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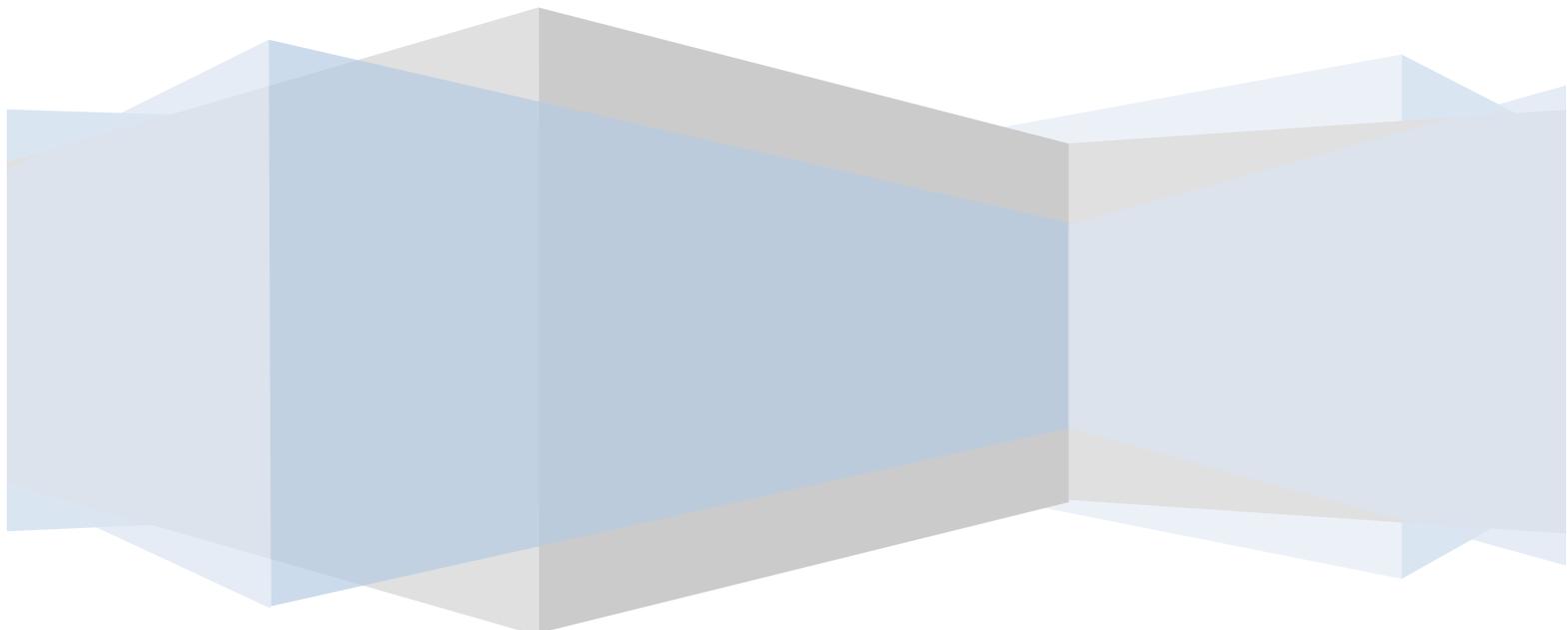
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Executive Summary

The Gull Lake Micropolitan Pilot Area Planning Terms and Definitions Research project was used to create a list of common terms and definitions to be used throughout the six local government units. Ordinances and plans were gathered from the six local units of government and the Department of Natural Resources, and then terms and definitions were extracted and put into a database. By creating a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet the data was easily organized and analyzed. Once all the data was input, those terms that seems most valuable to have common throughout the pilot area were separated out and made into a word document. This draft version of terms was then submitted to the representatives of the six local units of government for their suggestions and approval.

Project Goals

The goal of the Gull Lake Micropolitan Pilot Area was to develop a Multi-jurisdictional Planning Taskforce to develop common standards.

Project Objectives

To achieve the goal, research, analysis and dissemination of comprehensive plan terms, ordinance terms, definitions and processes was done.

Tools Used

To complete the analysis of the terms, Microsoft Excel was used to organize the terms in alphabetical order, local unit of government that they originated from, and what ordinance they were used in. Microsoft Office was used to compile the draft version of common terms that was submitted to the Planning Taskforce.

Project Tasks

The project was broken down into four distinct tasks. The first charge was to conduct a literature review of all Micropolitan Pilot Area plans and ordinances. The second task was to compare and contrast the use of terms and definitions. The third task was to develop a report detailing the similarities and difference among the definitions used in each ordinance or plan. The final charge was to draft a template of the selected consistent planning terms and definitions.

Research Work

My work on the project began by collecting all of the necessary plans and ordinances for the Micropolitan Pilot Area. Once I had all of the information I would need, I developed a spreadsheet using Microsoft Excel to organize the data (located in Appendix A). Next I extracted each planning term and definition to put into the spreadsheet into the corresponding sheet. After I had compiled all of the terms from the comprehensive plans, ordinances, water plans, and acronyms from each, we narrowed the charge to focus on ordinances since the array of terms was broader. We had also decided that the Department of Natural Resources Draft Shoreland Rules should be incorporated since the Micropolitan Pilot Area is focused around East Gull Lake. Once all of the terms had been entered into the spreadsheet, we separated out the definitions that were only used in one local government units (LGUs) ordinance, so we could narrow down our list of possible common terms. John Sumption and I then met, discussed the remaining definitions and selected which terms should be included in the draft common planning terms. We then chose which definition would be best suited for the Micropolitan Pilot Area from the possible ones provided for each term. Each of the selected terms and definitions were then put onto their own sheet in the spreadsheet database. The common terms were also transferred to a word document for dispersal to the representatives of each of the six LGUs.

Research Findings

While doing the research, we found that many of the definitions used throughout the six LGUs were very similar with minor differences. There were other words that were defined to mean different things depending on which portion of the ordinance they were found in.

Project Outcome

The research and analysis lead to a draft set of 151 common terms and definitions to be distributed to the six LGUs in the Micropolitan Pilot Area. The complete list of terms and definitions are located in Appendix A.

Appendix A – Draft Common Planning Terms

Abandoned Building: A building as defined hereafter on public or private property which no longer serves a practical use and is considered a safety hazard in the opinion of the Zoning Administrator due to its location or structural condition.

Access lot: A parcel of land that provides access to public waters, including controlled access lots and alternative access lots.

Access Path: an area designated to provide ingress and egress to public waters.

Accessory Structure: means any building, structure, or improvement subordinate to and on the same lot as the principal structure or use, including sheds, storage shelters, gazebos, hot tubs, swimming pools, pole buildings, detached garages, decks, patios, and similar structures.

Accessory Use: A use naturally and normally incident and subordinate to the main use of the premises. An accessory use cannot, by definition, exist without the establishment of a primary use.

Addition: A physical enlargement of an existing structure, or an increase in living space.

Agent: Any person acting on behalf of a landowner in dealing with activities under the jurisdiction of the Ordinance, including but not limited to realtors, contractors or attorneys.

Agricultural Use: has the meaning as defined in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 40A.

Airport: Any premises used or intended for use for the landing and taking off of aircraft including any structures used or intended for use for aircraft services.

Alternative Access Lot: an access lot that provides access to public waters for owners of riparian lots within subdivisions.

Animal, Domestic: Any animals commonly kept as household pets such as dog or cats.

Animal, Farm: Cattle, hogs, horses, sheep, goats, chickens and other animals commonly kept for food production or other purposes.

Animal, Wild or Exotic: Any animal not normally considered domesticated which, because of its size, vicious nature or other natural characteristics would constitute a dangerous threat to human life, property or domestic animals including but not limited to venomous reptiles; bird species illegal to own under federal or state law; and mammals including but not limited to lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cougars, and bears.

Animal Unit: A unit of measure to compare differences in the production of animal wastes which has as a standard the amount of waste produced on a regular basis by a slaughter steer or heifer. Animal units are calculated by dividing the average animal weight for a species by one thousand (1,000) pounds. For purposes of these regulations, the following equivalents apply:

Animal Unit (A.U)

1 mature dairy cow 1.4

1 slaughter steer or heifer 1.0

1 horse 1.0

1 swine over 55# 0.4

1 sheep 0.1

1 swine under 55# 0.05

1 turkey 0.018

1 chicken 0.01

Apartment: A room or suite of rooms that is designed for, intended for, or occupied as a residence by a family or individual, and is equipped with sanitary facilities.

Auto or Motor Vehicle Reduction Yard: A lot or yard where one (1) or more unlicensed motor vehicles, or the remains thereof, are kept for the purpose of dismantling, wrecking, crushing, sale of parts, sale as scrap, storage, or abandonment. (See also Salvage yard).

Basement: The space below the first story of a structure which is greater than four (4) feet in height.

Bed and Breakfast Residence: has the meaning given under chapter 2400. ["Bed and breakfast residence" means a dwelling in which four or fewer guest rooms are rented within the principal structure on a nightly basis for less than one week and where at least one meal per day is provided in connection with the sleeping accommodations. The operator of the residence lives on the premises or in an adjacent premise]

Bedroom: A room or unfinished area within a dwelling that might reasonably be used as a sleeping room as determined by the local unit of government.

Best Management Practices: Erosion and sediment control and water quality management practices that are the most effective and practical means of controlling, preventing, and minimizing degradation of surface water, including avoidance of impacts, construction-phasing, minimizing the length of time soil areas are exposed, prohibitions, and other management practices that are adopted by Cass County.

Bluff: means a sloped topographic feature having all of the following characteristics:
A. part or all of the feature is located in a shoreland area;
B. the slope rises at least 25 feet above the ordinary high water level of the waterbody or toe of the bluff. For purposes of this subpart, "toe of the bluff" means the lower point of a horizontal ten-foot segments with an average slope exceeding 18 percent; and
C. the grade of the slope from the toe of the bluff to the top of bluff averages 30 percent or greater. For purposes of this subpart, "top of the bluff" means the higher point of a horizontal 10-foot segment with an average slope exceeding 18 percent.

Bluff, Toe: For the purpose of measuring setbacks, the point at the bottom of a bluff that is the lower end of a 10 foot segment, measured on the ground, which has an average slope of 18 percent, or is the OHW, whichever is higher.

Bluff, Top: For the purpose of measuring setbacks, the point at the upper end of a bluff that is the upper end of a 10 foot segment, measured on the ground, which has an average slope of 18 percent.

Bluff Impact Zone: means a bluff and land located within 20 feet of a bluff.

Boathouse: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.245. ["boathouse" means a structure or watercraft that is moored by spuds, cables, ropes, anchors, or chains that may be intended for habitation and has walls, a roof, and either an open well for boats or a floor from wall to wall and does not include watercraft that are designed and operated as motorboats;]

Boat Launch: is a ramp, road, or other conveyance which allows the launching and removal of a boat with a vehicle and trailer.

Boat Storage Structure: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.245. ["boat storage structure" means a structure that is used for storing boats or float planes]

Buffer: means land that is used to protect adjacent lands and waters from development and more intensive land uses. The land is kept in a natural state of trees, shrubs, and low ground cover and understory of plants and functions to filter runoff, control sediment and nutrient movement, and protect fish and wildlife habitat. In areas of agricultural use, the land may be used for less intensive agricultural purposes provided its function as a buffer remains intact.

Buildable Area: means the area upon which structures may be placed on a lot or parcel of land. Buildable area excludes areas to meet setback requirements, bluffs, areas with slopes greater than 25 percent, rights-of-way, historic sites, wetlands, designated floodways, land below the ordinary high water level of public waters, and other unbuildable areas. In wild, scenic, or recreational shorelands, buildable area also excludes areas with slopes greater than 18 percent.

Building: means any structure with a roof and walls used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.

Building Line: A line parallel to a lot line or the Ordinary High Water Level at the required setback beyond which a structure may not extend.

Campground: means a development that is used for the purpose of providing sites for nonpermanent overnight use by campers using tents, trailers, recreation camping vehicles, or other temporary shelters.

Certificate of Compliance: has the meaning given under chapter 7080 for subsurface sewage treatment systems. ["Certificate of compliance" means a document, written after a compliance inspection, certifying that a system is in compliance with applicable requirements at the time of the inspection.]

Clear-Cutting: means a forest management method for regeneration or harvest that removes essentially all trees in one operation.

Clustering or Clustered: means a development pattern and technique whereby structures or building sites are arranged in close proximity to one another in groups.

Commercial Use: means the principal use of land or buildings for the sale, lease, rental, or trade of products, goods, and services.

Commissioner: means the commissioner of natural resources.

Common Interest Community: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 515B. ["Common interest community" or "CIC" means contiguous or noncontiguous real estate within Minnesota that is subject to an instrument which obligates persons owning a separately described parcel of the real estate, or occupying a part of the real estate pursuant to a proprietary lease, by reason of their ownership or occupancy, to pay for (i) real estate taxes levied against; (ii) insurance premiums payable with respect to; (iii) maintenance of; or (iv) construction, maintenance, repair or replacement of improvements located on, one or more parcels or parts of the real estate other than the parcel or part that the person owns or occupies. Real estate which satisfies the definition of a common interest community is a common interest community whether or not it is subject to this chapter. Real estate subject to a master association, regardless of when the master association was formed, shall not collectively constitute a separate common interest community unless so stated in the master declaration recorded against the real estate pursuant to section 515B.2-121, subsection (f)(1).]

Common Open Space: means a portion of a development that: A. is permanently set aside to preserve elements of the natural landscape for public or private use; B. will not be developed or subdivided; and C. is generally owned in common by the individual owners in the development or by a permanently established management entity.

Comprehensive Plan: Also referred to as Community Plan. A compilation of policy statements, goals, standards and maps for guiding the physical, social and economic development, both private and public, of the City and its environs and may include, but is not limited to, the following items: statements of policies, goals, standards, a land use plan, a community facilities plan, a transportation plan and recommendations for plan execution.

Conditional Use: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 394 and 462. ["Conditional use" means a land use or development as defined by ordinance that would not be appropriate generally but may be allowed with appropriate restrictions as provided by official controls upon a finding that (1) certain conditions as detailed in the zoning ordinance exist, and (2) the use or development conforms to the comprehensive land use plan of the county and (3) is compatible with the existing neighborhood.]

Condominium: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 515B. ["Condominium" means a common interest community in which (i) portions of the real estate are designated as units, (ii) the remainder of the real estate is designated for common ownership solely by the owners of the units, and (iii) undivided interests in the common elements are vested in the unit owner]

Conservation Easement: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84C. ["Conservation easement" means a nonpossessory interest of a holder in real property imposing limitations or affirmative obligations the purposes of which include retaining or protecting natural, scenic, or open-space values of real property, assuring its availability for agricultural, forest, recreational, or open-space use, protecting natural resources, maintaining or enhancing air or water quality, or preserving the historical, architectural, archaeological, or cultural aspects of real property]

Controlled Access Lot: is an access lot that provides access to public waters for owners of nonriparian lots within a conventional subdivision.

Conventional Subdivision: means a pattern of subdivision development that is characterized by lots that are spread regularly throughout a parcel in a lot and block design.

Cooperative: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 515B. ["Cooperative" means a common interest community in which the real estate is owned by an association, each of whose members is entitled by virtue of the member's ownership interest in the association to a proprietary lease.]

Crawl Space: has the meaning given under Minnesota Rules, Chapter 1309. [CRAWL SPACE. Areas or rooms with less than 7 feet (2134 mm) ceiling height measured to the finished floor or grade below.]

Deck: means a horizontal, unenclosed above ground level structure with or without attached railings, seats, trellises, or other features, attached or functionally related to a principal use or site.

Dock: means a narrow structure extending waterward from the shoreline intended for ingress and egress for moored watercraft or seaplanes or to provide access to deeper water for swimming, fishing, or other water-oriented recreational activities.

Duplex: A dwelling structure on a single lot, having two units being attached by common walls and each unit equipped with separate sleeping, cooking, eating, living and sanitation facilities.

Dwelling site: means a designated location for living accommodations by one or more persons using temporary or movable shelter, including camping and recreational vehicle sites.

Dwelling Unit: means any structure or portion of a structure, or other shelter designed as short- or long-term living quarters for one or more persons, including rental or timeshare accommodations such as motel, hotel, and resort rooms and cabins.

Easement: An acquired legal right for the specific use of land owned by others.

Essential Services: means underground or overhead gas, electrical, steam, or water distribution systems and collection, communication, supply, or sewer systems, including poles, wires, mains, drains, pipes, conduits, cables, fire alarm boxes, traffic signals, hydrants, or other similar equipment and accessories in conjunction therewith. Essential services does not including buildings, wastewater treatment works as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 115.01, or electrical generation and transmission services.

Extractive Use: means the use of land for surface or subsurface removal of sand, gravel, rock, industrial minerals, other nonmetallic minerals, and peat not regulated under Minnesota Statutes, sections 93.44 to 93.51.

Feedlot: A lot or building or combination of lots and buildings intended for the confined feeding, breeding, raising, or holding of animals and specifically designed as a confinement area in which manure may accumulate, or where the concentration of animals is such that a vegetative cover cannot be maintained within the enclosure. Pastures shall not be considered animal feedlots under these parts.

Filling: An act of depositing any earthen material.

Flood: means a temporary rise in stream flow or stage which results in inundation of the areas adjacent to the channel.

Flood Frequency: means the average frequency, statistically determined, for which it is expected that a specific flood stage or discharge may be equalled or exceeded. By strict definition, such estimates are designated "exceedence frequency," but in practice the term "frequency" is used. The frequency of a particular stage or discharge is usually expressed as having a probability of occurring once within a specified number of years. See also recurrence interval in subpart 20.

Flood Fringe: means that portion of the floodplain outside of the floodway.

Floodplain: means the areas adjoining a watercourse which has been or hereafter may be covered by the regional flood.

Floodproofing: means a combination of structural provisions, changes or adjustments to properties and structures subject to flooding primarily for the reduction or elimination of flood damages to properties, water and sanitary facilities, structures, and contents of buildings in a flood hazard area.

Floodway: means the channel of the watercourse and those portions of the adjoining floodplains which are reasonably required to carry and discharge the regional flood.

Forest Management or Silviculture: means the art and science of controlling the establishment, growth, composition, health, and quality of forests and woodlands to meet the multitude of purposes and values of landowners and society on a sustainable basis.

Fractional Ownership Property: means the division of any real property into portions or shares. Shared or joint ownership of the property and its deed entitle shareholders to certain usage rights. Real estate that is subject to an instrument which obligates several persons owning the same described parcel of the real estate and occupying a part of the real estate pursuant to a proprietary lease or covenant for use, by reason of their ownership or occupancy, to pay for real estate taxes levied against, insurance premiums payable with respect to, maintenance of, or construction, maintenance, repair or replacement of improvements is fractional ownership property.

Garage: An accessory structure which is only intended and used for vehicles and storage, and not a residential structure as defined herein.

Gazebo: A freestanding accessory structure with no kitchen, sleeping, sanitary facilities or pressurized water intended as weather and insect protection for such activities as picnicking and lake viewing.

Group Care Facilities: A facility which provides residential services for individuals that are handicapped, aged, disabled or undergoing rehabilitation. This includes uses such as homes for the physically handicapped, mentally retarded, chemically dependent, foster children, maternity shelters and half-way houses.

Hardship: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 394 and 462.

Height of Structure: means the vertical distance between the highest adjoining ground level at the building or ten feet above the lowest ground level, whichever is lower, and the highest point of a flat roof, the highest gable of a pitched or hipped roof, or the highest point of structure.

Home-based Business: means an occupation or business conducted by a resident within an existing dwelling or accessory structure on the property when the business is limited in extent and incidental or secondary to use of the dwelling for residential purposes and does not change the residential character of the dwelling unit or site.

Impervious Surface: means a constructed hard surface that either prevents or retards the entry of water into the soil and causes water to run off the surface in greater quantities and at an increased rate of flow than prior to development, including rooftops; decks; sidewalks; patios; parking lots; storage areas; concrete, asphalt or gravel driveways; and other similar surfaces.

Industrial Use: means the use of land or buildings for the production, manufacture, warehousing, storage, or transfer of goods, products, commodities, or other wholesale items.

Institutional Use: means a use that provides a public service and is operated by a government, public or private utility, public or private school or college, tax-exempt organization, or a place of religious assembly. Public service includes public agency, public safety and emergency services; essential and utility services; cultural, service and religious facilities; public or private health facilities; or other similar services.

