

MORROW COUNTY, OREGON ZONING ORDINANCE

ARTICLE 1. INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

SECTION 1.010. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as the Morrow County Zoning Ordinance of 1980, amended March 6, 1985, amended and readopted in its entirety on November 7, 2001, amended on January 8, 2025, and amended on January 8, 2026.

SECTION 1.020. PURPOSE.

The intent and purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the public health, safety and general welfare and to carry out the Comprehensive Plan of the County, the provisions of ORS Chapter 215, and the Statewide Planning Goals adopted pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 197. Therefore, approvals granted pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance shall be based on the following considerations among others: the characteristics of the various areas in the County, the suitability of an area for particular land uses, trends in land improvement, density of development, property values, the needs of economic enterprises in the future development of an area, needed access to particular sites in the County, natural resources, and the need for development or conservation thereof, and the public need for healthful, safe and aesthetic surroundings and conditions.

SECTION 1.030. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning set forth in this section. Words and phrases not defined shall have the meaning commonly and ordinarily understood, as determined by the Planning Director, Planning Commission, or Board of Commissioners.

Accepted Farming Practice. A mode of operation that is common to farms of a similar nature, necessary for the operation of such farms to obtain a profit in money, and customarily utilized in conjunction with farm use. As applied to composting operations on high-value farmland, "accepted farming practice" includes composting operations that either 1) compost only materials produced on the subject tract, or 2) compost materials brought from off-site and processed alone or in conjunction with materials generated on the subject tract, and use all on-site generated compost for on-farm production in conjunction with, and auxiliary to, the farm use on the subject tract.

Access. The right to cross between public and private property allowing pedestrians and vehicles to enter and leave property.

Accessory Dwelling Unit. A dwelling which is subordinate to and serves a primary building and is subordinate in area, extent, or purpose to the primary building and contributes to the comfort, convenience, or necessity of occupants of the primary building, and is located on the same lot as the primary building.

Accessory Use. A use incidental and subordinate to the main use of the property and located on the same lot as the main use.

Accessory Structure. A detached structure, the use of which is customarily incidental to that of the primary structure or the primary use of the land and which is located on the same lot or parcel as the primary structure or use.

Agricultural Building. Any structure that is considered to be an “agricultural building” as defined in Oregon Revised Statutes on a lot or parcel that is enrolled in a farm or forest deferral program with the County Assessor.

Agricultural Land. Lands classified by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as predominately Class I-VI soils, and other lands in different soil classes that are suitable for farm use taking into consideration soil fertility, suitability for grazing and cropping, climatic conditions, existing and future availability of water for farm irrigation purposes, existing land use patterns, technological and energy inputs required, and accepted farming practices. Lands in other classes that are necessary to permit farm practices to be undertaken on adjacent or nearby lands shall be included as agricultural land in any event.

Agri-tourism. A common, farm-dependent activity that promotes agriculture, any income from which is incidental and subordinate to a working farm. Such uses may include hay rides, corn mazes and other similar uses that are directly related to on-site agriculture. Any assembly of persons shall be for the purpose of taking part in agriculturally-based activities such as animal or crop care, tasting farm products or learning about farm or ranch operations. Agri-tourism may include farm-to-plate meals. Except for small, farm-themed parties, regularly occurring celebratory gatherings, weddings, parties or similar uses are not Agri-tourism.

Alley. A street or right of way that affords only a secondary means of access to property.

Associated Transmission Lines.: Transmission lines constructed to connect an energy facility to the first point of junction with either a power distribution system or an interconnected primary transmission system or both or to the Northwest Power Grid.

Automobile, Boat, Manufactured Dwelling, Trailer, and Recreational Vehicle Sales. An open area, other than a street, used for the display, sale, or rental of new or used automobiles, boats, manufactured dwellings, trailers or RV's and also used for servicing such vehicles within an enclosed space.

Automobile Service Station. A building or portion thereof or land used for the retail sale of automobile fuel, oil and accessories, and service.

Automobile Wrecking Yard. A premises used for the storage or sale of used automobile or truck parts or for the storage, dismantling or abandonment of junk, obsolete automobiles, trailers, Recreational Vehicles, trucks, machinery, or parts thereof. Outdoor storage of more than three unlicensed, inoperative vehicles shall be considered a wrecking yard. For purposes of this ordinance, more than three unlicensed vehicles may be stored within a fully enclosed building and will not be considered a wrecking yard. For purposes of this ordinance, the storage of farm equipment, vehicles, machinery, and parts on land zoned Exclusive Farm Use, if not visible from outside the property boundaries, shall not be considered a wrecking yard and shall be exempt from this definition.

Auxiliary. As used in the Forest Use Zone, means a use or alteration of a structure or land that provides help or is directly associated with the conduct of a particular forest practice. An auxiliary structure is located on site, temporary in nature, and not designed to remain for the forest's entire growth cycle from planting to harvesting. An auxiliary use is removed when a particular forest practice has concluded.

