



**Staff Report**  
**Amendment to the UDC**  
**(Appendix A) Definitions**

**Attachments: Definitions**

**Work Session:** Thursday June 5, 2025  
**Public Hearing:** Thursday, June 12, 2025  
**City Council Introduction:** Tuesday, July 8, 2025  
**City Council Public Hearing:** Tuesday, July 22, 2025

**Request:**

Update to the UDC Definitions by the City Planner. Definitions in red will be deleted.

**City Planner Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval.

**Public Hearing:**

For: 4  
Against: 0

**Commission Recommendation:**

**Motion:**

Recommend approval for an amendment to the UDC (appendix A) regarding definitions.

**For:** Kylan Douglas, Ron Matthews, Monica Perez, Trey St. Romain  
**Against:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Trey Tycker

**Ordinance to Read:**

**WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2025 the Hammond Zoning Commission held a public hearing and recommended approval for an amendment to the UDC (appendix A) regarding definitions.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT ORDAINED, the Hammond City Council held a public hearing on July 22, 2025 and approved the amendment to the UDC (appendix A) regarding definitions.

**DEFINITIONS TO BE DELETED**  
**FROM UDC APPENDIX A. DEFINITIONS**

**Abandoned Vehicle(s)** - Any motor vehicle or mobile home as defined herein, which: 1. Has remained for a period of more than seventy-two (72) hours on public property illegally; 2. Lacks vital component parts or is in an inoperable condition such that it has no substantial potential further use consistent with its usual functions, except for vehicles kept in an enclosed garage or storage building; 3. Has remained for a period of more than sixty (60) days on private property without the consent of the person in control of such property. Even with consent, such vehicles and non-operating vehicles, shall not be kept in front or side yards; 4. Is voluntarily surrendered by its owner to and accepted by the City of Hammond or the City Police Department; or 5. Comes into the possession of the city or its police department by seizure, confiscation or other means hereinafter provided.

**Abandoning a Vehicle** - Any act which renders a thing an "abandoned vehicle" as defined herein. **Abandons** - To completely forsake and desert an animal previously under the custody or possession of a person without making reasonable arrangements for its proper care, sustenance, and shelter. **Abutting** - The property directly touches another piece of property.

**Accessory Dwelling Unit** - A dwelling that exists as part of a principal dwelling or on the same lot as the principal dwelling and is subordinate in size to the principal dwelling.

**Activity Center** - Activity center is a term that refers to concentrated areas of housing and employment such as downtowns, town centers, or edge cities.

**Adequate Public Facilities** - Adequate public facilities include existing municipal services, including water, sewer, roads, and schools that are available to serve a development without the addition of new public facilities.

**Adult Dance Hall** - Any dance hall whose permissible patrons or admittees are eighteen (18) years of age or older.

**Advertising Display Area** - The Advertising display surface area (copy area) encompassed within any regular geometric figure which would enclose all parts of the sign. The structural supports for a sign, whether they be columns, pylons, or a building, or a part thereof, shall not be included in the advertising area.

**Affordable/Workforce Housing** - Housing that is available at rate that a household at or below the median income level can afford the unit by paying no more than thirty (30%) percent of its annual income on housing. Families who pay more than thirty (30%) percent of their income for housing are considered cost burdened and may have difficulty affording necessities such as food, clothing, transportation and medical care.

**Air Conditioning System or Systems** - One (1) or more units for the cooling, heating, or dehumidification, or combination thereof, of space for occupancy of any nature.

**Airport Elevation** - The highest point of an airport's usable landing area measured in feet from mean sea level.

**Airport Hazard** - Any structure built by man or object of natural growth located on or in the vicinity of a public airport, of such a type that it endangers the lives and property of users of the airport and of occupants of land in its vicinity, and also, if of the obstruction type, in effect, reduces the size of the area available for landing, take-off, and maneuvering of aircraft thus tending to destroy or impair the utility of the airport or landing field and the public health, public safety, or general welfare.

**Alluvial Fan Flooding** - Flooding occurring on the surface of an alluvial fan or similar landform which originates at the apex and is characterized by high-velocity flows; active processes of erosion, sediment transport, and deposition; and unpredictable flow paths.

**Animal Boarding** - The use of land for boarding, selling, training or breeding cats or dogs for compensation, or the keeping of more than twelve (12) dogs or cats in combination for any purpose.

**Animal Shelter** - A structure that is owned, operated or maintained by a public body, established humane society or other private or nonprofit organization used for the care of lost, abandoned or neglected pets.

**Annual Bond Principal and Interest Payments** - All of those funds that are paid to retire bonded indebtedness and the interest on those bonds that are the liabilities of the Water and Sewer Department

**Anything of Value** - Must be given the broadest possible construction, including any conceivable thing of the slightest value, movable or immovable, corporeal or incorporeal, public or private and including transportation, telephone and telegraph services or any other service available for hire. It must be construed in the broad popular sense of the phrase, not necessarily as synonymous with the transitional legal term "property." In all cases involving shoplifting the term "value" is the actual retail price of the property at the time of the offense.

