issued, a transformer, an arbor, a mail box, or a utility pole.

SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION. Any extension, repair, reconstruction, or other modification of a property, the cost of which equals or exceeds 60% of the fair market value of a structure, as determined by a licensed appraiser, either before the modification is started or, if the property has been damaged and is being restored, before the damage occurred.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY. Antennae, telecommunications equipment, communications towers, and/or other support structures used in connection with the provision of wireless communications service. These services may include, but are not limited to, cellular communications, personal communications services, and paging.

TOWER. A structure that is intended to send and/or receive radio, television, internet, or other wireless communications.

TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT. A type of community development that includes a mixture of housing, office, retail, and/or other amenities integrated into a walkable neighborhood and located within a half-mile of public transportation.

USE, NON-CONFORMING. A use or activity that was lawful prior to the adoption, revision, or amendment of the zoning ordinance, but that fails, by reason of such adoption, revision, or amendment to conform to the present requirements of the zoning district. It may be a non-building use.

WOODBRIDGE VILLAGE DISTRICT (WVD). The Woodbridge Village District shall be an overlay district for the GB, BI, and DEV-1 Districts as delineated on the Zoning Map for the Town of Woodbridge. The regulations for the Woodbridge Village District shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, the regulations applicable to the underlying zoning districts.

YARD, FRONT. A space extending the full width of the lot between any building and the front lot line and measured perpendicular to the building at the closest point to the front lot line. See Definition Graphic at the end of this section.

YARD, SIDE. The space extending from the front yard to the rear yard between the principal building and the side lot line and measured perpendicular from the side lot line to the closest point of the principal building. See Definition Graphic at the end of this section.
**YARD, REAR.** A space extending across the full width of the lot between the principal building and the rear lot line and measured perpendicular to the building to the closest point of the rear lot line. See Definition Graphic under LOT.