Average Electric Generating Capacity: The peak generating capacity of the facility divided by the factors for wind facilities, for geothermal energy facilities, or for all other energy facilities.

Basement. A story partly underground. A basement shall be counted as a story in building height measurement when the floor level directly above is more than 6 feet above the average level of the adjoining ground.

Bed and Breakfast Facility. An accessory use in a single-family dwelling in which lodging and a morning meal for guests only are offered for compensation, having no more than five (5) sleeping rooms for this purpose. A bed and breakfast facility must be within the residence of the operator and be compliant with the requirements of Oregon Administrative Rule. A bed and breakfast facility may be reviewed as either a home occupation or as a room and board operation.

Boarding House. A building or portion thereof, other than a motel, restaurant, or hotel, where meals or lodging or both are provided for compensation for more than four persons, other than a family.

Building. A structure built for the support, shelter, or enclosure of persons, animals, chattels, or property of any kind.

Camper Cabin. A camp structure with no permanent foundations or plumbing, located within a camping area and intended for occupancy by one to eight persons.

Campground. An area devoted to overnight temporary use for vacation, recreational or emergency purposes, but not for residential purposes and established on a site or is contiguous to lands with a park or other outdoor natural amenity that is accessible for recreational use by the occupants of the campground.

Carrying Capacity. Level of use that can be accommodated and continued without irreversible impairment of natural resources productivity, the ecosystem, and the quality of air, land, and water resources.

Childcare Center. A childcare facility that cares for more than 16 children and is certified under ORS 329A.280.

Commercial Activity in Conjunction with Farm Use. The processing, packaging, treatment and wholesale distribution, and storage of a product primarily derived from farm activities in the local agricultural community. Also, retail sales of products, supplies and services to the agricultural community that support the production and harvesting of agricultural products.

Commercial Dairy Farm. A commercial dairy farm is a dairy operation in a resource zone that owns a sufficient number of producing dairy animals capable of earning an income from the sale of fluid milk.

Commercial Power Generating Facility. A facility for the production of energy and its related or supporting facilities that:

1. Generates energy using means such as solar power, wind power, fuel cells, hydroelectric power, thermal power, geothermal power, landfill gas, digester gas, waste, dedicated energy crops available on a renewable basis or low-emission, nontoxic biomass based on solid organic fuels from wood, forest or field residues but not including the production of biofuel as authorized by ORS 215.203(2)(b)(K) in all zones that allow "Farm Use" and 215.283(1)(r) and 215.283(2)(a) in the EFU zone;
2. Is intended to provide energy for sale; and
3. Does not include a net metering project established consistent with ORS 757.300 and OAR chapter 860, division 39 or a Feed-in-Tariff project established consistent with ORS 757.365 and OAR chapter 860, division 84.

Commercial Tree Species. Trees recognized for commercial production under rules adopted by the State Board of Forestry.

Commercial Truck. A truck or tractor unit used for the transportation of persons for compensation or profit; or is designed or used primarily for the transportation of property.

Community Water System. A domestic water supply source or distribution system that serves or is designed to serve more than three single residences or other users for the purpose of supplying water for household uses, but is neither a municipal water supply system nor a public utility water supply system, and must have legal financial provisions for long-term operation and maintenance.

Community Sewage System. A sewage disposal system that serves or is designed to serve more than 10 single residences or other users for the purpose of disposing of household liquid wastes, but is neither a municipal nor a public utility sewage disposal system, and must be approved by the appropriate government agency and must have legal and financial provisions for long-term operation and maintenance.

Contiguous Land. Parcels of land that abut each other, or are connected in such a manner as to form a single block of land.

Cubic Foot Per Acre: The average annual increase in cubic foot volume of wood fiber per acre for fully stocked stands at the culmination of mean annual increment as reported by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) soil survey.

Cubic Foot Per Tract Per Year: The average annual increase in cubic foot volume of wood fiber per tract for fully stocked stands at the culmination of mean annual increment as reported by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) soil survey.

Data Center. A facility used to house computer systems and associated components.

Date of Creation and Existence. When a lot, parcel or tract is reconfigured pursuant to applicable law after November 4, 1993, the effect of which is to qualify a lot, parcel or tract for the siting of a dwelling, the date of the reconfiguration is the date of creation or existence. Reconfigured means any change in the boundary of the lot, parcel or tract.

Dwelling, Multi-Family. A building or portion thereof, designed for occupancy by three or more families living independently of each other.

Dwelling, Single-Family. A detached building containing one dwelling unit and designed for occupancy by one family only.

Dwelling, Two-Family. A building containing two dwelling units and designed for occupancy by two families.

Dwelling Unit. One or more rooms in a building designed for occupancy by one family and having not more than one cooking facility.