**Apartment or Apartment Unit** - One (1) of two (2) or more self-contained dwelling units under a common roof. Will be billed as a commercial customer if they are served by a common master meter.

**Apartment Building** - A building type that accommodates multiple units and may be managed as either a rental property in which units are not owned by residents or as a condominium, where each unit is privately held.

**Apex** - A point on an alluvial fan or similar landform below which the flow path of the major stream that formed the fan becomes unpredictable and alluvial fan flooding can occur.

**Apiary** - The assembly of one (1) or more colonies of bees at a single location.

**Approach, Transitional, Horizontal, and Conical Zones** - Any structure built by man or object of natural growth located on or in the vicinity of a public airport, of such a type that it endangers the lives and property of users of the airport and of occupants of land in its vicinity, and also, if



of the obstruction type, in effect, reduces the size of the area available for landing, take-off, and maneuvering of aircraft thus tending to destroy or impair the utility of the airport or landing field and the public health, public safety, or general welfare.

**Aquifer** - A water-bearing geologic formation sometimes confined between clay layers and sometimes on the surface. Aquifers are typically the source of ground water for drinking and irrigation.

**Arch** - A structure that spans a space while supporting weight through compression.

**Area of Future Conditions Flood Hazard** - The land area that would be inundated by the one (1%) percent annual chance (one hundred-year) flood based on future conditions hydrology.

**Area of Special Flood Hazard** - The land in the floodplain within a community subject to a one (1%) percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The area may be designated as Zone A on the flood hazard boundary map (FHBM). After detailed rate making has been completed in preparation for publication of the firm, Zone A usually is refined into zones A, AO, AH, A1—30, AE, A99, AR, AR/A1—30, AR/AE, AR/AO, AR/AH, AR/A, VO, V1—30, VE or V.

**Assumed Retirement Benefit** - The benefit by which the employer shall determine his contribution to the trust on behalf of each participant. Such assumed retirement benefit will provide an assumed annual annuity for such participant, payable from his normal retirement date until attainment of age sixty-five (65), equal to thirty-eight (38%) percent of such participant's monthly compensation, less one-thirtieth (1/30) for each year of continuous service with the Hammond, Louisiana Fire Department as an employee less than thirty (30). Such assumed retirement benefit shall be increased by accumulated dividends and excess investment earnings or reduced by any investment loss. Pre-retirement shall be based on an interest assumption of five (5%) percent and post-retirement based on an interest assumption of five (5%) percent.

**Attached House** - A building type containing two (2) principal dwelling units on a single lot with private yards on all four (4) sides. Each unit has its own external entrance. Unit can be located on separate floors, side-to-side, or back-to-back.

**Audit Period** - Standard fiscal year of operation. This is normally from July 1 of one (1) year until June 30 of the following year, but may be changed upon recommendation of the independent auditor and approval by the council and the state legislative auditor.

**Authorized Private Receptacle** - A litter storage and collection receptacle constructed in accordance with the following:

1. For garbage. Garbage containers shall be made of metal or plastic, equipped with suitable handles and tight-fitting covers, and shall be watertight, but not to include plastic bags not in a container.
  - a. Capacity: Garbage containers shall have a capacity of not more than ninety-six (96) gallons.



- b. Sanitation: Garbage containers shall be of a type approved by the city health officer or city official designated to such responsibility and shall be kept in a clean, neat and sanitary condition at all times.
  2. For ashes. Ash containers shall be made of metal and have a capacity of not more than fifteen (15) gallons.
  3. For rubbish. Rubbish containers shall be of a kind suitable for collection purposes and shall be of such weight that they can be handled by one (1) man.
- Placement: Garbage/Recycle containers must be placed immediately adjacent to (not less than one nor more than five feet from traveled surface of) streets. No container shall be placed on the street or sidewalk or in any ditch along the street.

**Back Washing** - The rinsing and/or cleaning of cartridge or sand filters.

**Beekeeper** - A person who owns or has charge of one (1) or more colonies of bees.

**Beekeeping Equipment** - Anything used in the operation of an apiary, such as hive bodies, supers, frames, top and bottom boards, and extractors.

**Beverages of High Alcoholic Content** - Alcoholic beverages containing more than six (6%) percent alcohol by volume.

**Beverages of Low Alcoholic Content** - Alcoholic beverages containing not more than six (6%) percent alcohol by volume.

**Bingo or Keno Session** - Those games of chance played for prizes with cards bearing numbers or other designations, five (5) or more in one line, the holder thereof covering the number or other designations as objects similarly numbered or designated are drawn from a receptacle and the game being won by the person who first covers a previously designated arrangements of numbers or other designations on such card. Bingo or keno sessions shall mean a period of time not to exceed three (3) hours.

**Biodiversity** - The variety of living things; it includes the variety of living organisms and the communities and ecosystems in which they occur.