Intensive Vegetation Clearing: means substantial removal of trees or shrubs in a contiguous patch, strip, row, or block.

Interim Use: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 394 and 462.

Lot: means a parcel of land designated by plat, metes and bounds, registered land survey, auditors plat, or other accepted means and separated from other parcels or portions by said description for the purpose of use, occupancy, sale, lease, or separation.

Lot Area: Square footage or acreage included within the boundaries of a parcel or platted lot.

Lot Width: means the shortest distance between lot lines measured at both the ordinary high water level and at the required structure setback from ordinary high water level for riparian lots. For nonriparian lots, the lot width is the shortest distance between side lot lines as measured at the midpoint of the longest axis of the lot.

Lowest Floor: means the lowermost floor of the lowest enclosed area, including basement and crawl space. An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, used solely for parking of vehicles, building access, or storage in an area other than a basement or crawl space area, is not considered a building's lowest floor.

Maintenance: The normal upkeep of a structure including the replacement of windows, siding, roofs, nonbearing walls or interior remodeling that does not expand the footprint of the existing structure, add volume to the usable living space or intensify a non-conforming use.

Manufactured Home Park.: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 327. ["Manufactured home park" means any site, lot, field or tract of land upon which two or more occupied manufactured homes are located, either free of charge or for compensation, and includes any building, structure, tent, vehicle or enclosure used or intended for use as part of the equipment of the manufactured home park]

Marina: means a commercial mooring facility.

Mining Operation: means the removal from the land of stone, sand and gravel, coal, salt, iron, copper, nickel, granite, petroleum products, or other material for commercial, industrial, or governmental purposes.

Motel: A building containing guest rooms or units, each of which has a separate entrance directly from the outside of the building, or corridor and which is designed, used or intended to be used primarily for the accommodation of transient guests.

Natural Drainageway: All land surface areas which by nature of their contour or configuration, collect, store and channel surface or runoff water.

Natural State: means a state where: A. vegetation exists in a wild state; B. the condition of the ground and shrub layers and floristic composition of the plant community is substantially unaltered by humans; C. restoration has been consistent with commissioner guidelines or local government approved plans; or D. vegetation has been unaltered for a least one growing season.

Nonconformity: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 394 and 462. "Nonconformity" means any legal use, structure or parcel of land already in existence, recorded, or authorized before the adoption of official controls or amendments thereto that would not have been permitted to become established under the terms of the official controls as now written, if the official controls had been in effect prior to the date it was established, recorded or authorized.]

Non-Riparian Lot: is a lot that does not abut public waters.

Nuisance: By authority and direction of Minnesota Statute, 1980, Section 412.221, Subdivision 23 and 24; and Section 429.31, Subdivision 8; and Section 145.22 and 145.23, nuisance is anything that interferes with the use or enjoyment of property, endangers personal health or public safety, or is offensive to the senses such as excessive smoke, odor, noise, heat, vibration, glare, traffic generation, visual impact and other similar interferences or offenses.

Open Burning: Burning of any matter whereby the resultant combustion products are emitted directly to open atmosphere without passing through a stack, duct or chimney that meets MPCA standards.

Open Space, Common: A portion of a development site that is permanently set aside to preserve unprotected elements of the natural landscape and to provide areas for public or private use. Common open space may be held in common ownership by all individual owners within a development or some other permanently established management entity, and is encumbered by a conservation easement that prohibits development and prescribes allowable uses.

Open Space Recreational Uses: means recreation use particularly oriented to and utilizing the outdoor character of an area; including hiking and riding trails, primitive campsites, campgrounds, waysides, parks, and recreation areas.

Ordinary High Water Level: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G.

Owner: Any individual, firm, association, syndicate, partnership, public or private corporation, trust or other legal entity having sufficient property interest in a property to commence and maintain proceedings under this Ordinance, or the owner of record or the person or persons who own a facility or part of a facility.

Park Trailer: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168. ["Park trailer" means a trailer that:

(1) exceeds 8-1/2 feet in width in travel mode but is no larger than 400 square feet when the collapsible components are fully extended or at maximum horizontal width; and

(2) is used as temporary living quarters.

"Park trailer" does not include a manufactured home.]

Patio: is a constructed hard surface located at ground level.

Permitted Use: A land use conforming to the character of a zoning district which is permitted by ordinance requiring only a zoning permit issued by the Zoning Administrator.

Person: An individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, including any trustee receiver, assignee or other similar representative thereof.

Planned Unit Development: means a method of land use or development characterized by a unified site design for a number of dwelling units or dwelling sites on a parcel, whether for occupancy, sale, rent, or lease, and a mix of structure types and land uses. Planned unit developments may be organized and operated as residential, mixed-use development, or commercial enterprises including individual dwelling units, townhouses, condominiums, time-share condominiums, cooperatives, common interest communities, fractional ownership properties, campgrounds, youth camps, apartment buildings, recreational vehicle parks, manufactured home parks, or park trailers or any combination of these. Planned unit development includes any conversion of existing structures and land uses that utilize this method of development described in this subpart.

Plat: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 505 and 515B. ["Plat" means a delineation of one or more existing parcels of land drawn to scale showing all data as required by this chapter, depicting the location and boundaries of lots, blocks, outlots, parks, and public ways.]

Preliminary Plat or Plan: A plan prepared in accordance with the Subdivision Ordinance depicting the proposed subdivision of property by Final Plat or Final Floor Plan.

Primitive Campsite: means an area that consists of individual remote campsites accessible only by foot or water.

Principal Use: The main use of land or buildings as distinguished from subordinate or accessory use. A "principal use" may be either permitted or conditional.

Public Waters: means any waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivisions 15, and public water wetlands as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15a. [a] "Public waters" means:

(1) water basins assigned a shoreland management classification by the commissioner under sections 103F.201 to 103F.221;

(2) waters of the state that have been finally determined to be public waters or navigable waters by a court of competent jurisdiction;

(3) meandered lakes, excluding lakes that have been legally drained;

(4) water basins previously designated by the commissioner for management for a specific purpose such as trout lakes and game lakes pursuant to applicable laws;

(5) water basins designated as scientific and natural areas under section 84.033;

(6) water basins located within and totally surrounded by publicly owned lands;

(7) water basins where the state of Minnesota or the federal government holds title to any of the beds or shores, unless the owner declares that the water is not necessary for the purposes of the public ownership;

(8) water basins where there is a publicly owned and controlled access that is intended to provide for public access to the water basin;

(9) natural and altered watercourses with a total drainage area greater than two square miles;

(10) natural and altered watercourses designated by the commissioner as trout streams; and

(11) public waters wetlands, unless the statute expressly states otherwise.

(b) Public waters are not determined exclusively by the proprietorship of the underlying, overlying, or surrounding land or by whether it is a body or stream of water that was navigable in fact or susceptible of being used as a highway for commerce at the time this state was admitted to the union.]

Public Waters Wetland: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G. [Public waters wetlands. "Public waters wetlands" means all types 3, 4, and 5 wetlands, as defined in United States Fish and Wildlife Service Circular No. 39 (1971 edition), not included within the definition of public waters, that are ten or more acres in size in unincorporated areas or 2-1/2 or more acres in incorporated areas.]

Reach: means the hydraulic engineering term used to describe longitudinal segments of a stream or river influenced by a natural or human-made obstruction. In an urban area, the segment of a stream or river between two consecutive bridge crossings would typically constitute a reach.

Recreation Use Area: is the area within the shore impact zone where a shoreline buffer need not exist.

Recreational Camping Area: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 327. ["Recreational camping area" means any area, whether privately or publicly owned, used on a daily, nightly, weekly, or longer basis for the accommodation of five or more tents or recreational camping vehicles free of charge or for compensation. "Recreational camping area" excludes:

(1) children's camps;

(2) industrial camps;

(3) migrant labor camps, as defined in Minnesota Statutes and state commissioner of health rules;

(4) United States Forest Service camps;

(5) state forest service camps;

(6) state wildlife management areas or state-owned public access areas which are restricted in use to picnicking and boat landing; and

(7) temporary holding areas for self-contained recreational camping vehicles created by and adjacent to motor sports facilities, if the chief law enforcement officer of an affected jurisdiction determines that it is in the interest of public safety to provide a temporary holding area.]

Recreational Vehicle: means: A. a recreational vehicle as defined under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168; and B. a recreational camping vehicle as defined under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 327. [(a) "Recreational vehicle" means travel trailers including those that telescope or fold down, chassis-mounted campers, motor homes, tent trailers, and converted buses that provide temporary human living quarters.

(b) "Recreational vehicle" is a vehicle that:

(1) is not used as the residence of the owner or occupant;

(2) is used while engaged in recreational or vacation activities; and

(3) is either self-propelled or towed on the highways incidental to the recreational or vacation activities.]

["Recreational camping vehicle" when used in sections 327.14 to 327.28 includes the following:

(a) any vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational, and vacation uses;

(b) any structure designed to be mounted on a truck chassis for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation, and vacation;

(c) any portable, temporary dwelling to be used for travel, recreation, and vacation, constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle; and

(d) any folding structure, mounted on wheels and designed for travel, recreation, and vacation use.]

Redevelopment: means development on a previously developed parcel.

Regional Flood: means a flood which is representative of large floods known to have occurred generally in Minnesota and reasonably characteristic of what can be expected to occur on an average frequency in the magnitude of the 100-year recurrence interval.

Residential Use: means use as a dwelling, whether for use as principal or secondary residences, but not transient use.

Resort: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103F. [103F is Protection of Water Resources]

Right-of-Way: An area of land that is surveyed and recorded for the provision of access.

Riparian Lot: is a lot that abuts public waters.

Rivulet: means a channel between defined banks created by the action of surface water, which is characterized by the lack of terrestrial vegetation or by the presence of a bed, devoid of topsoil, containing waterborne deposits or exposed soil, parent material or bedrock; and that is connected hydrologically with other water bodies. A rivulet is a permanent or intermittent stream that has a total drainage two square miles or less. Rivulets include those watercourses altered or modified by ditching. Rivulet does not include rills or gullies forming because of accelerated erosion in disturbed soils where the natural vegetation cover has been removed by human activity. This definition only applies to that portion of the stream located within a shoreland overlay district.

Scenic Easement: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.311. ["Scenic easement" means an interest in land, less than the fee title, that limits the use of the land to protect the scenic, recreational, or natural characteristics of a wild, scenic, or recreational river area. Unless otherwise expressly and specifically provided by the parties, the easement must be:

(1) perpetually held for the benefit of the people of the state;

(2) specifically enforceable by its holder or any beneficiary;

(3) binding upon the holder of the servient estate, and the holder's heirs, successors, and assigns; and

(4) restricted so as not to give the holder or any beneficiary the right to enter on the land except for enforcement of the easement.]

Selective Cutting: means a forest management method for regeneration or harvest that removes individual trees.

Semipublic Use: means the use of land by a private, nonprofit organization to provide a public service that is ordinarily open to some persons outside the regular constituency of the organization.

Sensitive Resource Management: The preservation and management of areas unsuitable for development in their natural state due to constraints such as shallow soils over groundwater or bedrock, highly erosive or expansive soils, steep slopes, susceptibility to flooding or occurrence of flora or fauna in need of special protection.

Sensitive Shoreland Area: means shoreland designated as a special protection shoreland overlay district pursuant to part 6120.3200 or shoreland riparian to any of the following types of public waters:

A. Bays of lakes or lakes classified as natural environment pursuant to part 6120.3050;

B. Trout lakes and streams designated pursuant to part 6264.0050;

C. Wildlife lakes designated pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.001, subdivision 2;

D. Migratory waterfowl feeding and resting lakes designated pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.095, subdivision 2, and part 6240.2100; or

E. Outstanding resource value waters designated pursuant to part 7050.0180.

Setback: means a separation distance measured horizontally.

Sewage: has the meaning given under chapter 7080. ["Sewage" means waste produced by toilets, bathing, laundry, or culinary operations or the floor drains associated with these sources, and includes household cleaners, medications, and other constituents in sewage restricted to amounts normally used for domestic purposes.]

Sewer System: pipelines or conduits, pumping stations, and force main, and all other constructions, devices, appliances, or appurtenances used for conducting sewage or industrial waste or other wastes to a point of ultimate disposal.

Sewage Treatment System: A septic tank and soil absorption system or other individual or cluster type sewage treatment system as described and regulated in Chapter 7080 through 7083 of the State Rules and Regulations.

Shore Impact Zone: means land located between the ordinary high water level of public waters and a line parallel to it at a setback of 50 percent of the required structure setback, but not less than 50 feet. This zone serves as all or part of the shoreline buffer.

Shoreland: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103F.205, except the shorelands for rivers in the wild and scenic rivers system means those lands within the boundaries of the management plan for each designated river consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.321. ["Shoreland" means land located within the following distances from the ordinary high water elevation of public waters:

(1) land within 1,000 feet from the normal high watermark of a lake, pond, or flowage; and

(2) land within 300 feet of a river or stream or the landward side of a floodplain delineated by ordinance on the river or stream, whichever is greater.]

Shoreland Conservation Subdivision: means a method of subdivision of shorelands characterized by natural areas and open space amenities for homeowners and protection of natural resources and riparian areas. Site designs incorporate standards of low impact development, such as the use of narrower residential streets and preservation of trees, shoreline, unique resources, and scenic vistas, and these developments use stormwater designs that emphasize on-site retention and infiltration through the preservation of native vegetation within the shore impact zone, use of pervious surfaces, rain gardens, filtration, and swales.

Shoreline Buffer: means the land abutting public waters consisting of trees, shrubs, and low ground cover and understory of plants in a natural state.

Sign: Shall mean a name, identification, description, display, illustration or device which is affixed to or represented directly or indirectly upon a building, structure or land in view of the general public and which directs attention to a product, service, place, activity, person, institution or business.

Significant Historic Site: means any archaeological site, standing structure, or other property that is: A. listed in the National Register of Historic Places or the State Register of Historic Sites; B. determined to meet the qualifications for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or State Register of Historic Sites after review by the Minnesota state archaeologist or the director of the Minnesota Historical Society; or C. an unplatted cemeteries to which Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, applies.

Sketch Plan: A preliminary site concept plan prepared for the administrative review, suggesting land use, property configurations and proposed improvements.

Steep Slope: means land having average slopes over 12 percent, as measured over horizontal distances of 50 feet or more, that are not bluffs.

Stormwater: has the meaning given under chapter 7090. ["Storm water" or "stormwater" means storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage. It includes the term "stormwater" as used in agency documents.]

Structure: means a building or appurtenance, including decks, carports, roof overhangs, and solar panels. A local government may consider a nontransient recreational vehicle to be a structure. Structure does not include sewer, electric, communication, gas lines, towers, poles, and other supporting facilities for aerial or underground utility lines.

Subdivider: Any individual, firm, association, syndicate, co-partners, corporations, trust or other legal entity having sufficient proprietary interest in the land sought to be subdivided to commence and maintain proceedings to subdivide the same under this ordinance.

Subdivision: means land that is divided for the purpose of occupancy, sale, rent, or lease, including planned unit development.

Subsurface Sewage Treatment System: has the meaning given under chapter 7080. ["Subsurface sewage treatment system" or "SSTS" is either an individual subsurface sewage treatment system as defined in subpart 41 or a mid-sized subsurface sewage treatment system as defined in part 7081.0020, subpart 4, as applicable.]

Suitable Area: is the area remaining on a lot or parcel of land after bluffs, areas with slopes greater than 25 percent, rights-of-way, existing roads, historic sites, wetlands, designated floodways, and land below the ordinary high water level of public waters are subtracted.

Surface Waters: means waters of the state, excluding groundwater as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 115.01, subdivision 6. Surface waters include lakes, reservoirs, ponds, marshes, rivers, tributary streams, watercourses, waterways, springs, and all other bodies or accumulations of water.

Surface Water-Oriented Commercial Use: means the use of land for commercial purposes, where access to and use of a surface water feature is an integral part of the normal conductance of business, including marinas, resorts, restaurants with transient docking facilities, and other surface water-oriented businesses.

Transient Use: means the temporary occupancy of a dwelling unit or site.

Travel Trailer: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

["Travel trailer" means a trailer, mounted on wheels, that:

(1) is designed to provide temporary living quarters during recreation, camping, or travel;

(2) does not require a special highway movement permit based on its size or weight when towed by a motor vehicle; and

(3) complies with sections 169.80, subdivision 2, and 169.81, subdivision 2.]

Variance: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 394 and 462.

["Variance" means any modification or variation of official controls where it is determined that, by reason of exceptional circumstances, the strict enforcement of the official controls would cause unnecessary hardship.]

Walkway: A linear area designed and used for pedestrian access which may be used in a natural state or be covered with an artificial surface.

Water-Oriented Accessory Structure: means a small, building or other improvement, except stairways, fences, docks, and retaining walls, that, because of the relationship of its use to a surface water feature, reasonably needs to be located closer to public waters than the normal structure setback. Water-oriented accessory structure includes gazebos, screen houses, fish houses, pump houses, and detached decks and patios.

Wetland: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G.]

"Wetlands" means lands transitional between terrestrial and aquatic systems where the water table is usually at or near the surface or the land is covered by shallow water. For purposes of this definition, wetlands must have the following three attributes:

(1) have a predominance of hydric soils;

(2) are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions; and

(3) under normal circumstances support a prevalence of such vegetation.

(b) For the purposes of regulation under this chapter, the term wetlands does not include public waters wetlands as defined in subdivision 15a.]

Youth Camp: has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.71. [outh camp is defined as a parcel or parcels of land with permanent buildings, tents or other structures together with appurtenances thereon, established or maintained as living quarters where both food and beverage service and lodging or the facilities therefor are provided for ten or more people, operated continuously for a period of five days or more each year for educational, recreational or vacation purposes, and the use of the camp is offered to minors free of charge or for payment of a fee.]

Zoning District: An area of the City of East Gull Lake defined on the zoning map, having uniform zoning provisions.

Zoning Map: The map of the City of Lake Shore, amended from time to time, which defines the boundaries of the zoning districts.