Easement. A grant of the right to use a parcel of land or portion thereof for specific purposes where ownership of the land or portion thereof is not transferred.

Energy Generation Area: An area within which the effects of two or more small generating plants may accumulate so the small generating plants have effects of a magnitude similar to a single generating plant of 35 megawatts average electric generating capacity or more. An "energy generation area" for facilities using a geothermal resource and covered by a unit agreement, as provided in ORS 522.405 to 522.545 or by federal law, shall be defined in that unit agreement. If no such unit agreement exists, an energy generation area for facilities using a geothermal resource shall be the area that is within two miles, measured from the electrical generating equipment of the facility, of an existing or proposed geothermal electric power generating plant, not including the site of any other such plant not owned or controlled by the same person.

Event, Temporary. A temporary event is one that is held primarily on or is using public property that has an expected attendance of more than [50], but no more than [500] people, that will not continue for more than [72] hours in any three-month period, and that will be located in a rural or resource area. Temporary Events are permitted through a [ministerial process and are not considered "outdoor mass gatherings" as defined by ORS 433.735 or Agri-tourism events as provided for by ORS 215.283(4).

Family. An individual or two or more persons related by blood, marriage, legal adoptions, or legal guardianship, living together as one housekeeping unit using one kitchen, and providing meals or lodging to not more than three additional unrelated persons, including servants; or a group of not more than five unrelated persons living together as one housekeeping unit using one kitchen.

Family Child Care Home. A registered or certified childcare facility in a dwelling that cares for not more than 16 children, including children of the provider, in accordance with ORS 329A.

Farm Use. The current employment of land, including that portion of such land under buildings, for the primary purpose of obtaining a profit in money by raising, harvesting, and selling crops or

by the feeding, breeding, management, and sale of or the produce of livestock, poultry, fur-bearing animals, or honeybees, or for dairying and the sale of dairy products or any other agricultural or horticultural use or animal husbandry or any combination thereof. "Farm use" includes the preparation, storage, and disposal by marketing or otherwise of the products or by-products raised on such land for human or animal use. "Farm use" also includes the current employment of land for the primary purpose of obtaining a profit in money by stabling or training equines including but not limited to providing riding lessons, training clinics, and schooling shows. "Farm use" also includes the propagation, cultivation, maintenance, and harvesting of aquatic species and bird and animal species to the extent allowed by the rules adopted by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission. "Farm use" includes the on-site construction and maintenance of equipment and facilities used for the activities described in pertinent sections of this Ordinance. "Farm use" does not include the use of land subject to the provisions of ORS Chapter 321, except land used exclusively for growing cultured Christmas trees. The terms farm, farming, and farm use shall be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with ORS 215.203. (MC-C-8-96) (MC-03-05)

The term "preparation" of products or by-products includes but is not limited to the cleaning, treatment, sorting, or packaging of the products or by-products.

The term "products or by-products raised on such land" includes products or by-products raised on the farm operation where the preparation occurs or products or by-products raised on other farmland provided:

- A. The preparation is occurring only on a tract currently employed for a farm use or farm uses other than preparation; and
- B. Such products or by-products are prepared in the same facilities as and in conjunction with products or by-products raised on the farm operation where the preparation occurs.

Farmworker Housing. Housing limited to occupancy by farmworkers and their immediate families, no dwelling unit of which is occupied by a relative of the owner or operator of the farmworker housing.

Farm Operator. A person who operates a farm, doing the work and making the day-to-day decisions about such things as planting, harvesting, feeding and marketing.

Farm or Ranch Operation. All lots or parcels of land in the same ownership that are used by the farm or ranch operator for farm use as defined in this article.

Farm Stand Structure. A structure that is designed and used for the sale of farm crops and livestock as provided in the Exclusive Farm Use Zone. A food stand is considered to be a farm stand structure.

Fee-based activity to promote the sale of farm crops or livestock (as applied to farm stands). An agri-tourism activity as defined herein that is directly related to the sale of farm crops or livestock sold at the farm stand, and that meets the standards of the Exclusive Farm Use Zones.

Fire Break. A break in the ground cover fuels intended to prevent the spread of fire as specified by the appropriate fire protection agency or the Commission.

Flood. A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from the overflow of inland or tidal waters, the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source, mudslides that are proximately caused or precipitated by accumulations of water on or under the ground, and the collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water on or under the ground, and the collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural or man-made body of water accompanied by a severe storm or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event that results in flooding as defined herein above.

Flood Base. Inundation during periods of higher than normal stream flow, high winds, high intensity storms, or any combination thereof that has a 1 percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

Flood Hazard Area. The relatively flat area or lowlands adjoining the channel of a river, stream, other watercourse, lake, or reservoir that has been or may be covered by a Base Flood.