**Block Face** - The aggregate of all the building facades on one (1) side of a block.

**Block Rezoning** - A rezoning request that includes more than two (2) lots of record, other than those eligible for administrative rezoning

**Board of Appeal** - A board consisting of five (5) members, two (2) to be appointed by the city and three (3) to be appointed by the parish police jury, for the purpose of hearing appeals from decisions of the Hammond Airport Zoning Board.

**Boarding Home** - A for-profit or nonprofit boarding home, rest home, or other home for the sheltered care of adult persons which, in addition to providing food and shelter to four (4) or more persons unrelated to the owner/operator, may also provide any personal care or service beyond food, shelter, and laundry.

**Bona Fide Private Club** - Any association or organization having the traditional attributes of self-government, which include, but are not limited to; an organizational plan, duly elected officers, regularly scheduled meetings, a plan or purpose of exclusiveness on some basis other than race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, or physical condition. - Any association or organization having the traditional attributes of self-government, which include, but are not limited to; an organizational plan, duly elected officers, regularly scheduled meetings, a plan or purpose of exclusiveness on some basis other than race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, or physical condition.

**Bond reserve payments** - All of those required payments made into funds that are required to be held in reserve to insure payment of the particular bond issues.

**Breakaway Wall** - A wall that is not part of the structural support of the building and is intended through its design and construction to collapse under specific lateral loading forces, without causing damage to the elevated portion of the building or supporting foundation system.

**Brownfields** - Sites that are underutilized or not in active use, on land that is either contaminated or perceived as contaminated.

**Building and Zoning Inspector** - The person designated by the local government to enforce the Zoning Ordinance. If no other person is appointed to administer these regulations the Building and Zoning Inspector shall administer these regulations.

**Built Environment** - The urban environment consisting of buildings, roads, fixtures, parks, and all other improvements that form the physical character of a city.

**Burglary Alarm System** - An alarm system signaling an entry or attempted entry into the area protected by said system.

**Calculation Period** - The annual operating expenses shall be calculated based on the standard fiscal year of operation. This is normally from July 1 of one (1) year until June 30 the following year, but may be changed upon recommendation the designated independent auditor and approval by the council

**Caliper** - The diameter of plant material, measured at six (6") inches above grade.

**Capital Improvements** - Those improvements to the sewer and water system that are approved by the council as part of the annual budget adoption procedure and are part of the normal five (5) year capital outlay budget. This also includes those items that are purchased or constructed due to unforeseen circumstances or emergencies and were done with the knowledge and consent of the council

**City Building Official** - The person appointed by the mayor to the position of city building official, or his/her duly authorized representative.



**Collection Agency** - A person who collects accounts, notes and securities of another from a debtor or person owing the account, note or security and charges therefore a fee either on a set money basis or on a contingent basis, attorneys-at-law excepted.

**Colony or Hive** - An aggregate of bees consisting principally of workers, but having, when perfect, one (1) queen and at times many drones, including brood, combs, honey and the receptacle inhabited by the Bees.

**Combined Sewer** - A sewer receiving both surface run-off and sewage.

**Commencement of Construction** - The disturbance of soils associated with clearing, grading, excavating activities, or other construction activities.

**Commercial Handbill** - Any printed or written matter, any sample or device, dodger, circular, leaflet, pamphlet, paper, booklet, or any other printed or otherwise reproduced original or copies of any matter of literature:

1. Which advertises for sale any merchandise, produce, commodity or thing; or
2. Which directs attention to any business or mercantile or commercial establishment, or other activity, for the purpose of either directly or indirectly promoting the interest thereof by sales;

or

3. Which directs attention to or advertises any meeting, theatrical performance, exhibition, or event of any kind for which an admission fee is charged for the purpose of private gain or profit; but the terms of this clause shall not apply where an admission fee is charged or a collection is

taken up for the purpose of defraying the expenses incident to such meeting, theatrical performance, exhibition, or event of any kind, when either of the same is held, given or takes place in connection with the dissemination of information which is not restricted under the ordinary rules of decency, good morals, public peace, safety and good order; provided that nothing contained in this clause shall be deemed to authorize the holding, giving or taking place of any meeting, theatrical performance, exhibition, or event of any kind, without a license, where such license is or may be required by any law of this state, or under any ordinance of this city; or

4. Which, while containing reading matter other than advertising matter, is predominantly and essentially an advertisement, and is distributed or circulated for advertising purposes, or for the private benefit and gain of any person so engaged as advertiser or distributor

**Compact Development** - Development that optimizes its use of land.

**Compensation** - A participant's annual basic nondeferred remuneration paid to him by the employer exclusive of any extraordinary remuneration including overtime pay or bonuses.

**Complete Community** - A community whose mix of housing offers many types of homes affordable to people with a wide range of income in multiple stages of their lives.



**Compliance Officer** - The person appointed by the mayor to the position of compliance officer, or his/her duly authorized representative. The compliance officer is the city building official or his/her duly authorized representative.