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| | Common | LGU | Term | Definition |
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| A | List | | | |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Abandoned Building | A building as defined hereinafter on public or private property, which no longer serves a practical use and, due to its location or structural condition, is considered a safety hazard in the opinion of the Zoning Administrator. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Abandoned Building | A building as defined hereinafter on public or private property, which no longer serves a practical use and, due to its location or structural condition, is considered a safety hazard in the opinion of the Zoning Administrator. |
| x | | City of Nisswa | Abandoned Building | A building as defined hereinafter on public or private property which no longer serves a practical use and is considered a safety hazard in the opinion of the Zoning Administrator due to its location or structural condition. |
| | | Crow Wing County | ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE | The same as a junk vehicle and meets the criteria as identified in Section III of this Ordinance. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Abandoned Motor Vehicle | A motor vehicle as defined in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 169.01 that (a) has remained on public property in an inoperable condition for more than 48 hours, or (b) has remained on private property for more than 48 hours without the permission of the owner, or (c) has remained on private property for more than thirty days and is inoperable or is unlicensed unless kept in a garage or other storage structure. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Abandoned Motor Vehicle | A motor vehicle as defined in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 169.01 that (a) has remained on public property in an inoperable condition for more than 48 hours, or (b) has remained on private property for more than 48 hours without the permission of the owner, or (c) has remained on private property for more than thirty days and is inoperable or is unlicensed unless kept in a garage or other storage structure. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Abandoned Motor Vehicle | A motor vehicle as defined in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 169.01 that (a) has remained on public property in an inoperable condition for more than 48 hours; or b) is on private property without the permission of the owner; or c) has remained on private property for more than 30 days and is inoperable, or is unlicensed, unless kept in a garage or other storage structure. Refer also to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 168B. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Abandoned Vehicle | A. A motor vehicle, as defined in MS. § 169.01 as it may be amended from time to time, that has remained illegally: i. for a period of more than 48 hours on any property owned or controlled by a unit of government, ii. or more than four hours on that property when it is properly posted. B. On private property for a period of time, as determined under Subdivision 2 of Section 5.1-5, without the consent of the person in control of the property; and C. Lacks vital component parts or is in an inoperable condition that it has no substantial potential for further use consistent with its usual functions, unless it is kept in an enclosed garage or storage building. D. A classic car or pioneer car, as defined in M.S. § 168.10 as it may be amended from time to time, is not considered an abandoned vehicle. E. Vehicles on the premises of junk yards and automobile graveyards that are defined, maintained, and licensed in accordance with MS. § 161.242 as it may be amended from time to time, or that are licensed and maintained in accordance with local laws and zoning regulations, are not considered abandoned vehicles. F. A vehicle being held for storage by agreement or being held under police authority or pursuant to a writ or court order is not considered abandoned, nor may it be processed as abandoned while the police hold, writ or court order is in effect. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Abutting | Making direct contact with or immediately bordering. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Abutting | Making direct contact with or immediately bordering. |
| | | Cass County | Access Lot | A parcel of land intended or used to provide accesses to public waters for owners of riparian lots within a subdivision. |
| x | | DNR | Access lot | a parcel of land that provides access to public waters, including controlled access lots and alternative access lots. |
| | | Cass County | Access Path | An area within a shoreland alteration area designated to provide pedestrian ingress and egress to a lake or river. |
| x | | DNR | Access path. | an area designated to provide ingress and egress to public waters. |
| | | Cass County | Accessory Structure | A structure which is subordinate to and serving the principal structure, does not include living quarters, and customarily incidental to the land use district in which the structure is located. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Accessory Structure | A building or other structure that is supportive, secondary and subordinate in use and/or size to the principle structure on the same parcel or lot which, because of the nature of its use, can reasonably be located at or greater than minimum structure setbacks. Includes all structures not considered the principle structure including, but not limited to, T.V. towers antennas, dish antennas, outdoor swimming pools, outdoor hot-tubs, detached garages, sheds, guest quarters and boathouses. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Accessory Structure | A building or other structure that is supportive, secondary and subordinate in use or size to the principle structure on the same parcel or lot which, because of the nature of its use, can reasonably be located at or greater than minimum structure setbacks. Includes all structures not considered the principle structure including, but not limited to, T.V. towers antennas, dish antennas, outdoor swimming pools, outdoor hot-tubs, detached garages, sheds, guest quarters and boathouses. An accessory structure can not, by definition, exist without the establishment of a principle structure. |
| x | | DNR | Accessory structure. | means any building, structure, or improvement subordinate to and on the same lot as the principal structure or use, including sheds, storage shelters, gazebos, hot tubs, swimming pools, pole buildings, detached garages, decks, patios, and similar structures. |
| | | Cass County | Accessory Use | A land use which is subordinate to and serving the principal use and customarily incidental to the land use district in which the use is located. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Accessory Use | A use naturally and normally incident and subordinate to the main use of the premises. |
| x | | City of Lakeshore | Accessory Use | A use naturally and normally incident and subordinate to the main use of the premises. An accessory use can not, by definition, exist without the establishment of a primary use. |
| | | Crow Wing County | ACCESSORY USE OR STRUCTURE | A use, structure, or improvement on the same lot with and of a nature customarily incidental or subordinate to the principal use or structure, which, because of the nature of its use, can reasonably be located at or greater than normal structure setbacks. |

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| | | City of Nisswa | Accessory Use or Structure | A use or structure on the same lot with, and of a nature customarily incidental and subordinate to, the principal use or structure, including tower antennas, dish antennas exceeding 36 inches in diameter, swimming pools, wind generators, garages, sheds, boathouses, and similar structures. Does not include a guest quarters. Antennas exceeding 36 inches in diameter shall meet all setback requirements, but shall not be subject to height restrictions. The square footage of an accessory structure shall be the area enclosed within the foundation and the base area of any cantilevered section, with allowance for no more than threefoot roof overhang, regardless of the number of floors. |
| | | Cass County | Addition | Any construction which increases the size of a building such as a porch, basement, attached garage or carport, or a new room |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Addition | A physical enlargement of an existing structure. |
| x | | City of Lakeshore | Addition | A physical enlargement of an existing structure, or an increase in living space. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Adjacent | In close proximity to or neighboring, not necessarily abutting. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Adjacent | In close proximity to or neighboring, not necessarily abutting. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Body Painting Studio | An establishment or business that provides the service of applying paint or other substance, whether transparent or non-transparent, to or on the body of a patron when such body is wholly or partially nude in terms of "Specified anatomical areas". |
| | | Crow Wing County | ADULT BODY PAINTING STUDIO | An establishment or business that provides the service of applying paint or other substance, whether transparent or non-transparent, to or on the body of a patron when such body is wholly or partially nude in terms of "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Adult Body Painting Studio | An establishment or business that provides the service of applying paint, ink, or other substance, whether transparent or non-transparent, to the body of a patron when the person is nude. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Book Store | An establishment, building or business engaging in the barter, rental, or sale of items or merchandise consisting of printed matter, pictures, slides, records, audio tapes, video tapes, computer or video disks, motion picture film, or any other similar materials, if such shop is not open to the public generally but only to one or more classes of the public, excluding any minor because of age, if more than twenty (20) per cent of the useable floor area of the establishment, building, or business, or if at least 500 square feet, whichever is smaller, has products or materials distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matters depicting, describing or related to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | Crow Wing County | ADULT BOOK STORE | An establishment, building or business engaging in a barter, rental, or sale of items or merchandise consisting of printed matter, pictures, slides, records, audio tapes, video tapes, computer or video disks, motion picture film, or any other similar materials, if such shop is not open to the public generally but only to one or more classes of the public, excluding any minor because of age, if more than twenty (20) percent of the useable floor area of the establishment, building, or business or if at least five hundred (500) square feet, whichever is smaller, has products or materials distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matters depicting, describing or related to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Adult Bookstore | An establishment or business used for the barter, rental, or sale of items consisting of printed matter, pictures, slides, records, audiotape, videotape, movies, or motion picture film if it meets the criteria established in the definition of "sexually oriented business," as defined in this section. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Cabaret | An establishment, building or business that provides dancing or other live entertainment if such dancing or live entertainment is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on the performance or presentation, display, depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | Crow Wing County | ADULT CABARET | An establishment, building or business that provides dancing or other live entertainment if such dancing or live entertainment is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on the performance or presentation, display, depiction or description of "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Adult Cabaret | A business or establishment that provides dancing or other live entertainment distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on: i. The depiction of nudity, specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. ii. The presentation, display, or depiction of matter that seeks to evoke, arouse, or excite sexual or erotic feelings or desire. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Car Wash | A wash facility for any type of motor vehicle that allows employees, agent, independent contractors or persons to appear in a state of partial or total nudity in terms of "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | Crow Wing County | ADULT CAR WASH | A wash facility for any type of motor vehicle that allows employees, agents, independent contractors or persons to appear in a state of partial or total nudity in terms of "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | Cass County | Adult Companionship Establishments | An establishment of business, if such establishment excludes minors because of age, or which provides the service of engaging in or listening to conversation, talk or discussion between an employee of the establishment and a customer, if such service is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | Crow Wing County | Adult Companionship Establishments | An establishment of business, if such establishment excludes minors because of age, or which provides the service of engaging in or listening to conversation, talk or discussion between an employee of the establishment and a customer, if such service is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Adult Companionship Establishment. | A business or establishment that provides the service of engaging in or listening to conversation, talk, or discussion distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Adult Conversation/RAP Parlor | A business or establishment that provides the services of engaging in or listening to conversation, talk, or discussion distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Entertainment | Adult entertainment encompasses all adult uses and sexually oriented businesses, defined in Cass County's Ordinance for the Regulation of Adult Uses and Sexually Oriented Business. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Entertainment Facility | A building or space in which an admission is charged for the entrance, or food or non-alcoholic beverages are sold or intended for consumption, and in which may be observed live presentations of entertainment distinguished by an emphasis on matters depicting, describing, or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | Crow Wing County | Adult Entertainment Facility | A building or space in which an admission is charged for the entrance or where food or non-alcoholic beverages are sold or intended for consumption, and in which may be observed live presentation of entertainment distinguished by an emphasis on matters depicting, describing, or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |

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| | | Cass County | Adult Establishment | An establishment, building or business engaging in any of the following activities or which uses any of the following business procedures or practices, either: 1. Any business conducted exclusively for the patronage of adults and about which minors are specifically excluded from patronage thereat either by law or by the operator of such business; or 2. Any other business that offers its patrons services, products or entertainment characterized by an emphasis on matters depicting, exposing, describing, discussing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". Specifically included in the term, but without limitation, are adult book stores, adult motion picture theaters, adult mini motion picture theaters, adult massage parlors, adult health clubs, adult saunas, adult companionship establishments, adult health clubs, adult cabarets, adult car washes, adult novelty businesses, adult motion picture arcades, adult modeling studios, adult hotels or motels and adult body painting studios. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Adult Establishment | An establishment, building or business engaging in any of the following activities or which uses any of the following business procedures or practices, either: 1. Any business conducted exclusively for the patronage of adults and about which minors are specifically excluded from patronage thereat either by law or by the operator of such business; or 2. Any other business that offers its patrons services, products or entertainment characterized by an emphasis on matters depicting, exposing, describing, discussing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". Specifically included in the term, but without limitation, are adult book stores, adult motion picture theaters, adult mini motion picture theaters, adult massage parlors, adult health clubs, adult saunas, adult companionship establishments, adult cabarets, adult car washes, adult novelty businesses, adult motion picture arcades, adult modeling studios, adult hotels or motels and adult body painting studios. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Adult Health/Sport Club | A health/sport club that is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Hotel or Motel | A hotel or motel from which minors are specifically excluded from patronage and in which material is presented that is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matters depicting, describing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | Crow Wing County | Adult Hotel or Motel | A hotel or motel from which minors are specifically excluded from patronage and in which material is presented that is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matters depicting, describing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Adult Hotel or Motel | A hotel or motel that presents material distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Massage Parlor, Health/Sport Club | A massage parlor or health/sport club that restricts minors because of age or law, which provides the services of massage if such service is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | Crow Wing County | Adult Massage Parlor, Health/Sport Club | A massage parlor or health/sport club that restricts minors because of age or law, which provides the services of massage if such service is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Adult Massage Parlor/Health Club | A massage parlor or health club that provides massage services distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Mini-Motion Picture Theater | A business, building or establishment in an enclosed building with a capacity for less than fifty (50) persons used for the presenting of visual media material if such business as a prevailing practice excludes minors by virtue of age, or law, or if said material is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" for observation by patron. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Adult Mini-Motion Picture Theater | A business, building or establishment in an enclosed building with a capacity for less than fifty (50) persons used for the presenting of visual media material if such business as a prevailing practice excludes minors by virtue of age or law, or if said material is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" for observation by patron. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Adult Mini-Motion Picture Theater | A business or establishment with a capacity of less than 50 persons that, as a prevailing practice, presents on-premises viewing of movies, motion pictures, or other material distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Modeling Studio | An establishment or business whose major business is the provision to customers of figure models who are provided with the intent of providing sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to such customers who engage in "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" while being observed, painted, painted upon, sketched, drawn, sculptured, photographed or otherwise depicted by such customers. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Adult Modeling Studio | An establishment or business whose major business is the provision to customers of figure models who are provided with the intent of providing sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to such customers who engage in "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas", while being observed, painted, painted upon, sketched, drawn, sculptured, photographed or otherwise depicted by such customers. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Adult Modeling Studio | A business or establishment that provides live models who, with the intent of providing sexual stimulation or sexual gratification, engage in specified sexual activities or display specified anatomical areas while being observed, painted, painted upon, sketched, drawn, sculptured, photographed, or otherwise depicted. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Motion Picture Arcade | Any building or place to which the public is allowed or invited in which coin or slug operated or electronically, electrically or mechanically controlled still or motion picture machines, projectors, computers or other image producing devices that show images to give or fewer persons per machine at once, and characterized by an emphasis on depicting or describing "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | Crow Wing County | Adult Motion Picture Arcade | Any building or place to which the public is allowed or invited in which coin or slug operated, or electronically, electrically or mechanically controlled, still or motion-picture machines, projectors, computers or other image-producing devices show images to five or fewer persons per machine at once, characterized by an emphasis on depicting or describing "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Adult Motion Picture Arcade | Any place to which the public is permitted or invited where coin or slug-operated or electronically, electrically, or mechanically controlled or operated still or motion picture machines, projectors, or other image-producing devices are used to show images to five or fewer persons per machine at any one time, and where the images so displayed are distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on depicting or describing specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Motion Picture Theater | A business premises within an enclosed building with a capacity of fifty (50) or more persons used for presenting visual media material if said business as prevailing practice excludes minors by virtue of age, or if the material is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" for observation by patrons. |

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| | | Crow Wing County | Adult Motion Picture Theater | A business premises with an enclosed building with a capacity of fifty (50) or more persons used for presenting visual media material if said business as prevailing practice excludes minors by virtue of age, or if the material is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" for the observation by patrons. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Adult Motion Picture Theater | A motion picture theater with a capacity of 50 or more persons that, as a prevailing practice, presents material distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas for observation by patrons. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Novelty Business | A business that has as a principal activity the sale of materials or devices that stimulate human genitals or devices designed for sexual stimulation or which depict or which relate to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | Crow Wing County | Adult Novelty Business | A business that has as a principal activity the sale of materials or devices that stimulate human genitals or devices designed for sexual stimulation or which depict or which relate to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Adult Novelty Business | An establishment or business that has a variety of items for sale if it meets the criteria established in subdivision A of the definition of "sexually oriented business" defined in this section. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Adult Sauna | A sauna that excludes minors by reason of age, and that provides a steam bath or heat bathing room used for the purpose of bathing, relaxation, or reducing, if the service provided by the sauna is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Sauna/Steam Room/Bathhouse | A business that excludes minors because of age, or which provided a steam bath or heat bathing room used for bathing, pleasure, relaxation or reducing, utilizing steam or hot air as a cleaning, relaxing or reducing agent, if the service provided by the sauna/steam room/bathhouse is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | Crow Wing County | Adult Sauna/Steam Room/Bathhouse | A business that excludes minors because of age, or which provides a steam bath or heat bathing room used for bathing, pleasure, relaxation or reducing, utilizing steam or hot air as a cleaning, relaxing or reducing agent, if the service provided by the sauna/steam room/bathhouse is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas". |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Adult Steam Room/Bathhouse Facility | A building or portion of a building used for providing a steam bath or heat bathing room used for the purpose of pleasure, bathing, relaxation, or reducing, if the building or portion of a building restricts minors by reason of age and if the service provided by the steam room/bathhouse facility is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Uses | Adult body painting studios, adult book stores, adult car wash, adult hotels or adult motels, adult motion pictures theaters, adult mini motion picture theaters, adult massage parlors, adult health/sport clubs, adult sauna/steam room/bathhouses, adult companionship establishments, adult rap/conversation parlors, adult novelty businesses, adult motion picture arcade, adult modeling studios and other premises, enterprises or establishments, businesses, or places open to some or all members of the public at or in which there is an emphasis on the presentation or display, depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" which the public could see. This definition does not apply to the practice of medicine, surgery, osteopathy, chiropractic, physical therapy, or podiatry by State licensed or registered persons. Activities classified as obscene are defined by Minnesota Statutes Section 617.241 are not lawful and are not included in the definitions of adult uses. |
| | | Crow Wing County | ADULT USES | Adult body painting studios, adult book stores, adult car washes, adult hotels or motels, adult motion picture theaters, adult mini-motion picture theaters, adult massage parlors, adult health/sports clubs, adult sauna/steam room/bathhouses, adult companionship establishments, adult rap/conversation parlors, adult novelty businesses, adult motion picture arcade, adult modeling studios and other premises, enterprises or establishments, businesses, or places open to some or all members of the public at or in which there is an emphasis on the presentation or display, depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" which the public could see. This definition does not apply to the practice of medicine, surgery, osteopathy, chiropractic, physical therapy, or podiatry by state licensed or registered persons. Activities classified as obscene, as defined by Minnesota Statutes Section 617.241, are not lawful and are not included in the definition of adult uses. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Use-Accessory | The offering of goods and/or services classified as adult uses on a limited scale that are incidental to the primary activity and goods and/or services offered by the establishment. Examples of such items include adult magazines, adult movies, adult novelties, and the like. |
| | | Crow Wing County | ADULT USES – ACCESSORY | The offering of goods and/or services classified as adult uses on a limited scale that are incidental to the primary activity and goods and/or services offered by the establishment. Examples of such items include adult magazines, adult movies, adult novelties, and the like. |
| | | Cass County | Adult Uses-Principal | The offering of goods and/or services classified as adult uses as a primary or sole activity of a business or establishment and include, but are not limited to, the following: |
| | | Crow Wing County | ADULT USES – PRINCIPAL | The offering of goods and/or services classified as adult uses as a primary or sole activity of a business or establishment and include, but are not limited to, the following: |
| | | Cass County | Agency | The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, its agent or representative |
| | | Crow Wing County | Agency | The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency or MPCA |
| | | Cass County | Agent | Any person or persons acting on behalf of a landowner in dealing with activities under the jurisdiction of this ordinance. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Agent | A person with authority from a landowner to conduct business for the landowner such as submitting applications. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Agent | Any person acting on behalf of a landowner in dealing with activities under the jurisdiction of the Ordinance, including but not limited to realtors, contractors or attorneys. |
| x | | City of Lakeshore | Agent | Any person acting on behalf of a landowner in dealing with activities under the jurisdiction of the Ordinance, including but not limited to realtors, contractors or attorneys. |
| | | Cass County | Agricultural Use | Real or personal property used for the production of crops, tillage, husbandry, or farming including but not limited to, fruit and vegetable production, tree farming, livestock, poultry, dairy products or poultry products, but not a facility primarily engaged in processing agricultural products. An agricultural operation shall also include certain farm activities and uses as follows: 1. Chemical and fertilizer spraying 2. Farm machinery noise 3. Extended hours of operation 4. Storage and spreading of manure and biosolids under state permit 5. Open storage of machinery 6. Odors produced from normal farm activities 7. On farm marketing of farm products |

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| | | City of East Gull Lake | Agricultural Use | The use of land for agricultural purposes including farming, dairying, pasturage, agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, viticulture and animal and poultry husbandry and the necessary accessory uses used for packing, treating or storing the product, provided, however, that the operation of any such accessory uses shall be secondary to that of the normal agricultural activities. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Agricultural Use | The use of land for agricultural purposes including farming, dairying, pasturage, agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, viticulture and animal and poultry husbandry and the necessary accessory uses used for packing, treating or storing the product, provided, however, that the operation of any such accessory uses shall be secondary to that of the normal agricultural activities. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Agricultural Use | The use of land for the growing and/or production of crops, or livestock products for the production of income, including incidental retail sales of produce and animal products. |
| x | | DNR | Agricultural use. | has the meaning as defined in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 40A. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Airport | Any premises used or intended for use for the landing and taking off of aircraft including any structures used or intended for use for aircraft services. |
| x | | City of Lakeshore | Airport | Any premises used or intended for use for the landing and taking off of aircraft including any structures used or intended for use for aircraft services. |
| | | Cass County | Airport, Private | A privately-owned area of land designed and set aside for the landing and take-off of aircraft, including all necessary facilities for the housing and maintenance of aircraft. |
| | | Cass County | Alley | Any dedicated public way providing a secondary means of ingress and/or egress to land or structures thereon. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Alley | A public way used primarily as a service access to the rear or side of a property which abuts on a road. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Alteration | A change or rearrangement in the structural parts or in the existing facilities, or an enlargement, whether by extending on a side or by increasing in height, or by moving from one location to another, of a building or a structure. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Alteration | A change or rearrangement in the structural parts or in the existing facilities, or an enlargement, whether by extending on a side or by increasing in height, or by moving from one location to another, of a building or a structure. |
| x | | DNR | Alternative access lot. | an access lot that provides access to public waters for owners of riparian lots within subdivisions. |
| x | | Cass County | Animal, Domestic | Any animals commonly kept as household pets such as dog or cats. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Animals, Domestic | Common household pets, such as dogs and cats, kept for amusement, companionship, decoration or interest. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Animals, Domestic | Common household pets, such as dogs and cats, kept for amusement, companionship, decoration or interest. |
| x | | Cass County | Animal, Farm | Cattle, hogs, horses, sheep, goats, chickens and other animals commonly kept for food production or other purposes. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Animals, Food | Fish, fowl, cattle, swine, sheep and others raised for the purposes of food consumption. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Animals, Food | Fish, fowl, cattle, swine, sheep and others raised for the purposes of food consumption. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Animals, Wild | Animals, such as wolves, tigers, lions and snakes, that are not normally a domestic animal or farm animal and would ordinarily be confined in a zoo or found in the wild. |
| x | | Cass County | Animal, Wild or Exotic | Any animal not normally considered domesticated which, because of its size, vicious nature or other natural characteristics would constitute a dangerous threat to human life, property or domestic animals including but not limited to venomous reptiles; bird species illegal to own under federal or state law; and mammals including but not limited to lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cougars, and bears. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Animals, Wild or Exotic | Animals, such as wolves, tigers, lions and snakes, that are not normally a domestic animal or farm animal and would ordinarily be confined in a zoo or found in the wild. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Animal Boarding Facility | An establishment that houses animals, other than those belonging to the occupant, overnight or over an extended period of time. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Animal Boarding Facility | An establishment that houses animals, other than those belonging to the occupant, overnight or over an extended period of time. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Animal Grooming Establishment | An establishment principally engaged in grooming animals in which overnight boarding is prohibited. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Animal Grooming Establishment | An establishment principally engaged in grooming animals in which overnight boarding is prohibited. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Animal Husbandry | The care or breeding of domestic animals such as cattle, hogs, sheep, horses, poultry, dogs (more than two) or cats (more than three) for the occupants of a property. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Animal Husbandry | The care or breeding of domestic animals such as cattle, hogs, sheep, horses, poultry, dogs (more than 3) or cats (more than 3) for the occupants of a property. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Animal Husbandry | The care and breeding of domestic animals such as cattle, hogs, sheep, horses, and poultry. |
| x | | Crow Wing County | Animal Unit | A unit of measure to compare differences in the production of animal wastes which has as a standard the amount of waste produced on a regular basis by a slaughter steer or heifer. Animal units are calculated by dividing the average animal weight for a species by one thousand (1,000) pounds. For purposes of these regulations, the following equivalents apply: Animal Unit (A.U) 1 mature dairy cow 1.4 1 slaughter steer or heifer 1.0 1 horse 1.0 1 swine over 55# 0.4 1 sheep 0.1 1 swine under 55# 0.05 1 turkey 0.018 1 chicken 0.01 |