Flood Hazard Boundary Map. An official map of the community furnished by the Federal Insurance Administration, labeled a Flood Hazard Boundary Map and delineating the boundaries of the special hazard areas.

Forest Lands. Lands composed of existing and potential forest lands, which are suitable for commercial forest uses, including the production of trees and the processing of forest products, other forested lands needed for watershed protection, wildlife and fisheries habitat and recreation, lands where extreme conditions of climate, soil, and topography require the maintenance of vegetative cover irrespective of use, and other forested lands in urban and agricultural areas that provide urban buffers, wind breaks, wildlife and fisheries habitat, livestock habitat, scenic corridors, and recreational use.

Forest Lands. As defined in Goal 4, are those lands acknowledged as forest lands, or, in the case of a plan amendment. Forest lands shall include:

1. Lands that are suitable for commercial forest uses, including adjacent or nearby lands which are necessary to permit forest operations or practices; and
2. Other forested land that maintain soil, air, water, and fish and wildlife resources.

Forest Operation. Any commercial activity relating to the growing or harvesting of any forest tree species.

Forest Use. Includes the production of trees and the processing of forest products, open space, buffers from noise, and visual separation of conflicting uses, watershed protection and wildlife and fisheries habitat, soil protection from wind and water, maintenance of clean air and water, outdoor recreational activities and related support services and wilderness values compatible with these uses, and grazing for livestock.

Freight Depot/Truck Terminal. An area and/or building where cargo is stored or where trucks load and unload cargo on a regular basis and trucks and/or trailers are parked when not in use. (MC-C-8-96)

Functional Classification. A system used to group public roadways into classes according to their purpose in moving vehicles and providing access.

Frontage. That portion of a property that abuts a public street.

Grade (ground level). The average of the finished ground elevation at the centers of all walls of a building; in case walls are parallel to and within 5 feet of a sidewalk, the sidewalk elevation nearest the center of the wall shall constitute the ground elevation.

Golf Course. An area of land with highly maintained natural turf laid out for the game of golf with a series of holes, each including a tee, a fairway, a putting green, and often one or more natural or artificial hazards.

Height of Building. The vertical distance from the grade to the highest point of the coping of a flat roof, to the deck line of a mansard roof, or to the center height between the highest and lowest points on other types of roofs.

High-Value Farmland.

1. Land in a tract composed predominantly of soils that are:
 - a. Irrigated and classified prime, unique, Class I or II; or
 - b. Not irrigated and classified prime, unique, Class I or II.
2. High-value farmland includes tracts growing specified perennials as demonstrated by the most recent aerial photography of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture taken prior to November 4, 1993. "Specified perennials" means perennials grown for market or research purposes including, but not limited to, nursery stock, berries, fruits, nuts, Christmas trees, or vineyards, but not including seed crops, hay, pasture or alfalfa.

Home Occupation. A limited business activity that is accessory to a residential use. Home occupations are conducted primarily within a residence or a building normally associated with uses permitted in the zone in which the property is located and are operated by a resident or employee of a resident of the property on which the business is located. Clerical or administrative activity conducted not for the principal purpose of direct monetary gain, but rather to support a business not located on the same site as the dwelling, does not constitute a home occupation, e.g., transcription, bookkeeping, telephone contact.

Irrigated. Watered by an artificial or controlled means, such as sprinklers, furrows, ditches, or spreader dikes. An area or tract is "irrigated" if it is currently watered, or has established rights to use water for irrigation, including such tracts that receive water for irrigation from a water or irrigation district or other provider. For the purposes of this ordinance, an area or tract within a water or irrigation district that was once irrigated shall continue to be considered "irrigated" even if the irrigation water was removed or transferred to another tract.

Kennel. A lot or building in which 4 or more dogs, cats, or other animals at least 4 months of age are kept commercially for board, propagation, training, or sale.

Livestock. Domestic animals of types customarily raised or kept on farms for profit or other purposes.

Livestock Feeding Yard (Commercial Feedlot). An enclosure designed for the purpose of concentrated feeding or fattening of livestock for commercial slaughter.

Livestock Sales Yard. An enclosure or structure designed or used for holding livestock for purposes of sale or transfer by auction, consignment, or other means.

Living History Museum. A facility designed to depict and interpret everyday life and culture of some specific historic period using authentic buildings, tools, equipment and people to simulate past activities and events.

Loading Space. An off-street space within a building or on the same lot with a building, used for the temporary parking of a commercial vehicle or truck while loading or unloading merchandise or materials and having direct access to a street or alley.

Lot. A single unit of land created by a subdivision of land that is intended as a unit for disposition, transfer of ownership or interest, or for development.

A. Lot Area. The total horizontal net area within the lot lines of a lot to mean that square footage of a lot that is free from public and private road right-of-ways or easements.