**Composite Sample** - A sample consisting of a minimum of three (3) grab samples of effluent collected at regular intervals over a normal operating day which may be combined proportional to flow, or a sample continuously collected proportional to flow over a normal operating day.

**Compressor Horsepower**, (one) - The equivalent of one (1) ton of refrigeration which, for the purposes of this section, is the heat required to melt ice at the rate of one (1) ton in twenty-four (24) hours.

**Computation of Time** - The day on which such notice is given or such act is done shall be counted in computing the time, but the day on which such proceeding is to be had shall not be counted.

**Condominium, Residential** - The use of a site for a building or group of buildings forming a series of attached dwelling units constructed with common or abutting walls and located on a commonly owned site, where the units are owned individually and the land (including the land under the unit), structure(s), common areas and facilities are owned by all the unit owners on a proportional, undivided basis.

**Conservation Easements** - Conservation easements are voluntary, legally binding agreements for landowners that limit parcels of land or pieces of property to certain uses. Land under conservation easements remains privately owned. Most easements are permanent.

**Contingency Amount** - The amount of money determined by generally accepted governmental accounting principles that to be held aside and used only for unforeseen emergency needs, not to exceed ten (10%) percent of total operating expenses.

**Contractor's Gross Receipts** - For the purpose of computing the license fee provided for in Louisiana Revised Statute 47:355, a contractor's gross receipts are determined the same for all contracts, whether or not they have lump sum contract or a cost-plus contract are based on the actual whereas, the gross receipts for a cost-plus contract are based on the actual cost of the contract to the owner including the amount added thereto as a fee.

**Control Manhole** - A manhole giving access to a building sewer at some point before the building sewer discharge mixes with other discharges in the public sewer.

**Control Point** - A point of access to a course of discharge between the point of origination of the discharge and the point at which the discharge mixes with other discharges in the public sewer.

**Corporate Counsel** – The attorney for the city.

**Cosmetic Cleaning** - Pertaining to cleaning done for cosmetic purposes. It does not include industrial cleaning, cleaning associated with manufacturing activities, hazardous or toxic waste cleaning, or any cleaning otherwise regulated under federal, state, or local laws.

**Critical Feature** - An integral and readily identifiable part of a flood protection system, without which the flood protection provided by the entire system would be compromised.

**Cruel** - Every act or failure to act whereby unjustifiable physical pain or suffering is caused or permitted.

**Dance Hall** - A café, restaurant or other place where dancing is provided for, whether or not it occurs, with live or electronically produced or transmitted music.

**Dangerous Weapon** - Any gas, liquid or other substance or instrumentality, which, in the manner used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm

**Dealer in Bicycles** - Any person engaged in the sale of bicycles at retail or wholesale.

**Decibel (dB)** - A unit for measuring the volume of a sound, equal to twenty (20) times the logarithm to the base ten (10) of the ratio of the pressure of the sound measured to the reference pressure, which is twenty (20) micropascals (twenty (20) micronewtons per square meter).

**Density Bonus** - Allows developers to build in specified areas at densities that are higher than normally allowed to incentivize developers to comply with specific actions the City encourages.

**Detached House** - A building type that accommodates a single family residence.

**Director of Planning and Development** - The person appointed by the mayor to the position of director of planning and development, or his/her duly authorized representative.

**Director of Utilities** - The person appointed by the mayor to the position of director of utilities, or his/her duly authorized representative.

**Directory Sign** - A sign on which the names and locations of occupants or the use of building is given. This shall include office buildings and church directories.

**Driver** - Any person who physically drives an ambulance

**Dwelling, Patio Home** - A one-family dwelling on a small separate lot with open space setbacks or yards on three (3) sides only.

**Elected Official** - Any person, whether compensated or not, who is:

1. Elected as provided for under the plan of government, including, but not limited to, the mayor and members of the city council.
2. Specifically excluded are the judges of the city court and the officials of these offices whose electorate lies outside or extends beyond the boundaries of the city.



**Elevated Building** - For insurance purposes, a non-basement building, which has its lowest elevated floor, raised above ground level by foundation walls, shear walls, posts, piers, pilings, or columns.

**Fire Department Employee** - An individual who has completed his apprenticeship or training period with the Hammond, Louisiana Fire Department and whose customary employment with said fire department is for more than twenty (20) hours per week for more than five (5) months per calendar year.

**Energy Efficiency** - Using less energy to achieve the same outcome. For example, better insulation would enable a home to stay warm utilizing less energy.

**Escrow** - A deposit of cash with the local government in lieu of an amount required and still in force on a completion or maintenance bond. Such escrow funds shall be deposited by the Building and Zoning Inspector in a separate account.

**Excursion** - Any variation from the limits imposed by the state DEQ discharge permit for the City of Hammond.

**Expression Line** - A horizontal line, expressed by a material change or by a continuous projection, typically not less than two (2") inches nor more than one (1') foot deep.