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| | | City of East Gull Lake | Animal Unit | A unit of measure based on the approximate production of wastes from 1000 pounds of live weight of poultry or animals. Animal Units One (1) slaughter weight steer or heifer 1 One (1) mature dairy cow or horse 1.4 One (1) swine over 55 pounds 0.4 One (1) sheep 0.1 One (1) goose 0.1 One (1) duck 0.05 One (1) turkey 0.18 One (1) chicken 0.1 |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Animal Unit | A unit of measure based on the approximate production of wastes from 1000 pounds of live weight of poultry or animals. i. One (1) slaughter weight steer or heifer 1 ii. One (1) mature dairy cow or horse 1.4 iii. One (1) swine over 55 pounds 0.4 iv. One (1) sheep 0.1 v. One (1) goose 0.1 vi. One (1) duck 0.05 vii. One (1) turkey 0.18 viii. One (1) chicken 0.1 ix. One (1) llama or goat/other 1 |
| | | City of Nisswa | Animal Unit | A unit of measure based on the approximate production of wastes. Animal Unit (1) slaughter weight steer or heifer 1.0 (1) mature dairy cow or horse 1.4 (1) swine over 55 lbs. 0.4 (1) sheep 0.1 (1) dog 0.1 (1) goose 0.1 (1) duck 0.02 (1) turkey 0.018 (1) chicken 0.01 (1) cat 0.05 |
| | | Crow Wing County | ANTENNA | Any structure or device used for the purpose of collecting or radiating electromagnetic waves including but not limited to directional antennas such as panels, microwave dishes, satellite dishes, and omni-directional antennae such as whip-antennae. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Antenna | Any structure or device used for the purpose of collecting or radiating electromagnetic waves including but not limited to directional antennas such as panels, microwave dishes, satellite dishes, and omni-directional antennas such as whip antennas. Dishes under thirty six (36) inches are excluded from the definition of antenna. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Antenna | A device used to transmit and/or receive telecommunication, television or radio signals, or electromagnetic waves between terrestrially and/or orbit ally based structures directly or indirectly related to wireless personal communication services and cellular services. |
| | | Cass County | Apartment | A room or suite of rooms, including bath and kitchen facilities, in a multiple-family or commercial building, designed for occupancy by a single family. |
| | x | City of East Gull Lake | Apartment | A room or suite of rooms that is designed for, intended for, or occupied as a residence by a family or individual, and is equipped with sanitary facilities. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Apartment | A room or suite of rooms that is designed for, intended for, or occupied as a residence by a family or individual, and is equipped with sanitary facilities. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Appeal | An application for the review of an order, requirement, decision, determination or interpretation of this Ordinance made by an administrative officer in the application and/or enforcement of this Ordinance. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Appeal | An application for the review of an order, requirement, decision, determination or interpretation of this Ordinance made by an administrative officer in the application and/or enforcement of this Ordinance. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Architectural Projection | A non-functional or ornamental feature on a building or other structure that does not extend to, or from, the ground. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Architectural Projection | A non-functional or ornamental feature on a building or other structure that does not extend to, or from, the ground. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Artist's Studio | A fine arts workshop of a painter, sculptor, potter, weaver, carver, jeweler, photographer or other similar art that requires artistic skill, where the public is received or where the artist is engaging in retail sales. Not generally utilitarian, related to personal hygiene or adornment. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Artist's Studio | A fine arts workshop of a painter, sculptor, potter, weaver, carver, jeweler, photographer or other similar art that requires artistic skill, where the public is received or where the artist is engaging in retail sales. Not generally utilitarian, related to personal hygiene or adornment. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Attached | Two buildings or structures that combine to form one building or structure through the use of at least one common wall, not including a breezeway. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Attached | Two (2) buildings or structures that combine to form one building or structure through the use of at least one common wall, not including a breezeway. |
| | | Crow Wing County | ATTORNEY | The County Attorney of Crow Wing County, Minnesota or authorized agent. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Attorney | The City Attorney appointed by the City Council to enforce the East Gull Lake City Code. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Attorney | The attorney duly appointed by the Council to represent the City of East Gull Lake. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Attorney | The attorney duly appointed by the Council to represent the City of Lake Shore. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Attorney, City | the attorney duly appointed by the Council to represent the City of Nisswa. |
| | | Cass County | Auditor-Treasurer | The County Auditor-Treasurer of Cass County, Minnesota or the authorized representative. |
| | | Crow Wing County | AUDITOR | The County Auditor of Crow Wing County, Minnesota or authorized agent. |

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| | x | Cass County | Auto or Motor Vehicle Reduction Yard | A lot or yard where one (1) or more unlicensed motor vehicles, or the remains thereof, are kept for the purpose of dismantling, wrecking, crushing, sale of parts, sale as scrap, storage, or abandonment. (See also Salvage yard). |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Auto Salvage Yard | A lot or yard where four or more motor vehicles are stored while parts are removed, where crushing occurs or where storage pending crushing may occur. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Auto Salvage Yard | A lot or yard where four (4) or more motor vehicles are stored while parts are removed, where crushing occurs or where storage pending crushing may occur. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Auto Salvage Yard | A lot or yard where 3 or more unlicensed motor vehicles are stored while parts are removed, where crushing occurs, or where storage pending part removal and crushing may occur. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Auto Trip | Transport in a vehicle that includes both an arrival and a departure from a location. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Auto Trip | Transport in a vehicle that includes both an arrival and a departure from a location |
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| | | City of East Gull Lake | Balcony | Same as a deck. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Balcony | Same as a deck. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Bathroom | A room containing a shower or bathtub or a sink and toilet. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Bathroom | A room containing a shower or bathtub or a sink and toilet. |
| | | Cass County | Basement | The space, 4 feet or greater in height, below the first story of a structure. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Basement | Any area of a structure, including crawl spaces, having its floor or base subgrade (below ground level) on all four sides, regardless of the depth of excavation below ground level. |
| | x | City of East Gull Lake | Basement | The space below the first story of a structure which is greater than four (4) feet in height. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Basement | The space below the first story of a structure which is greater than five (5) feet in height. |
| | | Cass County | Bed and Breakfast | An owner-occupied single family residential structure used in part as rental units for lodging and providing one or more meals as part of the rental fee. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Bed and Breakfast Dwelling | A dwelling, single family, licensed through the Cass County Public Health Services, where, for compensation, meals and lodging are provided for three or more unrelated persons, but not exceed eight persons. The owner of the parcel must live on the premises. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Bed and Breakfast Dwelling | A dwelling, single family, licensed through the Minnesota Department of Public Health, where, for compensation, meals and lodging are provided for three (3) or more unrelated persons, but not exceed eight (8) persons. The owner of the parcel must live on the premises. In order to qualify as a Bed and Breakfast Dwelling pursuant to this definition, a Bed and Breakfast Dwelling shall also be fully licensed and permitted under appropriate state and local regulations. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Bed and Breakfast Inn | A dwelling other than a resort or hotel where nightly accommodations, including food services, are provided for compensation, containing up to six separate rental rooms |
| | x | DNR | Bed and breakfast residence. | has the meaning given under chapter 2400. |
| | | Cass County | Bedroom | Any room or unfinished area within a residential structure dwelling that might reasonably be used as a sleeping room. |
| | x | Crow Wing County | Bedroom | A room or unfinished area within a dwelling that might reasonably be used as a sleeping room as determined by the local unit of government. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Bedroom | A portion of a dwelling unit intended to be used for sleeping purposes, which may contain closets and may have access to a bathroom. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Bedroom | A portion of a dwelling unit intended to be used for sleeping purposes, which may contain closets and may have access to a bathroom. |
| | x | Cass County | Best Management Practices | Erosion and sediment control and water quality management practices that are the most effective and practical means of controlling, preventing, and minimizing degradation of surface water, including avoidance of impacts, construction-phasing, minimizing the length of time soil areas are exposed, prohibitions, and other management practices that are adopted by Cass County. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Best Management Practices | The practices that are capable of preventing releases and minimizing the degradation of the environment, considering technical feasibility, implementation, availability, effectiveness, economic factors and environmental effects. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Billboards | A commercial sign which directs attention to a business, activity, service, entertainment or a product not exclusively related to the premises or property where such sign is located. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Billboards | A commercial sign, which directs attention to a business, activity, service, entertainment or a product not exclusively, related to the premises or property where such sign is located. |
| | | Cass County | Block | A single lot or series of contiguous lots enclosed within the perimeter of roads, property lines, or boundaries of a subdivision. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Block | An area of land bounded by streets, exterior boundary lines and/or bodies of water. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Block | An area of land bounded by streets, exterior boundary lines and/or bodies of water. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Block | An area of land bounded by streets, exterior boundary lines and/or bodies of water. |
| | | Cass County | Bluff | A topographic feature located either part or fully in the shoreland area and having the following characteristics 1. The slope shall rise at least 25 feet vertically above the toe of the bluff 2. The grade of the slope from the toe of the bluff to a point 25 feet or more above 3. the toe of the bluff averages 30 percent or greater, and; 4. The slope of the bluff must drain towards a public water 5. Part or all of the feature is located in a shoreland area |

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| | | Crow Wing County | Bluff | A topographical feature such as a hill, cliff or embankment having all of the following characteristics (an area with an average slope of less than eighteen (18) percent over a distance of fifty (50) feet or more shall not be considered part of the bluff): A. Part or all of the feature is located in a shoreland area; B. The slope rises at least twenty-five (25) feet above the Ordinary High Water Level of the water body; C. The grade of the slope from the toe of the bluff to a point twenty-five (25) feet or more above the Ordinary High Water Level averages thirty (30) percent or greater; and D. The slope must drain toward the water body. E. Refer to the following Diagram |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Bluff | A topographic feature such as a hill, cliff or embankment having all of the following characteristics: A. Part or all of the feature is located in a shoreland area. B. The slope rises at least twenty-five (25) feet above the ordinary high water mark of the water body. C. The grade of the slope from the toe of the bluff to a point twenty-five (25) feet above the ordinary high water level averages thirty (30) percent or greater. D. The slope must drain towards the water body. An area with an average slope of less than eighteen (18) percent over a distance for fifty (50) feet or more shall not be considered part of the bluff. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Bluff | Means a topographic feature such as a hill, cliff, or embankment having all of the following characteristics: A. Part or all of the feature is located in a shoreland area; B. The slope rises at least twenty-five (25) feet above the ordinary high water level of the waterbody or toe of the bluff; C. The grade of the slope from the toe of the bluff to the top of bluff averages thirty percent (30%) or greater; D. Where the "toe of the bluff" means the ordinary high water level or the lower point of a horizontal ten (10-foot) segment with an average slope exceeding eighteen percent (18%), and the "top of the bluff" means the higher point of a horizontal ten (10') segment with an average slope exceeding eighteen percent (18%). |
| | | City of Nisswa | Bluff | A topographic feature such as a hill, cliff, or embankment having all the following characteristics: (A) Part or all of the feature is located in shoreland area; and (B) A slope rises at least 25 feet above the ordinary high water level of the water body; and (C) The grade of the slope from the toe of the bluff to a point 25 feet or more above the ordinary high water level averages 30% or greater; and (D) The slope must drain toward the water body. An area with an average slope of less than 18% over a distance for 50 feet or more shall not be considered part of the bluff. |
| x | | DNR | Bluff | means a sloped topographic feature having all of the following characteristics: A. part or all of the feature is located in a shoreland area; B. the slope rises at least 25 feet above the ordinary high water level of the waterbody or toe of the bluff. For purposes of this subpart, "toe of the bluff" means the lower point of a horizontal ten-foot segments with an average slope exceeding 18 percent; and C. the grade of the slope from the toe of the bluff to the top of bluff averages 30 percent or greater. For purposes of this subpart, "top of the bluff" means the higher point of a horizontal 10-foot segment with an average slope exceeding 18 percent. |
| x | | Cass County | Bluff, Toe | For the purpose of measuring setbacks, the point at the bottom of a bluff that is the lower end of a 10 foot segment, measured on the ground, which has an average slope of 18 percent, or is the OHW, whichever is higher. |
| x | | Cass County | Bluff, Top | For the purpose of measuring setbacks, the point at the upper end of a bluff that is the upper end of a 10 foot segment, measured on the ground, which has an average slope of 18 percent. |
| | | Cass County | Bluff Impact Zone | A bluff as described above and land located within thirty (30) feet inland of the top and thirty (30) feet lakeward from the bottom of the bluff. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Bluff Impact Zone | A bluff and land located within 30 feet from the top of the bluff. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Bluff Impact Zone | A bluff and the land located within twenty (20) feet inland from the top of the bluff. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Bluff Impact Zone | A bluff and the land located within thirty (30') feet inland from the top of the bluff. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Bluff Impact Zone | The area of a bluff between the toe of the bluff and the top of the bluff and land located within 30 feet from the top of a bluff. |
| x | | DNR | Bluff impact zone. | means a bluff and land located within 20 feet of a bluff. |
| | | Cass County | Board | The Board of Water and Soil Resources under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.101. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Board | The Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Board | The State of Minnesota Gambling Control Board. |
| | | Cass County | Board of Adjustment | The Cass County Board of Adjustment as described in Minnesota Statutes, Section 394.27. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Board of Adjustment | The Board of Adjustment for Crow Wing County, Minnesota, as created by this Ordinance. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Board of Adjustment | The Board, appointed by the City Council, to hear appeals from actions of the Zoning Administrator, and variance requests. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Board of Adjustment. | The Board, appointed by the City Council, to hear appeals from actions of the Zoning Administrator, and Variance requests. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Board of Adjustment | The Board, appointed by the City Council, to hear appeals from actions of the Zoning Administrator or Zoning Inspector and variance requests |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Boarding House | Same as Bed and Breakfast dwelling. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Boarding House | Same as Bed and Breakfast dwelling. |
| | | Cass County | Boardwalk | A permanent elevated structure intended to provide pedestrian access to a lake or river where a wetland is present and no other access point is available. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Boardwalk | A walk constructed of planking. |
| | | Cass County | Boat Access | A ramp, road, or other conveyance which allows the launching and removal of a boat with a vehicle and trailer. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Boat Access | A ramp, road or other conveyance on a residential lot which allows the launching and removal of a boat with a vehicle and trailer. |

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| | | City of Lakeshore | Boat Access | A ramp, road or other conveyance on a residential lot which allows the launching and removal of a boat with a vehicle and trailer. |
| | | Cass County | Boat House | A structure designed and used solely for the storage of boats or boating equipment and located within the structure setback area from Public waters. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Boat House | A structure designed and used solely for the storage of boats or boating equipment. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Boat House | A structure designed and used solely for the storage of boats or boating equipment. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Boat House | A structure designed and used solely for the storage of boats or boating equipment. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Boat House | A structure designed and used solely for the storage of boats or boating equipment. |
| x | | DNR | Boathouse | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.245. |
| x | | DNR | Boat launch. | is a ramp, road, or other conveyance which allows the launching and removal of a boat with a vehicle and trailer. |
| x | | DNR | Boat storage structure. | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.245. |
| | | Cass County | Breezeway | A roofed passage connecting two or more buildings. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Breezeway | A covered or enclosed walkway that physically connects two or more buildings or structures. Shall not materially connect the two or more buildings or structures. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Breezeway | A covered or enclosed walkway that physically connects two or more buildings or structures. Shall not materially connect the two (2) or more buildings or structures. |
| x | | DNR | Buffer | means land that is used to protect adjacent lands and waters from development and more intensive land uses. The land is kept in a natural state of trees, shrubs, and low ground cover and understory of plants and functions to filter runoff, control sediment and nutrient movement, and protect fish and wildlife habitat. In areas of agricultural use, the land may be used for less intensive agricultural purposes provided its function as a buffer remains intact. |
| | | Crow Wing County | BUFFER | Physical barrier that separates different land uses or mitigates a risk associated with a land use or structure, including vegetated buffers, topographic buffers, setback or distance buffers. |
| | | Cass County | Buffer Strip | Land area used to visibly separate one use from another or to screen or block structures, noise, and lights, etc. |
| | | Cass County | Buildable Area | The minimum required area remaining on a newly created parcel of land or platted lot after all public road rights-of-way, road easements, setbacks, bluffs, and wetlands are subtracted. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Buildable Area | Any site, lot, parcel or any portion thereof that does not contain designated flood plain, wetlands or areas in excess of twenty-five (25) percent slope. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Buildable Area | Any site, lot, parcel or any portion thereof that does not contain designated flood plain, wetlands or areas in excess of twenty-five percent (25) percent slope. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Buildable Area | Any site, lot, parcel or any portion thereof that does not contain designated flood plain, wetlands or areas in excess of twenty-five (25) percent slope. |
| x | | DNR | Buildable area. | means the area upon which structures may be placed on a lot or parcel of land. Buildable area excludes areas to meet setback requirements, bluffs, areas with slopes greater than 25 percent, rights-of-way, historic sites, wetlands, designated floodways, land below the ordinary high water level of public waters, and other unbuildable areas. In wild, scenic, or recreational shorelands, buildable area also excludes areas with slopes greater than 18 percent. |
| | | Cass County | Buildable Lot | A lot having sufficient size to meet the minimum square footage, buildable area, width standards, and setbacks in the Cass County Land Use Ordinance. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Buildable Lot | A lot, pre-existing, for which a deed, recorded contract for deed or other legal conveyance or plat has been recorded prior to the effective date of the City of Nisswa Zoning Ordinance (the Minnesota State Shoreland Management Standards) or a lot legally created under the provisions of this Code. |
| | | Cass County | Building | Any structure used or intended for storage, shelter or occupancy. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Building | Any structure used or intended for storage, shelter or occupancy. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Building | Any structure used or intended for storage, shelter or occupancy. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Building | Any structure having a roof, or completely enclosing and roofing an area for the purpose of sheltering persons, animals, or property. |
| x | | DNR | Building | means any structure with a roof and walls used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Building Height | The vertical distance between the highest adjoining ground level at the building or ten (10) feet above the lowest ground level, whichever is lower, and the highest point of a flat roof or average height between the eaves and the highest ridge of gable, hip or gambrel roofs or ten feet below the peak, whichever is greater. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Building Height | The vertical distance between the highest adjoining ground level at the building or ten (10) feet above the lowest ground level, whichever is lower, and the highest point of a flat roof or average height between the eaves and the highest ridge of gable, hip or gambrel roofs or ten feet below the peak, whichever is greater. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Building Height | The vertical distance between the highest adjoining ground level at the building or 10 feet above the lowest ground level whichever is lower and the highest point of a flat roof or average height of the highest gable of a pitched or hipped roof or 10' below the peak whichever is higher. |
| | | Cass County | Building Line | A line parallel to a lot line or the ordinary high water mark level at the required setback beyond which a structure may not extend. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Building Line | A line parallel to a lot line or the ordinary high water level at the required setback beyond which a structure may not extend. |
| x | | Crow Wing County | BUILDING LINE | A line parallel to a lot line or the Ordinary High Water Level at the required setback beyond which a structure may not extend. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Building Line | A line parallel to a lot line or the ordinary high water level at the required setback beyond which a structure may not extend. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Building Line | A line parallel to a lot line or the ordinary high water level at the required setback beyond which a structure may not extend. |
| | | Cass County | Business | Any establishment, occupation, employment, or enterprise where merchandise is manufactured, exhibited, or sold, or where services are offered for compensation. |