B. Lot, Corner. A lot abutting on two or more streets, other than alleys, at their intersection, provided the angle of intersection of the abutting streets does not exceed 135 degrees.

C. Lot Depth. The average horizontal distance between the front and rear lot lines.

D. Lot Line. The property line bounding a lot.

E. Lot Line, Front. The lot line separating a lot from a street other than an alley and, in the case of a corner lot, the shortest lot line along a street other than an alley.

F. Lot Line, Rear. The lot line opposite and most distant from the front lot line. In the case of an irregular, triangular, or other odd shaped lot, a line 10 feet in length within the lot, parallel to, and at a maximum distance from the front lot line.

G. Lot Line, Side. Any lot line other than a front or rear lot line bounding a lot.

H. Lot, Through or Double Frontage. A lot having frontage on two parallel or approximately parallel streets other than alleys.

I. Lot Width. The average horizontal distance between the side lot lines, measured at right angles to the lot depth at a point midway between the front and rear lot lines.

Medical Hardship. A temporary circumstance caused by serious illness or infirmity, and authorized by a licensed medical practitioner (Medical Doctor, Physicians Assistant or Nurse Practitioner).

Mining. All or any part of the process of mining minerals including removal of overburden and the extraction of natural mineral deposits by any method by which more than 1,000 cubic yards of minerals are extracted on land planned for farm use and 5,000 cubic yards of minerals are extracted on land planned for forest or industrial use or by which at least one acre of land is affected within a period of 12 consecutive months, including open-pit mining operations, auger mining operations, processing, surface impacts of underground mining, production of surface mining refuse and the construction of adjacent or off-site borrow pits (except those constructed for use as access roads). Surface mining does not include:

- A. Excavations of sand, gravel, clay, rock or other similar materials conducted by the landowner or tenant for the primary purpose of construction, reconstruction or maintenance of access roads on the same parcel, or on an adjacent parcel that is under the same ownership as the parcel that is being excavated;
- B. Excavation or grading operations, reasonably necessary for farming;
- C. Nonsurface effects of underground mining;
- D. Removal of rock, gravel, sand, silt or other similar substances removed from the beds or banks of any waters of this State pursuant to a permit issued under ORS 196.800 to 196.900; or
- E. Excavations or reprocessing of aggregate material, or grading operations, within the highway right of way reasonably necessary for the construction reconstruction or maintenance of a highway as defined in ORS 801.305. (MC OR-1-2013)

Mobile Home or Manufactured Dwelling.

A. A Residential Trailer, a structure constructed for movement on the public highways that has sleeping, cooking, and plumbing facilities, is intended for human occupancy, is being used for residential purposes, and was constructed before January 1, 1962.

B. A Mobile House, a structure constructed for movement on the public highways that has sleeping, cooking, and plumbing facilities, is intended for human occupancy, is being used for residential purposes, was constructed between January 1, 1962, and June 15, 1976, and met the construction requirements of Oregon mobile home law in effect at the time of construction.

C. A Manufactured Home, a structure constructed for movement on the public highways that has sleeping, cooking, and plumbing facilities, is intended for human occupancy, is being used for residential purposes, and was constructed in accordance with Federal Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards regulations in effect at the time of construction. (ORS 446.003(17))

D. Does not mean any building or structure subject to Structural Specialty Code adopted pursuant to ORS 455.100-450.

E. For the purposes of this document, it shall be immaterial whether such units or their components are placed on property for a temporary, semi-permanent, or permanent residence, or that the wheels are removed and the unit or component(s) are supported on posts, footings, or a foundation. This definition does not include Recreational Vehicles.

Mobile or Manufactured Home Park. Any place where 2 or more mobile or manufactured homes are parked within 500 feet of one another on a lot, tract, or parcel of land under the same ownership, the primary purpose of which is to rent space or keep space for rent to any person for a charge or fee paid or to be paid for the rental or use of facilities or to offer space free in connection with securing the trade or patronage of such person.

Mobile or Manufactured Home Subdivision. A subdivision intended to be occupied primarily or exclusively by mobile or manufactured homes.

Municipal Water Supply System. A domestic water supply source and distribution system owned and operated by a city or a county, or owned and operated by a special district or other public corporation that has independent tax-levying powers to support the system.

Natural Hazard Area. An area that is subject to natural events that are known to result in death or endanger the works of man, such as stream flooding, groundwater, flash flooding, erosion and deposition, landslides, earthquakes, weak foundation soils, and other hazards unique to a local or regional area.

Net Metering Power Facility. A facility for the production of energy that:

1. Generates energy using means such as solar power, wind power, fuel cells, hydroelectric power, landfill gas, digester gas, waste, dedicated energy crops available on a renewable basis or low-emission, nontoxic biomass based on solid organic fuels from wood, forest or field residues but not including the production of biofuel in all zones which allow "Farm Use" and in the Exclusive Farm Use zone;
2. Is intended to offset part of the customer-generator's requirements for energy;
3. Will operate in parallel with a utility's existing transmission and distribution facilities;
4. Is consistent with generating capacity regulations as well as any other applicable requirements;
5. Is located on the same tract as the use(s) to which it is accessory and the power generating facility, tract, and use(s) are all under common ownership and management.