**Fast Food Restaurant** - An establishment where drive-up food service is available without necessarily having to leave the vehicle and where food and/or beverage is sold for consumption on or off of the premises.

**Filling Station** - Buildings, structures the premises used primarily for dispensing of vehicle fuel or oil. (Also gas station.)

**Flood Elevation Study** - An examination, evaluation and determination of flood hazards and, if appropriate, corresponding water surface elevations, or an examination, evaluation and determination of mudslide (i.e., mudflow) and/or flood-related erosion hazards.

**Flood Plain** - The land adjacent to a water body such as a stream, river, lake or ocean that experiences occasional flooding.

**Flood Proofing** - Any combination of structural and non-structural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitary facilities, structures and their contents.

**Foreseeable** - That which ordinarily would be anticipated by a human being of average reasonable intelligence and perception.

**Functionally Dependent Use** - A use, which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship



building and ship repair facilities, but does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities.

**Gallons Sold** - The total number of gallons of water sold to customers of record and whose consumption was metered and recorded.

**General Terms** - The word 'person' includes a firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company, or corporation as well as individual.

**Governmental Authority** - The licensed attorney designated by the governing body to furnish legal assistance for the administration of these regulations.

**Governmental or Municipal Engineer** - The local public works person and/or local civil engineers chosen by the Planning Commission, on a rotating basis, to review subdivision work at the site and compare that work with the proposals indicated on the approved final plan. The review engineer will recommend to the Planning Commission and City Council if dedication of the subdivision infrastructure should be accepted and if the work conformed to these Subdivision Regulations. (Also called Inspector Engineer.) The review engineer cannot also be the project engineer.

**Grab Sample** - An individual sample of effluent collected in less than fifteen (15) minutes.

**Green** - A civic space type for unstructured recreation spatially defined by landscaping rather than building frontages.

**Greenfields** - Greenfields refer to vacant, previously undeveloped land.

**Greenhouse Gas** - Gases which contribute to the greenhouse effect. The gases may be caused by natural processes or from human activities such as the burning of fossil fuels. Greenhouse gases include carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and ozone.

**Greenway** - A linear vegetated open space for recreation and pedestrian and bicycle transportation.

**Greenways** can be used to create connected networks of open space that include parks and natural areas.

**Growth Sector** - Areas where new growth should be directed. Typically along the intersections of major or minor arterial roads which could eventually host potential transit routes.

**Hammond Airport Height Restriction Board** - A board consisting of five (5) members, two (2) to be appointed by the city and three (3) to be appointed by the parish police jury, for the purpose of hearing appeals from decisions of the Hammond Airport Zoning Board.

**Hazardous Household Waste (HHW)** - Any waste generated in a household by a consumer which, except for the exclusion provided in 40 CFR Part 261.4(b) (1), would be classified as a hazardous waste under 40 CFR Part 302.

**Heat Island** - An unnaturally high temperature micro-climate resulting from radiation from unshaded impervious surfaces.

**Honeybee** - All life stages of the common domestic honey bee, *Apis mellifera* species.

**Housing Element** - An assessment of current and projected housing needs for all economic segments of the community. It sets forth local housing policies and programs to implement those policies.

**Illuminated Sign** - Any sign illuminated in any manner by an artificial light source.

**Illustrative Plan** - A scaled plan showing proposed uses and structures for parcels of land. An illustrative plan could also show the location of lot lines, the layout of buildings, open space, parking areas and landscape features.

**Impulsive Sound** - Sound of short duration, usually less than one (1) second, with an abrupt onset and rapid decay. Examples of sources of impulsive sound include explosions, drop forge impacts, and the discharge of firearms. Impulsive sound also includes "peak noise," as that term is defined in ANSI S1.4-1983, or any successor thereto.

**Independent Auditor** - An outside auditing firm retained by the council to perform the annual city audit.

**Industrial Waste Charge** - The charge made on those persons who discharge industrial wastes into the city's sewage system.

**Infill Development** - Infill projects use vacant or underutilized land in previously developed areas for buildings, parking, and other uses.

**Inorganic Contaminants** - Naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming, such as salts and metals.

**Insurer** - Any insurance company authorized to do and doing business in the state designated as the insurer by the trustees.

**Integral Sign** - Memorial signs or tablets, names of buildings, and date of erection when cut into any masonry surface or when constructed of bronze or other incombustible materials mounted on the face of a building.

**Juvenile Dance Hall** - Any dance hall whose permissible patrons or admittees are seventeen (17) years of age or younger.

**Levee System** - A flood protection system which consists of a levee, or levees, and associated structures, such as closure and drainage devices, which are constructed and operated in accordance with sound engineering practices.

**License, Pilot** - A certificate issued by The DOTD Aviation Division attesting the successful completion of a written examination and demonstration of safe pilotage.

**Licensee** - Any person who procures from the city clerk a license.

**Liner Building** - A building with habitable space specifically designed to mask a parking lot or a parking garage from public spaces or street frontages.