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| | | City of East Gull Lake | Business | Any entity that provides services for compensation. |
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| | | City of East Gull Lake | Campground | Any area, whether publicly or privately owned, consisting of designated campsites with appropriate facilities and management services designed for temporary occupation by tents or recreational vehicles. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Campground | Any area, whether publicly or privately owned, consisting of designated campsites with appropriate facilities and management services designed for temporary occupation by tents or recreational vehicles. In order to qualify as a Campground pursuant to this definition, a Campground shall also be fully licensed and permitted under appropriate state and local regulations. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Campground | A land use consisting of designated campsites with appropriate facilities designed for temporary occupation by tents or recreational vehicles with single ownership, management services and with site rentals. |
| x | | DNR | Campground. | means a development that is used for the purpose of providing sites for nonpermanent overnight use by campers using tents, trailers, recreation camping vehicles, or other temporary shelters. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Camping | Habitation of a temporary structure |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Camping | Habitation of a temporary structure. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Campsite | A parcel within a resort or campground designated for the occupancy of one family on a periodic basis in a tent or recreational vehicle. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Campsite | A parcel within a resort or campground designated for the occupancy of one (1) family on a periodic basis in a tent or recreational vehicle. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Campsite | A parcel or site within a resort or campground designated for the occupancy of one family on a periodic basis in a tent or recreational vehicle. |
| | | Cass County | Cemetery: Public | and private cemeteries as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 306. |
| | | Cass County | Cemetery, Unplatted | Any human remains or burials found outside of platted, recorded, or identified cemeteries pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 307.08. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Cemetery, Unplatted | Any human remains or burials found outside of platted, recorded or identified cemeteries pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 307.08. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Cemetery, Unplatted | Any human remains or burials found outside of platted, recorded or identified cemeteries pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 307.08. |
| | | Cass County | Certificate Of Compliance, ISTS | A document from a licensed sewage treatment inspector fully licensed by the State of Minnesota or a qualified employee provided to the owner of property on which a residential structure is located which is required to have an ISTS and to Cass County, indicating that said ISTS is not a failing system nor an imminent threat to public health or safety and, for new construction and replacement, is constructed in compliance with Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7080, as amended. |
| | | Crow Wing County | CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE | A document written after a compliance inspection, certifying that a system is in compliance with applicable MPCA 7080 requirements at the time of inspection. |
| x | | DNR | Certificate of compliance. | has the meaning given under chapter 7080 for subsurface sewage treatment systems. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Child Care, Center | A facility that is maintained, for the whole or part of the day, for the care of five or more children who are eighteen (18) years of age or younger and who are not related to the owner, operator or manager thereof, whether such facility is operated with or without compensation for such care and with or without stated educational purposes. The term shall not include any facility licensed as a foster care home or any facility defined as a Child Care, Family Home. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Child Care, Center | A facility that is maintained, for the whole or part of the day, for the care of five (5) or more children who are eighteen (18) years of age or younger and who are not related to the owner, operator or manager thereof, whether such facility is operated with or without compensation for such care and with or without stated educational purposes. The term shall not include any facility licensed as a foster care home or any facility defined as a Child Care, Family Home. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Child Care, Family Home | A primary residence where, for the whole or part of the day, an owner of the residence, licensed as a child care provider, cares for five or more children who are eighteen (18) years of age or younger and who are not related to the owner, whether such facility is operated with or without compensation for such care. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Child Care, Family Home | A primary residence where, for the whole or part of the day, an owner of the residence, licensed as a child care provider, cares for five or more children who are eighteen (18) years of age or younger and who are not related to the owner, whether such facility is operated with or without compensation for such care. |
| | | Cass County | Church | A building, together with its accessory buildings and uses, where persons regularly assemble for religious worship and which together with its accessory buildings and uses, is maintained and controlled by a religious body organized to sustain public worship. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Church | A building, together with its accessory buildings and uses, where persons regularly assemble for religious worship and which building, together with its accessory buildings and uses, is maintained and controlled by a religious body organized to sustain public worship and related community activities. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Church | A building, together with its accessory buildings and uses, where persons regularly assemble for religious worship and which building, together with its accessory buildings and uses, is maintained and controlled by a religious body organized to sustain public worship and related community activities. |
| | | Cass County | City | A home rule charter or statutory city. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | City | The area within the corporate boundaries of the City of East Gull Lake, Cass County, State of Minnesota as presently established or as amended by ordinance, annexation or other legal action at a future time. The term City when used in this code may also be used to refer to the City Council and its authorized representatives. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | City | The area within the corporate boundaries of the City of East Gull Lake as presently established or as amended by ordinance or other legal actions at a future time. The term "City" when used herein may also be used to refer to the City Council and its authorized representative. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | City | The area within the corporate boundaries of the City of East Gull Lake, as presently established or as amended by Ordinance or other legal actions at a future time. When used herein the term City may also refer to the City Council or its authorized representative. |

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| | | City of Nisswa | City | The City of Nisswa, as duly incorporated in the State of Minnesota. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | City Administrator | The appointed person responsible for administration of the City affairs. |
| | | City of Nisswa | City Administrator | The duly appointed person responsible for the administration of the City affairs. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | City Council | The duly elected governing body of the City. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | City Council | The duly elected governing body of the City. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | City Sewer or Water System | A system of municipally maintained utilities, approved by the State, and serving more than one building or property. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | City Sewer or Water System | A system of municipally maintained utilities, approved by the State, and serving more than one (1) building or property. |
| | | City of Nisswa | City Sewer or Water Systems | A system of municipally maintained utilities approved by the State and serving more than one building or property. |
| x | | DNR | Clear-cutting | means a forest management method for regeneration or harvest that removes essentially all trees in one operation. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Clustering or Clustered | A development pattern and technique whereby structures or building sites are arranged in close proximity to one another in non-linear groups, adjacent to permanently preserved common open space, so as to make efficient and visually aesthetic use of the natural features of the landscape and maximize visualization of permanently preserved open space. |
| x | | DNR | Clustering or clustered. | means a development pattern and technique whereby structures or building sites are arranged in close proximity to one another in groups. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Cluster Subdivision, Cluster Development | A subdivision development planned and constructed to group housing units into relatively tight patterns while preserving agriculture or providing a unified network of open space and wooded areas, and meeting the overall density regulations of this Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance. |
| | | Cass County | Clustering/Cluster Housing | The development pattern and technique whereby structures are arranged in closely related groups to make the most efficient use of the natural amenities of the land. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Collector Road, Major/Minor | A road that serves as a principal connection between a minor arterial or principal arterial and minor roads. |
| | | Cass County | Commercial Use | The principal use of land or buildings for the sale, lease, rental, or trade of products, goods, and services. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Commercial Use | The principle use of land or buildings for the sale, lease, rental, trade of products, goods or services. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Commercial Use | The principle use of land or buildings for the sale, lease, rental, trade of products, goods or services. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Commercial Use | The principal use of land or buildings for the sale, lease, rental, trade of products, goods, or services. |
| x | | DNR | Commercial use. | means the principal use of land or buildings for the sale, lease, rental, or trade of products, goods, and services. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Commercial User | A place of business that discharges sanitary waster as a distinct from industrial wastewater. |
| | | Cass County | Commissioner | The State Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, State of Minnesota or the authorized representative |
| | | Crow Wing County | COMMISSIONER | The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources or his authorized representative. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Commissioner | The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Commissioner | The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Commissioner | The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources. |
| x | | DNR | Commissioner | means the commissioner of natural resources. |
| | | Cass County | Common interest community | Contiguous or noncontiguous real estate that is subject to an instrument which obligates persons owning a separately described parcel of the real estate, or occupying a part of the real estate pursuant to a proprietary lease, by reason of their ownership or occupancy, to pay for real estate taxes levied against, insurance premiums payable with respect to, maintenance of, or construction, maintenance, repair or replacement of improvements located on one or more parcels or parts of the real estate other than the parcel or part that the person owns or occupies. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Common Interest Community | A Common Interest Community or CIC means contiguous or noncontiguous real estate that is subject to an instrument which obligates persons owning a separately described parcel of the real estate, or occupying a part of the real estate pursuant to a proprietary lease, by reason of their ownership or occupancy, to pay for the (i) real estate taxes levied against; (ii) insurance premiums payable with respect to; (iii) maintenance of; or (iv) construction, maintenance, repair or replacement of improvements located on, one (1) or more parcels or parts of the real estate other than the parcel or part that the person owns or occupies. Common Interest Community is meant to include all real estate as defined in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 515B or its subsequent revisions. |
| x | | DNR | Common interest community. | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 515B. |
| x | | DNR | Common open space. | means a portion of a development that: A. is permanently set aside to preserve elements of the natural landscape for public or private use; B. will not be developed or subdivided; and C. is generally owned in common by the individual owners in the development or by a permanently established management entity. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Community Park | A park designed to provide recreational opportunities to serve the entire community. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Community Park. | A park designed to provide recreational opportunities to serve the entire community. |
| | | Cass County | Comprehensive Plan | The plan for the orderly growth of Cass County as adopted and amended by the Planning Commission and the County Board. This includes the group of maps, charts and texts that make up the comprehensive long range plan of Cass County. |

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| x | City of East Gull Lake | Comprehensive Plan | Also referred to as Community Plan. A compilation of policy statements, goals, standards and maps for guiding the physical, social and economic development, both private and public, of the City and its environs and may include, but is not limited to, the following items: statements of policies, goals, standards, a land use plan, a community facilities plan, a transportation plan and recommendations for plan execution. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Comprehensive Plan | Also referred to as Community Plan. A compilation of policy statements, goals, standards and maps for guiding the physical, social and economic development, both private and public, of the City and its environs and may include, but is not limited to, the following items: statements of policies, goals, standards, a land use plan, a community facilities plan, a transportation plan and recommendations for plan execution. |
| | City of Nisswa | Comprehensive Plan | A compilation of goals, policy statements, standards, programs, and maps for guiding the physical, social, and economic development of the City. |
| | Cass County | Conditional Use | A use that may be appropriate in a given zoning district but which requires special planning considerations in each instance and which will only be allowed in a specific location under conditions specified by the Cass County Land Use Ordinance and the Planning Commission |
| | Crow Wing County | CONDITIONAL USE | A use that would not be appropriate generally or without restrictions throughout the zoning district but which if controlled as to number, area, location within the neighborhood, and other pertinent considerations, would not be injurious to the public health, safety, welfare, morals, order, appearance, prosperity or general welfare thereof. Such uses may be granted by issuance of Conditional Use Permits as granted by the Planning Commission. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Conditional Use | A land use or development as defined by the Ordinance that would not be appropriate without restriction, but may specifically be allowed without restrictions of conditions as determined by the Planning Commission and the Council upon a finding that (a) the use or development is an appropriate conditional land use in the land use zone, (b) the use or development, with conditions, conforms to the comprehensive land use plan, (c) the use, with conditions, is compatible with the existing neighborhood and (d) the use, with conditions, would not be injurious to the public health, safety, welfare, morals, order, comfort, convenience, appearance or prosperity of the City. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Conditional Use | A land use or development as defined by the Ordinance that would not be appropriate without restriction, but may specifically be allowed without restrictions of conditions as determined by the Planning Commission and the Council upon a finding that (a) the use or development is an appropriate Conditional Land Use in the land use zone, (b) the use or development, with conditions, conforms to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, (c) the use, with conditions, is compatible with the existing neighborhood and (d) the use, with conditions, would not be injurious to the public health, safety, welfare, morals, order, comfort, convenience, appearance or prosperity of the City. |
| | City of Nisswa | Conditional Use | A land use or development as defined by Ordinance that would not be appropriate without restriction, but may specifically be allowed with appropriate restrictions or conditions as determined by the Planning Commission upon a finding that a) the use or development is an appropriate conditional use in the land use zone and b) the use or development with conditions conforms to the comprehensive land use plan and c) the use with conditions is compatible with the existing neighborhood and d) the use with conditions would not be injurious to public health, safety, decency, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, or prosperity. |
| x | DNR | Conditional use. | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 394 and 462. |
| | Cass County | Condominium | A form of individual ownership with a multi-family building or development with joint responsibility for maintenance and repairs. In a condominium, each apartment or townhouse is owned outright by its occupant, and each occupant owns a share of the land and other common property of the building. |
| x | DNR | Condominium | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 515B. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Condominium Ownership or Common Interest Community. | A form of ownership within a multi-owner building or complex wherein the boundaries are defined by a condominium plan or common interest community in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1980, Chapter 515A or 515B or subsequent revisions. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Condominium Ownership | A form of ownership within a multi-owner building or complex wherein the boundaries are defined by a condominium plan in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1980, Chapter 515, or 515A or subsequent revisions. |
| | City of Nisswa | Condominium Ownership | A form of ownership within a multi-owner building or complex wherein the boundaries are defined by a condominium plat in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1980, Chapter 515A or subsequent revisions. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Connection Charge or Debt Service Charge | A charge levied, including interest, on users of wastewater collection and treatment facilities for the cost of repaying money bonded to construct said facilities. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Connection Charge or Debt Service | A charge levied, including interest, on users of wastewater collection and treatment facilities for the cost of repaying money bonded to construct said facilities. |
| x | DNR | Conservation easement. | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84C. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Contiguous | The sharing of a common border at more than a single point. Lots, parcels or boundaries may be considered contiguous where separated by rights-of-way, rivers or streams. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Contiguous | The sharing of a common border at more than a single point. Lots, parcels or boundaries may be considered contiguous where separated by rights-of-way, rivers or streams. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Controlled Access Lot | Any lot which is designated for the exclusive use by non-riparian landowners within a subdivision as a means to gain access to a lake, river or stream |
| | City of Nisswa | Controlled Access Lot | A privately owned riparian lot meeting the ordinance standards for a buildable lot, owned by more than one owner in undivided interest, provided with facilities and used for access, and not containing a dwelling. |
| x | DNR | Controlled access lot. | is an access lot that provides access to public waters for owners of nonriparian lots within a conventional subdivision. |
| | Cass County | Controlled Access Lot | Any lot which is designated by dedication, easement, or other recorded instrument for use by landowners within a plat as a means to gain access to public water. |
| | Crow Wing County | Controlled Access Lot | Any lot which is designated by dedication, easement, or other recorded instrument to be used to provide access to public waters for owners of nonriparian lots. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Controlled Access Lot | Any lot which is designated for the exclusive use by nonriparian landowners within a subdivision as a means to gain access to a lake, river or stream. |
| x | DNR | Conventional subdivision. | means a pattern of subdivision development that is characterized by lots that are spread regularly throughout a parcel in a lot and block design. |

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| x | DNR | Cooperative | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 515B. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Council | Unless otherwise indicated, the city council of the City of East Gull Lake. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Council | The City Council, as established by State Law |
| | City of Lakeshore | Council | The City Council, as established by State Law. |
| | Cass County | County | Cass County, Minnesota |
| | Crow Wing County | County | Crow Wing County, Minnesota. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | County | The County of Cass, State of Minnesota. |
| | Cass County | County Board | The Cass County Board of Commissioners |
| | Crow Wing County | County Board | The Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners |
| | Cass County | Crawl Space | The space below the first story of a structure not more than 4 feet high and not intended for human habitation. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Crawl Space | The space below the first story of a structure not more than four feet high and not intended for human habitation. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Crawl Space | The space below the first story of a structure not more than five feet high and not intended for human habitation. |
| x | DNR | Crawl space. | has the meaning given under Minnesota Rules, Chapter 1309. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Cul-de-sac | A short local street terminating in a vehicular turnaround |
| | City of Lakeshore | Cul-de-sac | A short local street terminating in a vehicular turnaround. |
| | City of Nisswa | Cul-de-sac | The circular turn around at the end of a street with only one outlet. |
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| | Cass County | Deck | A horizontal, unenclosed platform which may or may not be permitted to have attached railings, seats, trellises, or other features, attached or functionally related to a principal use or site and at any point extending more than one foot above ground level. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Deck | An uncovered, unscreened structure or on grade patio not including on-grade walks four (4) feet wide or less. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Deck | An uncovered, unscreened structure or on-grade patio not including on-grade walks four (4) feet wide or less. |
| | City of Nisswa | Deck | A horizontal, unenclosed platform with or without attached railings, seats or trellises or other attached features, attached or functionally related to a principal use or site and at any point extending more than two (2) feet above the ground. |
| x | DNR | Deck | means a horizontal, unenclosed above ground level structure with or without attached railings, seats, trellises, or other features, attached or functionally related to a principal use or site. |
| | Cass County | Department | The Cass County Environmental Services Department (ESD) or its designated agent. |
| | Crow Wing County | Department | The Crow Wing County Solid Waste Department and/or the Crow Wing County Planning and Zoning Department. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Department | The Minnesota Department of Public Safety. |
| | Cass County | Dock | A platform extending waterward from the shoreline intended for ingress and egress for moored watercraft or to provide access to deeper water for swimming, fishing, or other water-oriented recreational activities. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Dock | A platform extending water ward from the shoreline intended for ingress and egress for moored watercraft or to provide access to water for swimming, fishing or other water orientated activities. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Dock | A narrow platform whether seasonal or permanent extending waterward from the shoreline intended for ingress and egress for moored watercraft or to provide access to deeper water for swimming, fishing, or other water-oriented recreational activities. Elements considered part of a dock are storage lockers less than three feet in height measured from the platform of the dock and benches. Elements not pertinent to a dock that are prohibited include walls, railings or fences attached to the dock. |
| x | DNR | Dock | means a narrow structure extending waterward from the shoreline intended for ingress and egress for moored watercraft or seaplanes or to provide access to deeper water for swimming, fishing, or other water-oriented recreational activities. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Domestic Animals | Those animals commonly accepted as domesticated household pets. Unless otherwise defined, domestic animals shall include dogs, cats, caged birds, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, domesticated rabbits, fish, non-poisonous, non-venomous and non-constricting reptiles or amphibians, and other similar animals. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Dormitory | A building, or portion thereof, providing group sleeping accommodations in one room, with shared bath and toilet facilities. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Dormitory | A building, or portion thereof, providing group sleeping accommodations in one (1) room, with shared bath and toilet facilities. |
| | Cass County | Drainage Course | A watercourse or indenture for the drainage of water, whether man-made or provided by nature. |
| | Cass County | Driveway | See Road, Driveway |
| | Crow Wing County | DRIVEWAY | A private road serving no more than two residential lots (see special structures). |
| | Cass County | Duplex | A structure on a single lot, having two dwelling units, respectively and being attached by common walls and having each dwelling unit equipped with separate sleeping, cooking, eating, living, and sanitary facilities. |
| x | Crow Wing County | DUPLEX | A dwelling structure on a single lot, having two units being attached by common walls and each unit equipped with separate sleeping, cooking, eating, living and sanitation facilities. |