New Construction. Any structure for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of this ordinance.

Non-Commercial/Stand Alone Power Generating Facility. A facility for the production of energy that is similar to a net metering power facility except that :

1. Is intended to provide all of the generator's requirements for energy for the tract or the specific lawful accessory use that it is connected to; and
2. Operates as a standalone power generator not connected to a utility grid.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey. Official source of certified soils data available online that identifies agricultural land capability classes, developed and maintained by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Nursing Home. Any home, institution, or other structure maintained or operating for the nursing and care of four or more ill or infirm adults not requiring hospital care or hospital facilities.

Open play field. A large, grassy area with no structural improvements intended for outdoor games and activities by park visitors. The term does not include developed ballfields, golf courses or courts for racquet sports.

Open Space. Consists of lands used for agricultural or forest uses, and any land area that would, if preserved and continued in its present use, conserve and enhance natural or scenic resources; protect air or streams or water supply; promote conservation of soils, wetlands, beaches, or marshes; conserve landscaped areas, such as public or private golf courses; that reduce pollution and enhance the value to the public of abutting or neighboring parks, forests, wildlife preserves, nature reservations or other open space, or geological and archaeological sites; promote orderly urban development; and minimize farm and non-farm conflicts.

Outdoor Mass Gathering. A gathering that is an actual or reasonably anticipated assembly of more than 3,000 [more than 500] persons which continues or can reasonably be expected to continue for more than 24 consecutive hours but less than 120 hours within any three-month period and which is held primarily in open spaces and not in any permanent structure. Any decision for a permit to hold an outdoor mass gathering as defined by statute is not a land use decision and is appealable to circuit court. Outdoor mass gatherings do not include agri-tourism events and activities allowed under separate provisions.

Owner. The owner of the title to real property or the authorized agent thereof, or the contract purchaser of real property of record as shown on the last available complete tax assessment roll or county recorder's records.

Parcel. A single unit of land created by a partition plat governed by the Morrow County Subdivision Ordinance. A parcel may also be a single unit of land described by deed and created prior to the establishment of the Morrow County Subdivision Ordinance (June 6, 1980).

Parking Space. A clear, off-street area for the temporary parking or storage of one automobile.

Person. A natural person, firm, partnership, association, social or fraternal organization, corporation, trust, estate, receiver, syndicate, branch of government, or any group or combination acting as a unit.

Personal Use Airport. An airstrip restricted, except for aircraft emergencies, to use by the owner, and, on an infrequent and occasional basis, by invited guests, and by commercial aviation activities in connection with agricultural operations.

Preparation. Preparation includes but is not limited to the cleaning, treatment, sorting, or packaging of the products or by-products.

Primary or Principal Use. The first use to which property is or may be devoted, and to which all other uses on the premises are derived as accessory or secondary uses. As used relative to dwelling units, the primary dwelling would be the first dwelling unit to be located on a specific parcel or lot.

Primary Processing of Forest Products. The initial treatments of logs or other forest plant or fungi materials to prepare them for shipment for further processing or to market, including, but not limited to, debarking, peeling, drying, cleaning, sorting, chipping, grinding, sawing, shaping, notching, biofuels conversion, or other similar methods of initial treatments.

Principally Engaged In Farm Use. As it refers to primary farm dwellings and accessory farm dwellings, a person is principally engaged in the farm use of the land when the amount of time that an occupant of the dwelling is engaged in farm use of the property is similar to the average number of hours that is typically required for a full-time employee of the relevant type of farm use, whether that person is employed off the farm or not. Only one resident of a household need meet the “principally engaged” test, or the test may be met collectively by more than one household member.

Private Park. Land that is used for low impact, casual recreational uses such as picnicking, boating, fishing, swimming, camping, and hiking or nature-oriented recreational uses such as viewing and studying nature and wildlife habitat, and may include play areas and accessory facilities that support the activities listed above, but does not include tracks for motorized vehicles or areas for target practice or the discharge of firearms.

Processed. As it applies to farm stands, processed crops and livestock means farm products that have been converted into other products through canning, drying, baking, freezing, pressing, butchering or other similar means of adding value to the farm product, including the addition of incidental ingredients, but not including the conversion of farm products into food items that are prepared on-site or intended for on-site consumption.

Processing, Mineral: Processing, as defined by ORS 517.750, includes, but is not limited to, crushing, washing, milling and screening as well as the batching and blending of mineral aggregate into asphalt and Portland cement concrete located within the operating permit area. (MC OR-1-2013)

Products or by-products raised on such land. Those products or by-products are raised on the farm operation where the preparation occurs or on other farm land provided the preparation is occurring only on land being used for the primary purpose of obtaining a profit in money from the farm use of the land.