**Lintel** - A horizontal beam that supports the weight of the wall above a window or door.

**Litter** - Garbage, refuse, and rubbish as defined in this section and all other waste material which, if thrown or deposited as prohibited in this article, tends to create a danger to public health, safety and welfare.

**Local Road** - A road intended to provide access to other roads from individual properties and to provide right-of-way beneath it for sewer, water, and storm drainage pipes.

**Lot Improvement** - See "Improvements".

**Main Building** - A building in which is conducted the main or principal use of the lot on which said building is located.

**Main Street Building** - A building type that is mixed-use in nature and features shop fronts along the sidewalk at the ground level, with office or residential spaces in the upper floors.

**Major Utility** - Any utility on a property for the purpose of serving multiple properties.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - The level of contamination in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

**Microbial Contaminants** - Such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

**Minor Utility** - Any utility on a property for the purpose of serving a single property.

**Mobile Commercial Cosmetic Cleaning** - Any power washing, steam cleaning, and other mobile cosmetic cleaning operation, of vehicles and/or exterior surfaces, engaged in for commercial purposes.

**Monthly Compensation** - Annual compensation divided by twelve (12).

**Motorboat** - Any vessel which operates on water and which is propelled by a motor, including but not limited to boats, barges, amphibious craft, water ski towing devices and hover craft.

**Motorcycle** - An unenclosed motor vehicle having a saddle for the use of the operator and two (2) or three (3) wheels in contact with the ground, including but not limited to motor scooters and minibikes, and an unenclosed motor vehicle having a saddle for the use of the operator and four (4) wheels in contact with the ground which is commonly referred to as a "four-wheeler" or alternatively as an "allterrain vehicle."

**Muffler or Sound-dissipative Device** - A device for abating the sound of escaping gases of an internal combustion engine.

**Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)** - The system of conveyances, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains owned and operated by the city and designated or used for collecting or conveying stormwater, and which is not used for collecting or conveying



sewage.

**Natural Outlet** - Any outlet into a watercourse, pond, ditch, lake, or other body of surface or ground water.

**Noise Disturbance** - Any sound which:

1. Endangers or injures the safety or health of humans or animals; or
2. Annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities; or
3. Endangers or injures personal or real property.

**Noncommercial Handbill** - Any printed or written matter, any sample, or device, dodger, circular, leaflet, pamphlet, newspaper, magazine, paper, booklet, or any other printed or otherwise reproduced original or copies of any matter of literature not included in the aforesaid definitions of a commercial handbill or newspaper.

**Non-conforming Sign** - Any sign which does not conform to the regulations of this Article.

**Nonresidential Subdivision** - A subdivision whose intended use is other than residential, such as commercial or industrial. Such subdivisions shall comply with the applicable provisions of these regulations.

**Nontechnical and Technical Words** - Technical words and phrases and such others as may have acquired a peculiar and appropriate meaning in law shall be construed and understood according to such meaning.

**Normal Domestic Wastewater** - Wastewater, excluding industrial wastewater, discharged by a person into sanitary sewers and in which the average concentration of total suspended solids is not more than two hundred fifty (250) milligrams per liter and BOD is not more than two hundred fifty (250) milligrams per liter.

**Notice of Termination (NOT)** - The notice of termination that is required by either the industrial general permit or the construction general permit.

**Oath** - An affirmation in all cases in which, by law, an affirmation may be substituted for an oath, and in such cases, the words "swear" and "sworn" shall be equivalent to the words "affirm" and "affirmed."

**Off-Premise Outdoor Advertising** – See "Billboard".

**Operate Aircraft** - Takeoff and/or landing, and/or any act calculated or intended in furtherance thereof.

**Organic Chemical Contaminants** - Includes synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

**Overload** - The imposition of organic or hydraulic loading on a treatment facility in excess of its engineered design capacity.

**Owner, Animals** - Any person, firm, corporation, organization or department possessing or harboring or having the care or custody of an animal.

**Parking Structure** - A building containing two (2) or more stories of parking above natural grade.

**Participant** - Each employee who satisfies the requirements of section 14-54 and who is not over the age of fifty (50) on his initial entry date.

**Participant's Account** - A separate account maintained for each participant by the trustee to which all contributions by the employer on behalf of such participant shall be made and invested by the trustee in accordance with the terms of this trust.

**Perimeter Street** - Any existing street to which the parcel of land to be subdivided abuts on only one (1) side.

**Permit (Industrial Wastewater Discharge)** - A permit to discharge industrial wastewater to the sanitary sewer as issued by the control authority.

**Permit Discharge Limits** - The discharge parameters set by the State Department of Environmental Quality to the City of Hammond.

**Picocuries Per Liter (pCi/L)** - A measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Point-of-Sale Sign** - Any sign which carries only the name of the firm, major enterprise, or products offered for sale on the premises, or a combination of these things.