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| | | City of East Gull Lake | Duplex, Triplex or Quad | A structure on a single lot having two, three or four dwelling units respectively being attached by common walls, and each being equipped with separate sleeping, cooking, eating, living and sanitation facilities. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Duplex, Triplex or Quad | A structure on a single lot having two (2), three (3) or four (4) dwelling units respectively being attached by common walls, and each being equipped with separate sleeping, cooking, eating, living and sanitation facilities. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Duplex, Triplex, or Quad | A dwelling structure on a single lot having two, three, or four dwelling units respectively being attached by common walls, and each unit being equipped with separate sleeping, cooking, eating, living, and interior sanitation facilities. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Dwelling, Guest Quarters | A structure, not for sale or lease, used as a dwelling unit that may contain sleeping spaces and kitchen and bathroom facilities in addition to those provided in the primary dwelling on the lot. Any accessory structure with kitchen or bathroom facilities shall be considered a dwelling, guest quarters. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Dwelling, Guest Quarters | A structure, not for sale or lease, used as a dwelling unit that may contain sleeping spaces and kitchen and bathroom facilities in addition to those provided in the primary dwelling on the lot. Any accessory structure with kitchen or bathroom facilities shall be considered a dwelling, guest quarters. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Dwelling, Guest Quarters | A structure used as a dwelling unit that may contain sleeping spaces and/or kitchen and/or bathroom facilities in addition to those provided in the primary dwelling unit on a lot; dependent upon the principal structure for primary utilities, services, entrance, parking and accesses; and not for rent or lease. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Dwelling, Multi-Family | Two or more dwelling units attached together by any point including duplexes, triplexes, townhouses and multi-level units regardless of type of ownership. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Dwelling, Multi-Family | Two (2) or more dwelling units attached together by any point including duplexes, triplexes, townhouses and multi-level units regardless of type of ownership. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Dwelling, Multi-family | Two or more dwelling units attached together by any point including duplexes, triplexes, townhouses, and multi-level units regardless of type of ownership. |
| | | Crow Wing County | DWELLING, SINGLE-FAMILY | A detached residence designed for or occupied by one family only. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Dwelling, Single Family | A dwelling unit totally separated from any other dwelling unit. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Dwelling, Single Family | A dwelling unit totally separated from any other dwelling unit. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Dwelling, Single Family | A dwelling unit totally separated from any other dwelling unit. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Dwelling, Townhouse | A type of multi-family housing consisting of dwelling units attached by common party walls. Ownership may be defined by Plat or Condominium Plan. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Dwelling, Townhouse | A type of multi-family housing consisting of dwelling units attached by common party walls. Ownership may be defined by Plat or Condominium Plan. |
| | | Cass County | Dwelling Site | A designated location for residential use by one or more persons using temporary or movable shelter, including camping and recreational vehicles. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Dwelling Site | A designated location for residential use by one or more persons using temporary or movable shelter including camping and recreational vehicle sites. |
| | | Crow Wing County | DWELLING SITE | A designated location for residential use by one or more persons using temporary or movable shelter, including camping and recreational vehicle sites. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Dwelling Site | A designated location for residential use by one (1) or more persons using temporary or movable shelter including camping and recreational vehicle sites. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Dwelling Site | A designated location for residential use by one or more persons using temporary or movable shelter including camping and recreational vehicle sites. Same as campsite. |
| x | | DNR | Dwelling site. | means a designated location for living accommodations by one or more persons using temporary or movable shelter, including camping and recreational vehicle sites. |
| | | Cass County | Dwelling Unit | Any structure or portion of a structure, or other shelter designed as short or long term living quarters for one or more persons, including the following: 1. Single family Detached—A residential structure designed for or occupied exclusively by one family, not attached to another 2. Single Family Attached—A residential structure containing two or more separate dwelling units with a common wall, including: a. Twin Home: A residence designed for or occupied by two families only, with separate housekeeping and cooking facilities b. Townhouse: A one-family residential structure attached to two or more one-family residential structure by a common vertical wall 3 Multiple Family—a type of residential structure where building entrances, stairways, halls, and other common elements are shared among several units, with housekeeping and cooking facilities for each. |
| | | Crow Wing County | DWELLING UNIT | Any structure or portion of a structure or other shelter, designed as short or long-term living quarters for one or more persons, including rental or timeshare accommodations such as motel, hotel and resort rooms and cabins. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Dwelling Unit | A structure or portion of a structure or other shelter designed as a short or long term living quarters for one or more persons including rental or time share accommodations such as a motel, hotel resort rooms and resort cabins. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Dwelling Unit | A structure or portion of a structure or other shelter designed as a short or long term living quarters for one (1) or more persons including rental or time share accommodations such as a motel, hotel resort rooms and resort cabins. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Dwelling Unit | A structure or portion of a structure or other shelter designed as short or long term living quarters for one or more persons including rental or time share accommodations such as motel, hotel, resort rooms, and resort cabins. This includes accommodations for one family. |
| x | | DNR | Dwelling unit. | means any structure or portion of a structure, or other shelter designed as short- or long-term living quarters for one or more persons, including rental or timeshare accommodations such as motel, hotel, and resort rooms and cabins. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Dwelling Width | The smallest horizontal dimension of the major portion of a dwelling. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Dwelling Width | The smallest horizontal dimension of the major portion of a dwelling. |
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| | | City of East Gull Lake | Earth Tone | A shade of color that, when viewed from a distance, is indistinguishable from the colors of the surrounding landscape |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Earth Tone | A shade of color that, when viewed from a distance, blends with the colors of the surrounding landscape. |

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| | | Cass County | Easement | A grant by a property owner for the use of a strip of land for the purpose of constructing and maintaining utilities, including but not limited to sanitary sewers, water mains, electric lines, telephone lines, wetlands, ponding areas, storm sewer or storm drainageways and gas lines. An easement may also be granted for such uses as recreational trails, vehicular access, natural resource protection or management, limiting development, and similar uses. |
| | | Crow Wing County | EASEMENT | A nonpossessory interest held by one person in the land of another whereby the nonpossessory person is given partial use of the land for a specified purpose. |
| x | | City of East Gull Lake | Easement | An acquired legal right for the specific use of land owned by others. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Easement | A grant by a property owner for the use of a strip of land for the purpose of construction and maintenance of utilities including, but not limited to sewers, water mains, electric lines, telephone lines, storm sewer, or drainage ways and gas lines. |
| | | Cass County | Engineer | The County Highway Engineer of Cass County, Minnesota, or the authorized representative. |
| | | Crow Wing County | ENGINEER | The Crow Wing County Highway Engineer or authorized agent. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Engineer | The Engineer duly appointed by the Council to perform technical services for the City of East Gull Lake. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Engineer | The engineer duly appointed by the Council to perform technical services for the City of Lake Shore. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Engineer | the engineer duly appointed by the Council to perform technical services for the City of Nisswa. |
| | | Cass County | Essential Services | The erection, construction, alteration or maintenance by public utilities or municipal department or commissions, of underground or overhead gas, electrical, communication, steam or water transmissions or distribution systems, including poles, wires, mains, drains, sewers, pipes, conduits, cables, fire alarm boxes, police call boxes, traffic signals, hydrants, towers and other similar equipment and accessories in connection therewith (but not including buildings or transmission services) reasonably necessary for the furnishing of adequate service by such public utilities or municipal departments or commissions for the public health, safety or general welfare |
| | | Crow Wing County | ESSENTIAL SERVICES | Essential Services or Essential Service Systems shall be above ground or underground electrical, gas, communication, steam, liquid or sewer systems for collection, distributing or transmission purposes, used by governmental departments, or commissions or by public utilities (including cooperatives) each having the power of eminent domain, as are required for protection of the public health, safety, or general welfare. Such systems shall include, but not be limited to, towers, poles, pole mounted appurtenances, wires, cables, conduits, pipes, sewers, drains manholes, fire alarm boxes, police call boxes, public telephone booths and accessories thereto, all of which shall be considered as Special Structures. Electrical substations, communication repeater stations, pipe line pumping or metering stations, sewer lift stations, water wells and accessories thereto, including buildings that are an integral and protective part thereof, shall be considered as structures which are parts of such Essential Service Systems. Similar systems that are operated by others who do not have the power of eminent domain may be declared as Essential Service Systems by order of the Planning Commission. |
| x | | DNR | Essential services. | means underground or overhead gas, electrical, steam, or water distribution systems and collection, communication, supply, or sewer systems, including poles, wires, mains, drains, pipes, conduits, cables, fire alarm boxes, traffic signals, hydrants, or other similar equipment and accessories in conjunction therewith. Essential services does not including buildings, wastewater treatment works as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 115.01, or electrical generation and transmission services. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Exterior Storage | Storage of goods, materials, equipment, manufactured products outside a fully enclosed building. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Exterior Storage | Storage of goods, materials, equipment, manufactured products outside a fully enclosed building. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Exterior Storage | Storage of goods, materials, equipment, manufactured products outside of a fully enclosed building. |
| | | Cass County | Extractive Use | The use of land for surface or subsurface removal and sale or compensation of sand, gravel, quarried or loose rock, industrial minerals, other nonmetallic minerals, topsoil, and peat not regulated under Minnesota Statutes, sections 93.44 to 93.51. |
| | | Crow Wing County | EXTRACTIVE USES | All forms of, but not limited to, gravel, sand, topsoil, quarry rock, mineral, peat, humus, sub-surface insitu-leach extraction, petroleum and any other similar uses in which material is removed from the ground shall be considered an extractive use and require a Conditional Use Permit in all permitted Zoning Districts. Personal non-commercial use is exempt from permitting requirements, but are subject to restoration requirements within one (1) year of non-use (Article 29.6C) if the site is visible from the public road. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Extractive Use | The use of land for removal of sand, gravel, rock, industrial minerals, other non-metallic minerals or peat not regulated under Minnesota Statutes Sections 93.44 to 93.51. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Extractive Use | The use of land for removal of sand, gravel, rock, industrial minerals, soil, other non-metallic minerals or peat not regulated under Minnesota Statutes Sections 93.44 to 93.51. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Extractive Use | The use of land for surface or subsurface removal of sand, gravel, rock, industrial minerals, metallic or nonmetallic minerals or peat. |
| x | | DNR | Extractive use. | means the use of land for surface or subsurface removal of sand, gravel, rock, industrial minerals, other nonmetallic minerals, and peat not regulated under Minnesota Statutes, sections 93.44 to 93.51. |
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| | | Cass County | Failing System | Any ISTS that discharges sewage to a seepage pit, cesspool, drywell or leaching pit, and any system with less than the required vertical separation as described in part 7080.0060, subpart 3. In addition any system posing an imminent threat to public health or safety as defined in MN.RULES 7080.0020 Subp.19a shall be considered failing. |
| | | Crow Wing County | FAILING SYSTEM | A seepage pit, cesspool, drywell, leaching pit, other pit, a tank that obviously leaks below the designated operating depth, or any system with less than the required vertical separation as described in 7080.0060 subpart 3. |
| | | Cass County | Family | One(1) or more persons, each related to the other by blood, marriage, adoption or foster care, or a group of no more than three (3) persons not so related by maintaining a common household and using common cooking and kitchen facilities. |
| | | Crow Wing County | FAMILY | One or more persons occupying a single housekeeping unit and using common cooking facilities. |

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| | | City of East Gull Lake | Family | An individual, or two or more persons related by blood, marriage, adoption, or a relationship legally recognized in Minnesota, or not more than five unrelated persons maintaining a common household. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Family | An individual or two (2) or more persons related by blood, marriage, adoption, or a relationship legally recognized in Minnesota, or not more than five (5) unrelated persons maintaining a common household. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Family | An individual, or two or more persons related by blood, marriage or adoption, living together in a dwelling unit or a group of not more than six persons, not so related, maintaining a common household. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Farm Animals | Those animals commonly associated with a farm or performing work in an agricultural setting. Unless otherwise defined, farm animals shall include members of the equine family (horses, mules), bovine family (cows, bulls), sheep, poultry (chickens, turkeys), fowl (ducks, geese), swine (including Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs), goats, bees, and other animals associated with a farm, ranch, or stable. |
| x | | Cass County | Feedlot | A lot or building or combination of lots and buildings intended for the confined feeding, breeding, raising, or holding of animals and specifically designed as a confinement area in which manure may accumulate, or where the concentration of animals is such that a vegetative cover cannot be maintained within the enclosure. Pastures shall not be considered animal feedlots under these parts. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Feedlot | A lot or building or combination of lots and buildings intended for the confined feeding, breeding, raising, or holding of animals and specifically designed as a confinement area in which manure may accumulate, or where the concentration of animals is such that a vegetative cover cannot be maintained within the enclosure. Open lots used for the feeding and rearing of poultry (poultry ranges) shall be considered to be animal feedlots. Pastures shall not be considered animal feedlots. |
| | | Cass County | Feedlot, Existing | Any feedlot at the time of enactment of this ordinance. |
| | | Cass County | Feedlot, New | A feedlot constructed and operated on a site where no feedlot existed previously, or where a pre-existing feedlot has been abandoned or unused for a period of five (5) years or more. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Fence | A constructed barrier, including berms, intended to prevent escape or intrusion, or to mark a boundary, to shield or screen view, or to perform any similar function. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Fence | A constructed barrier, including berms and bushes, intended to prevent escape or intrusion, or to mark a boundary, to shield or screen view, or to perform any similar function. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Fence | A partition, wall, or gate erected as a divider, marker, barrier, or enclosure on a property boundary, or a barrier, screed, or enclosure within the property. |
| | | Cass County | Fence, Partition | An artificially constructed barrier on or within 5 feet of a property boundary. |
| | | Crow Wing County | FENCES | Fences in all Ordinance Zoning Classifications shall be designated as a structure, except the following which are recognized as a special structure and shall not require a Zoning Permit: A. Fencing in Agricultural Forestry and Green Space Zones, and B. Fences constructed of safe materials and placed or erected on properties up to and along property lines and no higher than six and one-half (6 ½) feet above the ground level, and C. Fences placed or erected and located on properties up to and along property lines between the "Established" building line or that building line as defined by Ordinance and the State of Minnesota Shoreland Regulations to the Ordinary High Water Level of a stream, river or lake, and which are constructed of safe materials other than barbed wire or electric fencing and are maintained in earth tone or metallic colors and do not exceed a height of four and one-half (4 ½) feet above ground level. |
| x | | Cass County | Filling | An act of depositing any earthen material. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Filling | The act of depositing any clean earthen material |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Filling | The act of depositing any clean earthen material. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Final Floor Plan | A drawing prepared by a Registered Architect, Registered Engineer, or Registered Land Surveyor depicting the condominium subdivision of real estate and related information conforming to the requirements of Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 515A.2-110. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Final Floor Plan | A drawing prepared by a Registered Architect, Registered Engineer, or Registered Land Surveyor depicting the condominium subdivision of real estate and related information conforming to the requirements of Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 515A.2-110. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Final Common Interest Community Plat (CIC Plat) | A drawing prepared by a registered professional land surveyor or registered professional architect as to the parts of a plat prepared by each, depicting the condominium subdivision of real estate and related information conforming to the requirements of Minn. Stat. Sec. 515B. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Final Condominium Plat | A drawing prepared by a Registered Architect, Registered Engineer or Registered Land Surveyor depicting the condominium subdivision of real estate and related information conforming to the requirements of Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 515A.2-110. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Final Condominium Plat | A drawing prepared by a Registered Architect, Registered Engineer, or Registered Land Surveyor depicting the condominium subdivision of real estate and related information conforming to the requirements of Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 515.A.2-110. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Final Condominium Plat or Final Common Interest Community Plan. | A drawing prepared by a Registered Architect, Registered Engineer or Registered Land Surveyor depicting the condominium subdivision of real estate and related information conforming to the requirements of Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 515A.2-110. |
| | | Cass County | Final Plat | A drawing or map of a subdivision showing the official plat to be filed in the office of the County Recorder according to Minnesota Statute, Chapter 505 and Amendments and the subdivision regulations of Cass County. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Final Plat | A drawing, in final form, showing a proposed subdivision containing all information and detail required by state statutes and by the Subdivision Ordinance to be presented to the Planning Commission and the City Council for approval, and which, if approved, may be duly filed with the County Recorder. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Final Plat | A drawing, in final form, showing a proposed subdivision containing all information and detail required by state statutes and by the Subdivision Ordinance to be presented to the Planning Commission and the City Council for approval, and which, if approved, may be duly filed with the County Recorder. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Final Plat | A drawing prepared by a Registered Land Surveyor depicting the subdivision of real estate and related information conforming to the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 505 or 515 as amended. |
| | | Cass County | Flood | A temporary increase in the flow or stage of a stream or in the stage of a wetland or lake that results in the inundation of normally dry areas. |
| | | Crow Wing County | FLOOD | A temporary increase in the flow or stage of a stream or in the stage of a wetland or lake that results in the inundation of normally dry areas. |

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| x | DNR | Flood | means a temporary rise in stream flow or stage which results in inundation of the areas adjacent to the channel. |
| | Cass County | Flood Frequency | The frequency for which it is expected that a specific flood stage or discharge may be equaled or exceeded. |
| | Crow Wing County | FLOOD FREQUENCY | The frequency for which it is expected that a specific flood stage or discharge may be equaled or exceeded. |
| x | DNR | Flood frequency | means the average frequency, statistically determined, for which it is expected that a specific flood stage or discharge may be equaled or exceeded. By strict definition, such estimates are designated "exceedence frequency," but in practice the term "frequency" is used. The frequency of a particular stage or discharge is usually expressed as having a probability of occurring once within a specified number of years. See also recurrence interval in subpart 20. |
| | Crow Wing County | FLOOD FRINGE | That portion of the flood plain outside of the floodway. Flood fringe is synonymous with the term "floodway fringe" used in the Flood Insurance Study for Crow Wing County. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Flood Fringe | The portion of the floodplain outside of the floodway. |
| x | DNR | Flood fringe | means that portion of the floodplain outside of the floodway. |
| | Crow Wing County | FLOOD PLAIN | The beds proper and the areas adjoining a wetland, lake or watercourse which have been or hereafter may be covered by the regional flood. |
| | Cass County | Floodplain | The areas adjoining a watercourse or water basin which has been or hereafter may be covered by a regional flood. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Floodplain | The areas adjoining a water course, intermittent or permanently flowing, which have been or will be covered by the runoff waters of a storm with a 1% chance of occurrence any year (100 year storm). |
| | City of Lakeshore | Floodplain | The areas adjoining a water course, intermittent or permanently flowing, which have been or will be covered by the runoff waters of a storm with a 1% chance of occurrence any year (100 year storm). |
| | City of Nisswa | Floodplain | The areas adjoining a watercourse, intermittent or permanently flowing, which have been or will be covered by the runoff waters of a storm with a 1% chance of occurrence any year (100 year storm). |
| x | DNR | Floodplain | means the areas adjoining a watercourse which has been or hereafter may be covered by the regional flood. |
| | Cass County | Flood-proofing | A combination of structural provisions, changes, or adjustments to properties and structures subject to flooding, primarily for the reduction or elimination of flood damages. |
| | Crow Wing County | FLOOD-PROOFING | A combination of structural provisions, changes or adjustments to properties and structures subject to flooding, primarily for the reduction or elimination of flood damages. |
| x | DNR | Floodproofing | means a combination of structural provisions, changes or adjustments to properties and structures subject to flooding primarily for the reduction or elimination of flood damages to properties, water and sanitary facilities, structures, and contents of buildings in a flood hazard area. |
| | Cass County | Floodway | The bed of a wetland or lake and the channel of a watercourse and those portions of the adjoining flood plain which are reasonably required to carry or store the regional flood discharge |
| | Crow Wing County | FLOODWAY | The bed of a wetland or lake and the channel of a watercourse and those portions of the adjoining flood plain which are reasonably required to carry or store the regional flood discharge. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Floodway | The channel of the water course and those portions of the adjoining floodplain which are reasonably required to carry and discharge the regional flood (100 year chance of occurrence.) |
| | City of Lakeshore | Floodway | The channel of the water course and those portions of the adjoining floodplain which are reasonably required to carry and discharge the regional flood (100 year chance of occurrence.) |
| | City of Nisswa | Floodway | The channel of the watercourse and those portions of the adjoining floodplain, which are reasonable required to carry and discharge the regional flood (100 year chance of occurrence). |
| x | DNR | Floodway | means the channel of the watercourse and those portions of the adjoining floodplains which are reasonably required to carry and discharge the regional flood. |
| | Cass County | Footprint | The land surface area occupied by a structure. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Footprint | The horizontal extent to which a structure covers the ground plane as represented in a plan view including cantilevered building elements but excluding eaves and similar architectural projections of the roof plane. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Footprint | The horizontal extent to which a structure covers the ground plane as represented in a plan view including cantilevered building elements but excluding eaves and similar architectural projections of the roof plane. |
| | Cass County | Forest Land Conversion | The cutting of forested lands to prepare for a new land use other than reestablishment of subsequent forest stand. |
| | Crow Wing County | FOREST LAND CONVERSION | The clear cutting of forested lands to prepare for a new land use other than re-establishment of a subsequent forest stand. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Forest Land Conversion | The clear cutting of forested lands to prepare for a new land use other than the re-establishment of a subsequent forest stand. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Forest Land Conversion | The clear cutting of forested lands to prepare for a new land use other than the re-establishment of a subsequent forest stand. |
| | City of Nisswa | Forest Land Conversion | The clear cutting of forested lands to prepare for a new land use other than the re-establishment of a subsequent forest stands. |
| x | DNR | Forest management or silviculture | means the art and science of controlling the establishment, growth, composition, health, and quality of forests and woodlands to meet the multitude of purposes and values of landowners and society on a sustainable basis. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Foundation | A concrete, concrete block or treated wood portion of a structure which totally encloses the perimeter of the structure, supports the bearing loads of the super-structure and penetrates the ground to provide frost protection. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Foundation | A concrete, concrete and concrete block, or treated wood portion of a structure that supports the bearing loads of the superstructure and penetrates the ground providing frost protection. Must meet the provisions of the building code adopted by the State of Minnesota. Concrete pillars may be used as a foundation for manufactured homes so long as the installation is done to the manufacturer's specifications and skirting is provided around the perimeter to provide the look of a completely enclosed foundation. |
| | City of Nisswa | Foundation | A concrete, concrete and block, or treated wood portion of a structure which totally encloses the perimeter of the structure, supports the bearing loads of the super structure and penetrates the ground to provide frost protection. |