Public or Semi-Public Use. A use owned or operated by a public, governmental, or non-profit organization for the benefit of the public generally. This does not include landfill sites, garbage dumps, or utility facilities.

Public Park. A public area intended for open space and outdoor recreation use that is owned and managed by a city, county, regional government, state or federal agency, or park district and that may be designated as a public park in the Morrow County Comprehensive Plan and this Zoning Ordinance.

Recreation Facility or Area. An indoor or outdoor area devoted to facilities and equipment for recreational purposes, including swimming pools, tennis courts, playgrounds, and other similar uses, whether the use of such area is limited to private membership or open to the public on payment of a fee, or an area designated by the landowner for picnicking and offered to the general public, whether or not a fee or charge is made for such accommodations.

Recreational Vehicle (RV). A unit with or without motive power, that is designed for human occupancy and is to be used temporarily for recreational, seasonal or emergency purposes. Recreational vehicles include:

A. Truck Camper. A portable unit which has a roof, floor and sides and is designed to be loaded on and off the bed of a truck or pick-up truck.

B. Camping Trailer. A vehicle unit mounted on wheels and constructed with collapsible partial side walls which fold when the unit is towed by another vehicle and unfold at the campsite to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use.

C. Travel Trailer. A vehicular unit which has a roof, floor and sides and is mounted on wheels, but which is not of such size or weight as to require special highway movement permits when towed by a motorized vehicle.

D. Motor Home. A vehicular unit built on or permanently attached to a self-propelled motor vehicle chassis or on a chassis cab or van which is an integral part of the complete vehicle.

Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park. An area or tract of land used or designed to accommodate two or more Recreational Vehicles, tents or outfits, including cabins, the primary purpose of which is to rent space or keep space for rent to any person for a charge or fee. RV Parks could be occupied indefinitely if certain conditions are met.

Relative. Child, parent, stepparent, grandchild, grandparent, stepgrandparent, sibling, stepsibling, niece, nephew or first cousin.

Renewable Energy Facility. Includes the following:

- A. A solar photovoltaic power generation facility.
- B. Geothermal energy at a single plant or within a single energy generation area.
- C. Wind energy at a single plant or within a single energy generation area.

Right of Way. The area between the boundary lines of a street, road, or easement.

Road or Street. A public or private way created to provide ingress or egress for persons to one or more lots, parcels, areas, or tracts of land, excluding a private way that is created to provide ingress or egress to such land in conjunction with the use of such land for forestry, mining, or agricultural purposes.

Roadway. That portion of a street or road right of way developed for vehicular traffic.

Setback (yard). An open space on a lot, which is unobstructed from the ground upward except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance.

A. Setback, Front. A setback between side lot lines and measured horizontally at right angles to the front lot line from the front lot line to the nearest point of a building.

B. Setback, Rear. A yard between side lot lines and measured horizontally at right angles to the rear lot line from the rear lot line to the nearest point of a building.

C. Setback, Side. A setback between the front and rear yards measured horizontally and at right angles from the side lot line to the nearest point of a building.

D. Setback, Street Side. A setback adjacent to a street between the front setback and rear lot line measured horizontally and at right angles from the side lot line to the nearest point of a building.

Skirting. A weather resistant material used to enclose the space below the manufactured structure.

Sign. An identification, description, illustration, or device that is affixed to or represented, directly or indirectly, on a building, structure, or land, and that directs attention to a product, place, activity, person, institution, or business. Each display surface of a sign other than two surfaces parallel and back to back on the same structure shall be considered a sign.

Sleeping Unit. A room or space in which people sleep, which can also include permanent provisions for living, eating, and either sanitation or kitchen facilities but not both. Such rooms and spaces that are also part of a dwelling unit are not sleeping units.

Stable. A detached accessory building for the keeping of horses.

Start of Construction. The first placement of permanent construction of a structure (other than a mobile or manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of slabs or footings or any work beyond the preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling. It does not include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations, or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not as part of the main structure. For a structure (other than a mobile or manufactured home) without a basement or poured footings, the "start of construction" includes the first permanent framing or assembly of the structure or any part thereof on its piling or foundations. For mobile or manufactured homes not within a mobile home park or mobile home subdivision, "start of construction" means the affixing of the mobile home to its permanent site. For mobile or manufactured homes within mobile home parks or mobile home subdivisions, "start of construction" is the date on which the mobile or manufactured home is to be affixed (including, at a minimum, the construction of streets, either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads, and installation of utilities) is completed.