**Police department** - Police department of the city.

**Precision Instrument Runway** - A runway having an existing instrument approach procedure utilizing an instrument landing system (ILS) or a precision approach radar (PAR). It also means a runway for which a precision approach system is planned and is so indicated on an FAA-approved airport layout plan; any other FAA planning document, or military service's military airport planning document.

**Primary Runway Surface** - A surface longitudinally centered on a runway. When the runway has a specially prepared hard surface, the primary surface extends two hundred (200) feet beyond each end of that runway; but when the runway has no specially prepared hard surface, or planned hard surface, the primary surface ends at each end of that runway. The width of the primary surface of a runway will be that width prescribed in part 77 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) for the most precise approach existing or planned for either end of that runway. The elevation of any point on the primary surface is the same as the elevation of the nearest point on the runway center line.

**Private Premises** - Any dwelling, house, building, or other structure, designed or used either wholly or in part for private residential purposes, whether inhabited or temporarily or continuously uninhabited or vacant, and shall include any yard, grounds, walk, driveway, porch, steps, vestibule or mailbox belonging or appurtenant to such dwelling, house, building, or other structure.

**Properly Shredded Garbage** - The wastes from the preparation, cooking, and dispensing food that have been shredded to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no particle greater than one-half (½") inch (1.27 centimeters) in any direction.



**Public Accommodation, Resort, or Amusement** - Any place or means of transportation which is open to, accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public or offers goods or services to the general public.

**Radioactive Contaminants** - which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities

**Rat Harborage/Stoppage** - Any inexpensive form of ratproofing designed to prevent the ingress of rats into business buildings. It is essentially the closing or protecting of all openings in exterior walls and foundations or the grates in a sidewalk of business buildings with ratproof materials installed in such a manner as to prevent rats from gaining entrance.

**Receiving Property** - The property from which the sound is measured, and includes public property and public rights-of-way.

**Recharge** - Water that infiltrates into the ground, usually from above, that replenishes groundwater reserves, provides soil moisture, and affords evapotranspiration.

**Renewable Energy** - Generation of power from naturally replenished resources such as sunlight, wind, and tides. Renewable energy technologies include solar power, wind power, hydroelectric power, geothermal, and biomass.

**Rental Agency** - Any person engaged in the business of offering for rental and renting bicycles for hire by the public.

**Reportable Quantity (RQ)** - For any "hazardous substance," the quantity established and listed in Table 302; for any "extremely hazardous substances," the quantity established in 40 CFR Part 302; for any "extremely hazardous substance," the quantity established in 40 CFR Part 355 and listed in Appendix A thereto.

**Rowhouse** - A building type with three or more attached units consolidated into a single structure. Each unit shares a common side wall or a common floor or ceiling. Units may be stacked vertically; however, no more than one (1) unit is permitted above another unit. Each ground floor unit has its own external street-facing entrance.

**Rubbish** - Nonputrescible solid waste, excluding ashes, which consist of:

1. Combustible waste materials, including paper, rags, cartons, wood, furniture, rubber, plastics, yard trimmings, leaves, and similar materials; and
2. Noncombustible waste materials, including glass, crockery, tin cans, aluminum cans, metal furniture, and similar materials that do not burn at ordinary incinerator temperatures (1,600 to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit).

**Runway** - A defined area on an airport prepared for landing and take-off of aircraft along its length.

**Sale or Lease** - Any immediate or future transfer of ownership, or any possessory interest in land, including contract of sale, lease, devise, intestate succession, or transfer, of an interest in a subdivision or part thereof, whether by metes and bounds, deed, contract, plat, map, lease, devise, intestate succession, or other written instrument.



**Scrap or Junk Dealer** - A business which deals in scrap or junk and which has been approved by the city as a purchaser of junked or abandoned motor vehicles and/or mobile homes, including salvage operations.

**Separate Location** - As used in Louisiana Revised Statute 47:346 a separate location exists unless similar or associated type of business is operated as a unit under a single roof or on the same contiguous tract of land.

**Shall**, is mandatory; may, is permissive.

**Shopfront** - A private frontage, typically for retail use with substantial glazing and an awning, where the façade is aligned close to the frontage line with the building entrance at the level of the sidewalk.

**Sign Owner** - The person receiving the benefit from the sign and/or the property owner.

**Signature or Subscription** - Signature or subscription includes a mark when the person cannot write.

**Significant Industrial User** - Any industrial user who is connected to the city's domestic wastewater collection system and meets at least one (1) of the following criteria:

1. Discharges fifty thousand (50,000) gallons per day or more of wastewater.
2. Discharges BOD at concentrations greater than two hundred (200) mg/l and/or total suspended solids at concentrations greater than two hundred (200) mg/l and/or COD at a concentration greater than four hundred (400) mg/l.
3. Is an industrial category regulated by National Pretreatment Standards (Categorical Pretreatment Standards) as promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
4. Is deemed by the control authority to be a significant discharge source that alone or combined with other sources may cause pass through, interference, sludge contamination, or biological toxicity in the wastewater treatment plant, or may cause the wastewater treatment plant to violate its national pollutant discharge elimination system permit.