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| | | | | means the division of any real property into portions or shares. Shared or joint ownership of the property and its deed entitle shareholders to certain usage rights. Real estate that is subject to an instrument which obligates several persons owning the same described parcel of the real estate and occupying a part of the real estate pursuant to a proprietary lease or covenant for use, by reason of their ownership or occupancy, to pay for real estate taxes levied against, insurance premiums payable with respect to, maintenance of, or construction, maintenance, repair or replacement of improvements is fractional ownership property. |
| x | | DNR | Fractional ownership property. | |
| | | Crow Wing County | Frontage/Backage Road | A local road parallel to and adjacent to a principal or minor arterial, designed to provide direct access to land in lieu of direct access from a principal or minor arterial. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Frontage | The uninterrupted front boundary line of a lot, or the length of such line, that abuts on a street or protected water. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Frontage | The uninterrupted front boundary line of a lot, or the length of such line, that abuts on a street or protected water. |
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| | | Crow Wing County | GARBAGE | Discarded material resulting from the handling, processing, storage, preparation, serving and consumption of food. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Garbage | Animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, and serving of food. |
| x | | Cass County | Garage | An accessory structure which is only intended and used for vehicles and storage, and not a residential structure as defined herein. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Garage, Attached | A part of the principle structure which shall not exceed 1,280 square feet that is designed and used by the occupants of the principle structure for the storage of not more than four (4) motor vehicles. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Garage, Attached | A part of the principle structure designed for the storage of motor vehicles. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Garage, Detached | An accessory structure not attached to the principle structure on the property designed and used for the storage of not more than four (4) motor vehicles. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Garage, Detached | An accessory structure not attached to the principle structure on the property designed and used for storage. |
| | | Cass County | Gazebo | A free standing accessory structure with no kitchen, sleeping, sanitary facilities, or pressurized water intended as weather and insect protection for such activities as picnicking and lake viewing. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Gazebo | A freestanding accessory structure with no kitchen, sleeping, sanitary facilities or pressurized water intended as weather and insect protection for such activities as picnicking and lake viewing. |
| x | | City of Lakeshore | Gazebo | A freestanding accessory structure with no kitchen, sleeping, sanitary facilities or pressurized water intended as weather and insect protection for such activities as picnicking and lake viewing. |
| | | Cass County | Grading | Changing the natural or existing topography of land. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Grading | The movement of dirt, by mechanical means, so as to alter the existing topography of a property. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Grading | The movement of dirt, by mechanical means, so as to alter the existing topography of a property. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Green Space | Privately owned property permanently dedicated by covenant or deed restriction to vegetate ground coverage with allowance for use as recreational facilities, tree coverage, water course, sewage disposal or similar uses. Public property permanently dedicated to park, vegetative buffer, tree coverage or water courses. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Green Space | A privately owned property permanently dedicated by covenant to vegetative ground coverage with allowance for recreational facilities, tree coverage or water courses, water supply, sewage disposal and drives. Public property dedicated to park, vegetative buffer, tree coverage or similar uses. |
| | | City of Niswaga | Green Space | Privately owned property permanently dedicated by covenant to vegetative ground coverage with allowance for recreational facilities, tree coverage or water courses, water supply, sewage disposal and drives. Public property dedicated to park, vegetative buffer, tree coverage, or similar uses. |
| | | Cass County | Ground Water | The supply of freshwater under the surface in an aquifer or soil that forms the natural reservoir for potable water. |
| | | Crow Wing County | GROUND WATER | The water contained below the surface of the earth in the saturated zone including and without limitation all waters whether under confined, unconfined or perched conditions in near surface unconsolidated sediment or region or in rock formations deeper underground. The term ground water shall be synonymous with underground water. |
| | | Cass County | Group Care Facility | A facility which provides residential services for individuals that are handicapped, aged, disabled, or undergoing rehabilitation. This includes uses such as homes for the physically handicapped, mentally retarded, chemically dependent, foster children, maternity shelters and half-way houses. |
| x | | City of East Gull Lake | Group Care Facilities | A facility which provides residential services for individuals that are handicapped, aged, disabled or undergoing rehabilitation. This includes uses such as homes for the physically handicapped, mentally retarded, chemically dependent, foster children, maternity shelters and half-way houses. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Group Care Facilities | A facility which provides residential services for individuals that are handicapped, aged, disabled or undergoing rehabilitation. This includes uses such as homes for the physically handicapped, mentally retarded, chemically dependent, foster children, maternity shelters and half-way houses. |
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| | | Cass County | Hardship | As used in connection with the granting of a variance means the property in question cannot be put to reasonable use if used under the conditions allowed by the official controls; the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner; and the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality. Economic considerations alone shall not constitute a hardship if a reasonable use for the property exists under the terms of the ordinance. |
| | | Crow Wing County | HARDSHIP | Hardship as used in connection with the granting of a variance means the property in question cannot be put to reasonable use if used under the conditions allowed by the official controls; the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner; and the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality. Economic considerations alone shall not constitute a hardship if a reasonable use for the property exists under the terms of this ordinance. |

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| | | City of Nisswa | Hardship | The property in question cannot be put to a reasonable use if used under conditions allowed by the official controls, the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to his/her property not created by the landowner, and the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality. Economic considerations alone shall not constitute a hardship if reasonable use for the property exists under the terms of the ordinance. |
| x | | DNR | Hardship. | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 394 and 462. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Hardship, Undue | The property in question can not be put to a reasonable use if used under conditions allowed by the official controls, the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property and were not created by the landowner, and a variance, if granted, would not alter the essential character of the locality. Economic considerations alone shall not constitute a hardship if reasonable use exists under the terms of the Ordinance. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Hardship, Undue | The property in question cannot be put to a reasonable use if used under conditions allowed by the official controls, the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property and were not created by the landowner, and a Variance, if granted, would not alter the essential character of the locality. Economic considerations alone shall not constitute a hardship if reasonable use exists under the terms of the Ordinance. |
| | | Cass County | Hazardous Waste | Any refuse, sludge, or other waste material or combinations of refuse, sludge or other waste materials in solid, semisolid, liquid, or contained gaseous form which because of its quantity, concentration, or chemical, physical or infectious characteristics may: 1. Cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating reversible illness; or, 2. Pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, or disposed of, or otherwise managed. Categories of hazardous waste materials include, but are not limited to, explosives, flammables, oxidizers, poisons, irritants, and corrosives. Hazardous waste does not include source, special nuclear, or by-product material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. |
| | | Crow Wing County | HAZARDOUS WASTE | Any refuse, sludge or other waste material or combinations of refuse, sludge or other waste materials in solid, semi solid, liquid or contained gaseous form which because of its quantity, concentration or chemical, physical or infectious characteristics may: a) cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness; or b) pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported or disposed of or otherwise managed. Categories of hazardous waste materials include but are not limited to: explosives, flammables, oxidizers, irritants and corrosives. Hazardous waste does not include source, special nuclear or by-product material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 as amended. |
| | | Crow Wing County | HEIGHT OF BUILDING | The vertical distance between the highest adjoining ground level at the building or ten feet above the lowest ground level, whichever is lower, and the highest point of a flat roof or mean height between the eaves and the ridge for gable, hip, mansard, gambrel, or other pitched or hipped roofs. |
| | | Cass County | Height of Structure | The vertical distance between the mean natural grade at the building or ten feet above the lowest ground level, whichever is lower, and the highest point of a flat roof or the highest gable of a pitched or hipped roof. |
| x | | DNR | Height of structure. | means the vertical distance between the highest adjoining ground level at the building or ten feet above the lowest ground level, whichever is lower, and the highest point of a flat roof, the highest gable of a pitched or hipped roof, or the highest point of structure. |
| x | | DNR | Home-based business | means an occupation or business conducted by a resident within an existing dwelling or accessory structure on the property when the business is limited in extent and incidental or secondary to use of the dwelling for residential purposes and does not change the residential character of the dwelling unit or site. |
| | | Cass County | Home Business | A use of a residential property for a commercial use by the inhabitants thereof which may be conducted inside as well as outside the primary residence. |
| | | Crow Wing County | HOME BUSINESS | Home business is a use of a residential property for non-residential commercial use by the inhabitants thereof which may be conducted inside as well as outside the primary residence and shall comply with standards listed in Article 30.2. |
| | | Cass County | Home Occupation | A use of a primary residence for a commercial use by the inhabitants thereof. |
| | | Crow Wing County | HOME OCCUPATION | A use of nonresidential nature conducted entirely within the dwelling or accessory buildings, carried on by the inhabitants of the residence only, and which use is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the premises for residential purposes. Home occupation allowed within a residential district shall be limited to sales of agricultural produce, door-to-door sales office, rock shop, minor production and sales of items made from local resources, catering service, dressmaking, carpenter and cabinet making shop, home bakery, furniture upholstery and repairing, real estate office and other restricted occupations which are of the same general character and conducted and used so as not to change the character of the immediate neighborhood. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Home Occupation | A use of commercial nature conducted by an occupant entirely within the dwelling or accessory buildings which use is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for residential purposes and does not change the residential character thereof. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Home Occupation | A use of commercial nature conducted by an occupant entirely within the dwelling or accessory buildings which use is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for residential purposes and does not change the residential character thereof. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Home Occupation | A use of commercial nature conducted by an occupant of the dwelling entirely within the dwelling or accessory buildings, which use is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for residential purposes, including licensed day care for children within a home. |
| | | Cass County | Hotel | A building, structure, or enclosure, or any part thereof kept, used as, maintained as, or advertised as, or held out to the public to be an enclosure where sleeping accommodations are furnished to the public for periods generally of one week or less. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Hotel | A building containing three (3) or more individual rooms, without kitchens, used for overnight lodging by the general public on a short-term basis for a fee, with or without meals, and which has common reservation and cleaning services, combined utilities, and on-site management and reception services. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Hotel | A building containing three (3) or more individual rooms, used for overnight lodging by the general public on a short-term basis for a fee, with or without meals, and which has common reservation and cleaning services, combined utilities, and on-site management and reception services. Licensed by the Minnesota Department of Health. A hotel shall also be fully licensed and permitted under appropriate state and local regulations. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | House of Worship | Same as church |
| | | City of Lakeshore | House of Worship | Same as church. |

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| | | Cass County | Hydric Soils | Soils that are saturated, flooded, or ponded long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Hydric Soils | Soils that are saturated, flooded, or ponded long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper portions. |
| | | Cass County | Hydrophytic Vegetation | Macrophytic plant life growing in water, soil or on a substrate that is at least periodically deficient in oxygen as a result of excessive water content. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Hydrophytic Vegetation | Macrophytic plant life growing in water, soil, or on a substrate that is at least periodically deficient in oxygen as a result of excessive water content. |
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| | | Cass County | Impervious Surface | A constructed hard surface that either prevents or retards the entry of water into the soil and causes water to run off the surface in greater quantities and at an increased rate of flow than prior to development. Examples include rooftops, sidewalks, patios, driveways, parking lots, storage areas, and concrete, asphalt, or gravel roads. |
| | | Crow Wing County | IMPERVIOUS SURFACE | A surface that has been compacted or covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water. It includes surfaces such as compacted sand, prepared road aggregate, or clay, as well as most conventionally surfaced streets, roofs, sidewalks, parking lots and other similar structures. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Impervious Surface | The horizontal area of buildings, patios, walks, driveways, accessory structures and other surfaces generally impervious to the penetration of stormwater, including gravel drives and parking. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Impervious Surface | The horizontal area of buildings, patios, walks, driveways, accessory structures and other surfaces generally impervious to the penetration of stormwater, including gravel drives and parking. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Impervious Surface | The horizontal area of buildings, patios, walks, driveways, accessory structures and other surfaces generally impervious to the penetration of storm water, including gravel drives and parking. |
| x | | DNR | Impervious surface. | means a constructed hard surface that either prevents or retards the entry of water into the soil and causes water to run off the surface in greater quantities and at an increased rate of flow than prior to development, including rooftops; decks; sidewalks; patios; parking lots; storage areas; concrete, asphalt or gravel driveways; and other similar surfaces. |
| | | Cass County | Individual Sewage Treatment System (ISTS) | A sewage treatment system, or part thereof, serving a residential structure, or other establishment, or group thereof, and using sewage tanks or advanced treatment followed by soil treatment and disposal. Individual sewage treatment system includes holding tanks and privies. |
| | | Crow Wing County | INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM | A sewage treatment system, or part thereof, serving a dwelling, or group thereof, and using sewage tanks followed by soil treatment and disposal or using advanced treatment devices that discharge below final grade. Individual sewage treatment system includes holding tanks and privies. |
| | | Crow Wing County | INDUSTRIAL | Manufacturing rather than commercial or agricultural pursuits; in general, meaning the use of the land or buildings for the production, manufacture, warehousing, storage or transfer of goods, products, commodities or other wholesale items, but where the sale or use thereof is not generally conducted on the premises concerned. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Industrial Use | The use of land or buildings for the production, manufacture, warehousing, storage or transfer of goods, products, commodities or other wholesale items. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Industrial Use | The use of land or buildings for the production, manufacture, warehousing, storage or transfer of goods, products, commodities or other wholesale items. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Industrial Use | The use of land or buildings for the production, manufacture, warehousing, storage, or transfer of goods, products, commodities or other wholesale items. |
| x | | DNR | Industrial use. | means the use of land or buildings for the production, manufacture, warehousing, storage, or transfer of goods, products, commodities, or other wholesale items. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Industrial Users or Industries | A. Entities that discharge into a publicly owned wastewater treatment works, liquid wastes resulting from the processes employed in industrial or manufacturing processes, or from the development of any natural resources. These are identified in the North American Industrial Classification System, latest edition, Bureau of Labor Statistics, as amended and supplemental under one of the following sectors: i. Sector 11. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting. ii. Sector 21. Mining. iii. Sector 22. Utilities. iv. Sectors 31-33. Manufacturing. v. Sectors 48-49. Transportation and Warehousing vi. Sector 54. Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services. For the purpose of this definition, domestic waste shall be considered to have the following characteristics: BOD5 less than 250 mg/l Suspended Solids..... less than 302 mg/l. B. Any non-governmental user of a publicly owned treatment works which discharges wastewater to the treatment works which contains toxic pollutants or poisonous solids, liquids, or gases in sufficient quantity either singly or by interaction with other wastes, to contaminate the sludge of any municipal systems, or to injure or to interfere with any sewage process, or which institutes a hazard to humans or animals, creates a public nuisance, or creates any hazard in or has an adverse effect on the waters receiving any discharge from the treatment works. |
| | | Cass County | Industrial Waste | Solid waste resulting from an industrial, manufacturing, service or commercial activity that is managed as a separate waste stream. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Industrial Waste | Gaseous, liquid, and solid wastes from industrial or manufacturing processes, trade or business, or from the development, recovery, and processing of natural resources, as distinct from residential or domestic strength wastes. |
| x | | DNR | Institutional use. | means a use that provides a public service and is operated by a government, public or private utility, public or private school or college, tax-exempt organization, or a place of religious assembly. Public service includes public agency, public safety and emergency services; essential and utility services; cultural, service and religious facilities; public or private health facilities; or other similar services. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Institutional User | Users other than commercial, governmental, industrial, or residential users, discharging primarily Normal Domestic Strength wastewater (e.g. Non-profit organizations). |
| | | Crow Wing County | Intensive Vegetation Clearing | The complete removal of trees, shrubs or ground cover in a contiguous patch, strip, row or block. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Intensive Vegetation Clearing | The complete removal of trees or shrubs in a continuous path, strip row or block. |

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| | | City of Nisswa | Intensive Vegetation Clearing | The complete removal of trees or shrubs in a continuous path, strip, row, or block. |
| x | | DNR | Intensive vegetation clearing. | means substantial removal of trees or shrubs in a contiguous patch, strip, row, or block. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Intensive Vegetation Removal | The complete removal of trees or shrubs in a continuous path, strip, row or block, excluding that clearing needed for the construction of roads, driveways, walkways or permitted stairways, lifts or landings. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Interim Uses | A temporary use of a property until a particular date, until the occurrence of a particular event or until zoning regulations no longer permit it. Interim uses may be granted in accordance with Section 462.3597 of Minnesota Statutes and are processed in the same manner as conditional uses. |
| x | | DNR | Interim use. | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 394 and 462. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Interval Ownership | Form of ownership of real property, condominium land or space further defined by a reoccurring time interval, resulting in more than one owner of the same property, also known as "timeshare". |
| | | City of Nisswa | Interval Ownership | A form of ownership of real property, condominium land or space further defined by time interval reoccurring each year, resulting in more than one owner of the same property, also known as timeshare. |
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| | | Cass County | Junk | Scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber debris, ferrous material, nonferrous material, inoperable automobiles, farm and construction machinery and parts thereof. |
| | | Crow Wing County | JUNK | Old or scrap hazard signs, copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper; synthetic or organic, trash, rubber debris; waste or junked, dismantled or wrecked automobiles or farm or construction machinery or parts thereof, iron, steel and other old or scrap ferrous or nonferrous material. |
| | | Crow Wing County | JUNK VEHICLE | A vehicle that is three years old or older; is extensively damaged with the damage including such things as broken or missing wheels, motor, drive train or transmission; is apparently inoperable; does not have a valid and current registration plate; has approximate value of the scrap in it. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Junk Vehicle | A vehicle that: A. Is three years old or older; B. Is extensively damaged, with the damage including things as broken or missing wheels, motor, drive train or transmission; C. Is apparently inoperable; D. Does not have a valid, current registration plate; and E. Has an approximate fair market value equal only to the approximate value of the scrap in it. |
| | | Cass County | Junk Yard | See Salvage Yard |
| | | Crow Wing County | JUNK YARD, SALVAGE YARD | Any premises where three (3) or more used motor vehicles not containing current license plates are stored within view from a public road; or any premises where three (3) or more inoperable motor vehicles are stored for other than immediate repair; and/or any premises on which are conducted the commercial salvaging and scavenging of any goods, articles, or merchandise and where such operations are not conducted entirely within enclosed buildings. For the purposes of this Section, a motor vehicle with a license plate which has been expired for less than six (6) months shall be construed as having a current plate. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Junk Yard | An area where used waste, discarded or salvaged materials are bought, sold, exchanged, stored, baled, cleared, parked, disassembled or handled, including but not limited to scrap iron and other metals, paper, rags, rubber products, bottles, and used building materials. Storage of materials in conjunction with the construction of a manufacturing process shall not be included. Three or more automobiles without current licenses constitute a junk yard. Such use shall not include putrid wastes such as garbage. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Junk yard | An area where used waste, discarded or salvaged materials are bought, sold, exchanged, stored, baled, cleared, parked, disassembled or handled, including but not limited to scrap iron and other metals, paper, rags, rubber products, bottles, and used building materials. Storage of materials in conjunction with the construction of a manufacturing process shall not be included. Three (3) or more automobiles without current licenses constitute a junk yard. Such use shall not include putrid wastes such as garbage. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Junk Yard | An area where used waste, discarded or salvaged materials are bought, sold, exchanged, stored, baled, cleared, parked, disassembled, or handled, including but not limited to scrap iron and other metals, paper, rags, rubber products, bottles, and used building materials. Storage of materials in conjunction with the construction or a manufacturing process shall not be included. Three or more automobiles without current licenses constitute a junkyard. Such use shall not include putrescent wastes such as garbage. |
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| | | City of East Gull Lake | Lake Classification | The formal classification provided by the Department of Natural Resources for each body of public waters within the City. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Lake Classification | The formal classification provided by the Department of Natural Resources for each body of public waters within the City. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Lake Classification: | The formal classification by the DNR of each body of public waters within the City. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Landscaping | Plantings such as trees, grass, shrubs, and decorative timbers, arbors, rocks and water displays. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Landscaping | Plantings such as trees, grass, shrubs, and decorative timbers, arbors, rocks and water displays. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Landscaping | The placement of trees, shrubs, grass, and walls and earth mounds or the utilization of existing natural vegetative cover equal thereto. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Leaseback by Owner | An arrangement between an owner of property and a leasing agent or resort to promote and operate the property for rental purposes. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Leaseback by Owner | An arrangement between an owner of property and a leasing agent or resort to promote and/or operate the property for rental purposes other than long term leases. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Leaseback by Owner | An arrangement between an owner of property and a leasing agent or resort, to promote and operate the property for rental purposes. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Licensed Engineer | A person licensed as a professional engineer by the State of Minnesota. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Licensed Engineer | A person licensed as a professional engineer by the State of Minnesota. |