Storage Structures for Emergency Supplies. Structures to accommodate those goods, materials and equipment required to meet the essential and immediate needs of an affected population in a disaster. Such supplies include food, clothing, temporary shelter materials, durable medical goods and pharmaceuticals, electric generators, water purification gear, communication equipment, tools and other similar emergency supplies.

Structure. Something constructed or built and having a fixed base on, or fixed connection to, the ground or another structure. Also anything constructed, erected or air-inflated, permanent or

temporary, which requires location on the ground. Among other things, structure includes buildings, walls, fences, billboards, poster panels, food stands, in ground swimming pools, and parking lots. Retaining walls less than four (4) feet in height are not considered structures for the sake of general property line setbacks.

Tax Lot. A unit of land assigned by the Department of Revenue for the sole purpose of real estate taxation.

Temporary Structure or Use. A non-permanent structure, or one used for a limited time, or a use or activity that is of a limited duration.

Tract. One or more contiguous lots or parcels under the same ownership.

Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA). A study conducted to identify the impacts from a new development or increased use of an existing facility. (MC-C-8-98)

Trailer. Any portable unit designed and built to be towed on its own chassis, consisting of frame and wheels and that does not fall within the definitions of Recreational Vehicle, Residential Trailer, Mobile House, or Manufactured Home. This definition includes boat trailers, bunk trailers, portable schoolrooms, and industrial, commercial or public offices and accessory uses.

Travelers Accommodations. Any establishment having rooms or apartments rented or kept for rent on a daily or weekly basis to travelers or transients for a charge or fee paid or to be paid for rental or use of facilities.

Truck Stop. Any building, premise or land in or on which the service of dispensing motor fuel or other petroleum products directly into trucks or motor vehicles is rendered. A truck stop may include the sale of accessories or equipment for trucks or similar motor vehicles and may also include the maintenance, servicing, storage, or repair of commercially licensed trucks or motor vehicles.

Use. The purpose for which land or a structure is designed, arranged or intended, or for which it is occupied or maintained.

Utility Facilities Necessary for Public Service. Any facility owned or operated by a public, private or cooperative company for the transmission, distribution or processing of its products or for the disposal of cooling water, waste or by-products, and including, major trunk pipelines, water towers, sewage lagoons, cell towers, electrical transmission facilities (except transmission towers over 200' in height) including substations not associated with a commercial power generating facility, and other similar facilities.

Utility Facility Service Lines. Utility lines of the necessary voltage to serve the area, including those up to 230 kilovolts, and associated facilities or structures that ultimately end at the point where the utility service is received by the customer, and that are located on one or more of the following:

1. A public right-of-way;
2. Land immediately adjacent to a public right-of-way, provided the written consent of all adjacent property owners has been obtained; or
3. The property to be served by the utility.

Youth Camp. A facility either owned or leased, and operated by a state or local government, or a nonprofit corporation, to provide an outdoor recreational and educational experience primarily for the benefit of persons 21 years of age and younger. Youth camps do not include any manner of juvenile detention center or juvenile detention facility.

Yurt. A round, domed shelter of cloth or canvas on a collapsible frame with no plumbing, sewage disposal hookup or internal cooking appliance.

Zoning Permit. An authorization issued prior to the issuance of a building permit, or commencement of a use that is allowed outright, or has received prior land use approval, stating that the proposal is consistent with the clear and objective requirements of the corresponding land use zone, and prior approvals, if applicable.

SECTION 1.040. COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE PROVISIONS.

A. A lot may be used and a structure or part of a structure may be constructed, reconstructed, altered, occupied, or used only as this ordinance permits.

B. No lot area, yard, or other open space existing on or after the effective date of this ordinance shall be reduced below the minimum required for it by this ordinance.

C. No lot area, yard, or other open space that is required by this ordinance for one use shall be used as the required lot area, yard, or open space for another use.

SECTION 1.050. ABROGATION AND GREATER RESTRICTIONS.

This ordinance is not intended to repeal, abrogate or impair any existing easements, covenants, or deed restriction.

SECTION 1.060. ADMINISTRATIVE TERMINOLOGY AND CONSTRUCTION.

A. Terminology. The word "County" shall mean the County of Morrow, Oregon. The words "County Court" and "Court" as well as "Board of Commissioners" and "Board" shall mean the Morrow County Board of Commissioners. The words "Planning Commission" and "Commission" shall mean the County Planning Commission of the County of Morrow duly appointed by the Morrow County Board of Commissioners. The words "Planning Director," "County Roadmaster," "County Clerk," "County Surveyor," "Tax Collector," and "Assessor" shall mean the Planning Director, County Roadmaster, County Clerk, County Surveyor, Tax Collector, and Assessor of the County of Morrow, as applicable.

B. Construction. Words used in the present tense include the future tense; words used in the singular include the plural and words used in the plural include the singular; the word "shall" is mandatory; the word "may" is permissive; the masculine shall include the feminine and neutral.