**Skid Mounted Sign** - (Also same as portable sign, trailer sign.) A skid mounted (or trailer mounted) sign, with or without wheels, for use with or without changeable lettering.

**Slug** - Any discharge of water, wastewater or industrial waste which in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow, exceeds for any period of duration longer than fifteen (15) minutes more than five (5) times the average twenty-four (24) hour concentration or flows during normal operation.

**Sprawl** - Development patterns where rural land is converted to urban/suburban uses more quickly than needed to house new residents and support new businesses that result in higher than necessary infrastructure or transportation costs.

**Station** - The base of operations for housing ambulances.

**Street Right-of-Way** - That area dedicated to public use between front property lines and measured at right angles to the centerline of the street. Such width shall be not less than fifty (50) feet, and may be increased if in the discretion of the Planning Commission the future needs of the community will be better served.

**Student Count** - The sum of the number of students registered at a particular public or private educational institution for the nine (9) month school year divided by twelve (12) for the previous audit year. This count shall be recalculated and changed once a year in September. (Rate differs for SLU)

**Subdivision Agent** - Any person who represents, or acts for or on the behalf of, a subdivider or developer, in selling, leasing or developing, or offering to sell, lease, or develop any interest, lot, parcel, unit, site, or plat in a subdivision, except an attorney at law whose representation of another person consists solely of rendering legal services.

**Sustainable Development** - Development with the goal of preserving environmental quality, natural resources and livability for present and future generations. Sustainable initiatives work to ensure efficient use of resources.

**Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP)** - A requirement of the 1996 amendments to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act that an assessment and protection plan be developed for each surface water source used for drinking water.

**Temporary Improvement** - Improvements built and maintained by a subdivider or developer during construction of the subdivision and prior to release of the performance bond

**Townhouse Condominium** - A Townhouse for sale by individual units, providing common open spaces in lieu of individual family yards.

**Trailer Coach** - Any vehicle which is being used as sleeping or living quarters, which is or may be mounted on wheels, and which is or may be propelled either by its own power or by another powerdriven vehicle to which it is or can be attached. The term "trailer coach" shall also cover and include a trailer car, automobile trailer and house trailer.

**Treatment Technique (TT)** - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of contaminant in drinking water.

**Uncontaminated** - Not containing a harmful quantity of any substance.

**Understory** - The unfinished space between the lowest finish floor of a building and natural grade.

**Undeveloped Property** - Any idle land that is not improved or actually in the process of being improved with residential, commercial, industrial, church, park, school, or governmental facilities or other structures or improvements intended for human use occupancy and the grounds maintained in association therewith. The term shall be deemed to include property developed exclusively as a street or highway or property used for commercial agricultural purposes.



**Unit** - A single family dwelling, portable buildings, an individual apartment, a separate business entity.

**Unpolluted Wastewater** - Water containing:

1. No free or emulsified grease or oil;
2. No acids or alkalis;
3. No phenols or other substances producing taste or odor in the receiving waters;
4. No toxic or poisonous substances in suspension, colloidal state or solution;
5. No noxious or otherwise obnoxious or odorous gases;
6. Not more than ten (10) milligrams per liter each of suspended solids and BOD; and
7. Color not exceeding fifty (50) units as measured by the platinum-cobalt method of determination as specified in "Standard Methods."

**Urban Street** - A thoroughfare appropriate for use in medium- to high-intensity, mixed-use areas, and typically contains on-street parking, street trees in tree wells, and wide sidewalks.

**Useable Wall Area** - The exterior wall or surface area of a building or structure that excludes doors and windows.

**VMT** - VMT refers to vehicle miles traveled and is a standard measure of transportation activity.

**Wastewater Service Charge** - The charge on all users of the public sewer system whose wastes do not exceed in strength the concentration values established as representative of normal wastewater.

**Water Conservation Device** - A cooling tower, spray pond, evaporative condenser or other equipment by which water is cooled, recirculated, thereby limiting the use of water from city mains to the amount lost through evaporation.

**Water Regulated Device** - A regulating valve or other device, the purpose of which is to limit the maximum use of water to a predetermined rate.

**Waters of the United States** - All waters which are currently used, were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce, including all waters which are subject to the ebb and flow tide; all interstate waters, including interstate wetlands; all other waters by which the use, degradation, or destruction of which would affect or could affect interstate or foreign commerce; all impoundments of waters otherwise defined as waters of the United States under this definition; all wetlands adjacent to waters identified in this definition; and any waters within the federal definition of "Waters of the United States: at 40 CFR 122.2; but not including any waste treatment systems, treatment ponds, or lagoons designed to meet the requirement of the federal Clean Water Act.

**Weighted Sound Level** - The sound pressure level in decibels as measured on a sound level meter using the A-weighting network. The level so read is designated dB(A) or dBA.