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## ARTICLE XVI. DEFINITIONS

In the construction of this Ordinance, the definitions contained in this Article shall be observed and applied, except when the content clearly indicates otherwise. In further amplification and for clarity of interpretation of the context, the following shall apply:

Words used in the present tense shall include the future; and words used in the singular number shall include the plural number, and the plural the singular.

The word "shall" is mandatory and not discretionary.

The word "may" is permissive.

The word "lot" shall include the words "piece", "parcel", and "plots"; the word "building" includes all structures of every kind regardless of similarity to buildings; and the phrase "used for" shall include the phrases "arranged for", "designed for", "intended for", and "occupied for".

Moskowitz, Harvey S. and Carl G. Lindbloom. *The Latest Illustrated Book of Development Definitions, New Expanded Edition*. Rutgers: The State University of New Jersey, 2004 shall supplement this listing providing further clarity and additional definitions.

### Abandoned Manufactured Home

- A manufactured home that is not being occupied as a dwelling and does not provide complete, independent living facilities for one family, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation or a manufactured home that has not received the proper permits to be located within the County's jurisdiction or
- A structure which is a manufactured /mobile home which is a health or safety hazard as a result of the attraction of insects or rodents, conditions creating a fire hazard, dangerous condition constituting a threat to children, or frequent use by vagrants as living quarters in the absence of sanitary facilities or
- Any structure, which is manufactured/mobile home that was designed and intended for residential or other uses, which has been vacant or not in active use, regardless of purpose or reason, for the past two-year period and has been deemed a nuisance due to public safety or public appearance by the Hamett County Planning Department.

Accessory Building or Use is a building or use which is:

- conducted or located on the same lot as the principal building or use served, except as may be specifically provided elsewhere in this Ordinance.
- clearly incidental to, subordinate in purpose to, and serves the principal use; and
- either in the same ownership as the principal use or is clearly operated and maintained solely for the comfort, convenience, necessity, or benefit of the occupants, employees, customers, or visitors of or to the principal use.

Adult Bookstore - a retail establishment having as its primary stock-in-trade books, magazines, periodicals, video tapes, films or other items that are distinguished by their explicit emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to sexual activities, genital areas or erotic behavior and is intended to cause sexual excitement.

Adult Nightclub - an entertainment establishment intended for patrons of legal age which presents shows or acts distinguished by an emphasis on but not limited to topless dancers, strippers, male or female impersonators or similar entertainers for observation by the patrons.