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| | | City of East Gull Lake | Licensed Surveyor | A person licensed as a professional surveyor by the State of Minnesota. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Licensed Surveyor | A person licensed as a professional surveyor by the State of Minnesota. |
| | | Cass County | Licensed Family Day Care, Licensed Group Family Day Care, Licensed Child Care Center | A facility holding a license from Cass County or Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245A and/or Minnesota Rules, Chapter 9502 or Chapter 9503, as amended. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Licensed Family Day Care, Licensed Group Family Day Care, Licensed Child Care Center | A facility holding a license from Crow Wing County or Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 245A and/or Minnesota Rules, Chapter 9502 or Chapter 9503, as amended. |
| | | Cass County | Licensed Professional Land Surveyor | Any person who practices land surveying and is licensed as a land surveyor by the State of Minnesota under Minnesota Statutes 326. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Litter | Waste materials including but not limited to, cans, bottles, plastic and paper wrappings or containers. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Litter | Waste materials including but not limited to, cans, bottles, plastic and paper wrappings or containers. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Litter | Waste materials including, but not limited to, cans, bottles, plastic, and paper wrappings or containers. |
| | | Cass County | Lot | A parcel of land designated by plat, registered land survey, auditors plat, or other accepted means and separated from other parcels or portions by said description for the purpose of sale, lease or separation that is recorded in the Office of the County Recorder. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Lot | For the purposes of this Ordinance, a lot is a parcel of land irrespective of its legal description which has at least sufficient size to meet the minimum requirements for the zoning district which it lies within pertaining to use, coverage, area and side yards and open areas as may be required. A lot may consist of more or less than a tract of land hereinafter defined. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Lot | A parcel, piece or portion of land described by metes and bounds, registered land survey, auditor's plat, or subdivision plat and separated from other parcels or portions of land by said description for purposes of sale, lease, mortgage, building or separation. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Lot | A parcel, piece or portion of land described by Metes and Bounds, registered land survey, auditor's plat, or subdivision plat and separated from other parcels or portions of land by said description for purposes of sale, lease, mortgage, building or separation. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Lot | A parcel of land designated by plat, metes and bounds, Registered Land Survey, Auditor's Plat or other accepted means and separated from other parcels or portions by said description for the purpose of sale, lease, mortgage, building, or separation. |
| x | | DNR | Lot. | means a parcel of land designated by plat, metes and bounds, registered land survey, auditors plat, or other accepted means and separated from other parcels or portions by said description for the purpose of use, occupancy, sale, lease, or separation. |
| x | | Cass County | Lot Area | Square footage or acreage included within the boundaries of a parcel or platted lot. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Lot Area | Total square footage of land above the OHW encompassed within the boundaries of a parcel or platted lot. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Lot Area | The horizontal area of a lot bounded by the lot lines and the ordinary high water line if bounded by water. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Lot Area | The horizontal area of a lot bounded by the lot lines and the ordinary high water line if bounded by water. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Lot Area | The horizontal area of a lot bounded by the lot lines and the ordinary high water line if bounded by water. |
| | | Cass County | Lot, Corner | A lot situated on the intersection of two (2) thoroughfares |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Lot, Corner | A lot situated at the junction of and abutting on two or more intersecting streets or a lot at the point of deflection in alignment of one street with the internal angle less than 135 degrees. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Lot, Corner | A lot situated at the junction of and abutting on two (2) or more intersecting streets or a lot at the point of deflection in alignment of one (1) street with the internal angle less than 135 degrees. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Lot, Corner | A lot situated at the junction of and abutting on two or more intersecting streets or a lot at the point deflection in alignment of one street with the internal angle less than 135 degrees. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Lot Front | That part of a lot lying along and abutting a road or that part of a lot lying along or abutting waterfront. For lots which abut both a road and a waterfront, such lots shall be considered to have two front yards and no backyards (or side yards in such event). For corner lots and through lots (through lots are those which run from street to street), all portions of the lot adjacent to the street shall be considered as front yards. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Lot, Front | The boundary of a lot which abuts on a public right of way, or if a corner lot, the shortest of the two boundaries. If the lot abuts public water, the lake side shall be considered the lot front. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Lot, Front | The boundary of a lot which abuts on a public right-of-way, or if a corner lot, the shortest of the two (2) boundaries. If the lot abuts Public water, the lakeside shall be considered the lot front. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Lot, Front | The boundary of a lot which abuts on a public right of way, or if a corner lot, the shortest of the two boundaries. If the lot abuts public water, the lakeside shall be considered the lot front. |
| | | Cass County | Lot Line | The property line bounding a lot except that where any portion of a lot extends into the public right-of- way, the public right-of-way shall be the lot line for applying this ordinance. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Lot Line | The property lines bounding a lot except that where the description extends into a public right of way, the right of way line shall be considered the lot line. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Lot Line | The property lines bounding a lot except that where the description extends into a public right-of-way, the right-of-way line shall be considered the lot line. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Lot Line | The property lines bounding a lot except that where the description extends into a public right of way, the right of way line shall be considered the lot line. |

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| | | City of East Gull Lake | Lot, Pre-existing | A lot which is one unit of a subdivision plat heretofore duly approved and filed or one unit of an auditor's subdivision, or registered land survey, or a lot created by metes and bounds that has been recorded in the office of the County Recorder prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Lot, Pre-existing | A lot which is one (1) unit of a subdivision plat heretofore duly approved and filed or one (1) unit of an auditor's subdivision, or registered land survey, or a lot created by Metes and Bounds that has been recorded in the office of the County Recorder prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Lot, Preexisting | A lot which is one unit of a subdivision plat heretofore duly approved and filed or one unit of an Auditor's Subdivision, or Registered Land Survey, or a lot created by metes and bounds, any of which has been recorded in the office of the County Recorder prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. |
| | | Cass County | Lot of Record | A lot that has been recorded in the Office of the County Recorder. |
| | | Crow Wing County | LOT OF RECORD | A lot which is part of a subdivision as recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds or the Registrar of Titles in and for the County; or a tract of land described by metes and bounds and on record in the Office of the Register of Deeds or the Registrar of Titles in and for the County. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Lot Tier Depth | The lot depth of a normal lot conforming to the shoreland requirements; General Development Lake first tier - 200 feet, second and additional tiers - 267 feet; Recreational Development Lake - 267 feet, Natural Environmental Lake - 400 feet. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Lot Tier Depth | The lot depth of a normal lot conforming to the shoreland requirements; General Development Lake first tier - 200 feet, second tier equals all remaining area; Recreational Development Lake first tier - 267 feet and second tier equals all remaining area; Natural Environmental Lake all tiers - 400 feet; For all River classes all tiers are 300 feet. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Lot Tier Depth | The lot depth of a normal lot conforming to the shoreland requirements: General Development Lake, first tier 200 feet; second and additional tiers 267 feet; Recreational Development Lake, all tiers 267 feet; Natural Environment Lake, all tiers 400 feet. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Lot Tiers | Successive strips of land parallel with the ordinary high-water line, each one tier depth wide, and extending across the parcel. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Lot Tiers | Successive strips of land parallel with the ordinary high-water line, each one tier depth wide, and extending across the parcel. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Lot Tiers | Successive strips of land parallel with the ordinary high water line, each one-tier depth wide, and extending across the parcel. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Lot Width | The shortest distance between lot lines measured at the midpoint of the building line. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Lot Width | The shortest distance between lot lines measured at the midpoint of the building line. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Lot Width | The shortest distance between lot lines measured at the midpoint of the building line and at the OHW for all riparian lots. |
| x | | DNR | Lot width. | means the shortest distance between lot lines measured at both the ordinary high water level and at the required structure setback from ordinary high water level for riparian lots. For nonriparian lots, the lot width is the shortest distance between side lot lines as measured at the midpoint of the longest axis of the lot. |
| | | Cass County | Lot Width, Non-Riparian | The shortest distance between side lot lines as measured at the midpoint of the longest axis of said lot. |
| | | Crow Wing County | LOT WIDTH , NON RIPARIAN | The shortest distance between the side lot lines measured at the midpoint of the building line; or the average width of the lot front to back or from end to end. |
| | | Cass County | Lot Width, Riparian | The minimum distance between: 1) Side lot lines measured at the midpoint of the building setback line; and 2) The minimum distance between side lot lines at the ordinary high water level |
| | | Crow Wing County | LOT WIDTH, RIPARIAN | The shortest distance between side lot lines measured at the midpoint of the building setback line. This shall also be the minimum width abutting the ordinary high water level of the adjacent lake or river. See the following diagram. |
| x | | DNR | Lowest floor. | means the lowermost floor of the lowest enclosed area, including basement and crawl space. An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, used solely for parking of vehicles, building access, or storage in an area other than a basement or crawl space area, is not considered a building's lowest floor. |
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| | | Cass County | MPCA | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | MPCA | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | MPCA or Agency | The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. |
| | | Cass County | Maintenance | Normal upkeep of a structure to include the replacement of windows, siding, external roof surfaces, or exterior finish such as paint or stain |
| x | | City of East Gull Lake | Maintenance | The normal upkeep of a structure including the replacement of windows, siding, roofs, nonbearing walls or interior remodeling that does not expand the footprint of the existing structure, add volume to the usable living space or intensify a non-conforming use. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Maintenance | The normal upkeep of a structure including the replacement of windows, siding, roofs, nonbearing walls or interior remodeling that does not expand the footprint of the existing structure, add volume to the usable living space or intensify a nonconforming use. |
| | | Crow Wing County | MAJOR COLLECTOR ROAD | A road or highway which: A. Provides service to any county seat not on an arterial route, to the larger towns not directly served by the higher systems and to other traffic generators of equivalent intra-county importance such as consolidated schools, shipping points, county parks, important mining and homes and licensed by the State of Minnesota therefore. Agricultural areas, etc.; B. Links these places with nearby larger towns or cities, or with routes of higher classifications; and C. Serves the more important intra-county travel corridors. |

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| | | Crow Wing County | Manufactured Home | A structure, transportable in one or more sections, which in the traveling mode is eight (8) body feet or more in width or forty (40) body feet or more in length, or when erected on site is three hundred twenty (320) or more square feet and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and including plumbing, heating, air conditioning and electrical systems contained therein; except that the term includes any structure which meets all the requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standards established under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 327. These structures shall be constructed after June 15, 1976 and shall bear all of the required U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Seals and Labels. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Manufactured Home | A structure, transportable in one or more sections, which, when erected on site, is a minimum of 640 square feet, is built on a permanent foundation, contains the heating, plumbing and electrical systems within and meets the requirements of the Uniform Building Code. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Manufactured Home | A structure, transportable in one (1) or more sections, which, when erected on-site, is a minimum of 640 square feet, is built on a permanent foundation, contains the heating, plumbing and electrical systems within and meets the requirements of the building code adopted by the State of Minnesota. |
| x | | DNR | Manufactured home park. | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 327. |
| | | Cass County | Manufactured Housing | A structure transportable in one or more sections, which in the travel mode, is eight body feet or more in width or 40 body feet or more in length, or, when erected on site, is 320 or more square feet, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a residential structure dwelling with or without a permanent foundation. |
| | | Cass County | Manufactured Housing Park | Any lot upon which two or more manufactured homes are located, either free of charge or for compensation and includes any building, structure, tent vehicle or enclosure used or intended for use as part of the equipment of the manufactured housing park. |
| | | Cass County | Marina | Either an inland or offshore commercial mooring facility for the concentrated mooring of seven or more watercraft or seaplanes, wherein commercial ancillary services common to marinas are provided. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Marina | A dock or set of docks on a single parcel that contains more than seven watercraft or more watercraft than first tier dwelling units, whichever is greater. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Marina | A dock or set of docks on a single parcel that contains more than seven (7) slips or more slips than first tier dwelling units, whichever is greater. |
| x | | DNR | Marina | means a commercial mooring facility. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Mature Tree | A living tree greater than four (4) inches in diameter. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Mature Tree | A living tree greater than four (4) inches in diameter. |
| | | Cass County | Metes and Bounds | A description of a tract, lot, or parcel of land by course and distance, by reference to natural or artificial monuments, or any other method or means. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Metes and Bounds | A method of property description utilizing directions and distances commencing from and terminating at an identifiable point. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Metes and Bounds | A method of property description utilizing directions and distances commencing from and terminating at an identifiable point. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Metes and Bounds | Descriptions of property and descriptions of lots other than lots in recorded subdivision plats. |
| | | Cass County | Minor | Any person under the age of eighteen (18) years. |
| | | Crow Wing County | MINOR | Any natural person under the age of eighteen (18) years. |
| x | | DNR | Mining operation. | means the removal from the land of stone, sand and gravel, coal, salt, iron, copper, nickel, granite, petroleum products, or other material for commercial, industrial, or governmental purposes. |
| | | Cass County | Mobile Home | (See Manufactured Housing). |
| | | Crow Wing County | MOBILE HOME | A factory built dwelling NOT DEFINED AS A MANUFACTURED HOME and used generally for year-round occupancy as a single family dwelling constructed for movement from place to place occasionally; generally less than seventeen (17) feet wide; generally requiring a special tow vehicle together with a special towing permit for travel on public highways; also used as temporary office space. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Mobile Home | A factory-built dwelling designed intrinsically as a trailer. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Mobile Home /Manufactured Housing | A factory build dwelling 8' or more in width, containing more than 320 sq. ft. and designed intrinsically as a trailer requiring only minor modifications prior to occupancy and/or not meeting the requirements of the Uniform Building Code but complying with Minnesota Statutes 327.21 to 327.35 or Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development Standards. |
| | | Crow Wing County | MOBILE HOME DEVELOPMENT | A residential area permitted by Conditional Use Permit for mobile homes to be erected on each separate lot therein. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Mobile Home/ Manufactured Housing Development | A form of planned unit development designed for mobile home/manufactured housing and including two possible types of ownership: single ownership with site rentals or individual site ownership with a homeowner's association owning common property. |
| | | Crow Wing County | MOBILE HOME PARK | A parcel of land which has been planned and improved for the placement of two or more mobile homes and licensed by the State of Minnesota. |
| x | | Cass County | Motel | A building containing guest rooms or units, each of which has a separate entrance directly from the outside of the building, or corridor and which is designed, used or intended to be used primarily for the accommodation of transient guests. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Motel | A building containing guest rooms or units, each of which has a separate entrance directly from the outside of the building, or corridor, with parking space reserved for each unit, and which is designed, used or intended to be used primarily for the accommodation of transient guests. |

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| | City of Lakeshore | Motel | A building containing guest rooms or units, each of which has a separate entrance directly from the outside of the building, or corridor, with parking space reserved for each unit, and which is designed, used or intended to be used primarily for the accommodation of transient guests. In order to qualify as a motel pursuant to this definition, a motel shall also be fully licensed and permitted under appropriate state and local regulations. |
| | City of Nisswa | Motel/Hotel | A commercial business with a central management to provide lodging and may provide related facilities such as restaurants, bars, and other recreational amenities. This does not include a bed and breakfast inn. |
| | Cass County | Motor Vehicle | An automobile, truck, and any other vehicle propelled or driven otherwise than by muscular power, not including railways. |
| | Crow Wing County | MOTOR VEHICLE | An automobile, truck or any other vehicle that is self propelled or driven otherwise than by human power, not including railways. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Motor Vehicle/ Vehicle | Has the meaning given "motor vehicle" in M. S. § 169.01, as it may be amended from time to time. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Multi-Level Dwelling | A type of multi-family housing consisting of dwelling units stacked one above the other, creating a party floor or floors between units. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Multi-Level Dwelling | A type of multi-family housing consisting of dwelling units stacked one (1) above the other, creating a party floor or floors between units. |
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| | City of East Gull Lake | National Categorical Pretreatment Standards | Federal regulations established pretreatment standards for introduction of pollutants in publicly-owned wastewater treatment facilities which are determined to be not susceptible to treatment by such treatment facilities or would interfere with the operation of such treatment facilities, pursuant to Section 307(b) of the Act. |
| | Cass County | National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System(NPDES) | The program for issuing, modifying, revoking, reissuing, terminating, monitoring, and enforcing permits under the Clean Water Act (Sections 301, 318, 402 and 405) and United States Code of Federal Regulations Title 33, Sections 1317, 1328, 1342 and 1345. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit | A permit issued by the MPCA, setting limits on pollutants that a permittee may legally discharge into navigable waters of the United States pursuant to Sections 402 and 405 of the Act. |
| x | Cass County | Natural Drainageway | All land surface areas which by nature of their contour or configuration, collect, store and channel surface or runoff water. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Natural Drainage way | All land surface areas which, by nature of their contour or configuration, collect, store and channel surface or runoff water. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Natural Drainage way | All land surface areas which, by nature of their contour or configuration, collect, store and channel surface or runoff water. |
| x | DNR | Natural state. | means a state where: A. vegetation exists in a wild state; B. the condition of the ground and shrub layers and floristic composition of the plant community is substantially unaltered by humans; C. restoration has been consistent with commissioner guidelines or local government approved plans; or D. vegetation has been unaltered for a least one growing season. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Neighborhood | The area adjacent to or surrounding existing or proposed development characterized by common use or uses, density, style and age of structures and environmental characteristics. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Neighborhood | The area adjacent to or surrounding existing or proposed development characterized by common use or uses, density, style and age of structures and environmental characteristics. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Non-conforming | The building, structure or land lawfully existing prior to and not in conformance with the provisions of this ordinance. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Non-conforming | The building, structure or land lawfully existing prior to and not in conformance with the provisions of this ordinance. |
| | City of Nisswa | Non-conformity/ Non-conforming | Any legal use, structure or parcel of land already in existence, recorded or authorized before the adoption of official controls or amendments thereto that would not have been permitted to become established under the terms of the official controls now written, if the official controls had been in effect prior to the date it was established, recorded or authorized. A structure or use granted under a variance after adoption of the zoning Ordinance shall be considered a non-conforming use or structures. |
| | Cass County | Nonconformity | Any legal use, structure, or parcel of land already in existence, recorded, or authorized before the adoption of official controls or amendments thereto that would not permitted to become established under the terms of the official controls as now written |
| | Crow Wing County | Nonconformity | Any legal use, structure or parcel of land already in existence, recorded or authorized before the adoption of official controls or amendments thereto that would not have been permitted to become established under the terms of the official controls as now written, if the official controls had been in effect prior to the date it was established, recorded or authorized. |
| x | DNR | Nonconformity | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 394 and 462. |
| | Cass County | Non-Riparian Lot | A lot that does not abut public waters of the State of Minnesota. |
| | Crow Wing County | NONRIPARIAN LOT | A lot that does not abut public waters of the State. |
| x | DNR | Non-riparian lot. | is a lot that does not abut public waters. |
| | Cass County | Nudity | The showing of the human male or female genitals or pubic area with less than fully opaque covering; the showing of the female breast with less than fully opaque covering of any portion thereof below a point immediately above the top of the areola; or the depiction or showing of the coverage male genitals in a discernibly turgid state. |
| | Crow Wing County | NUDITY | The showing of the human male or female genitals or pubic area with less than fully opaque covering, the showing of the female breast with less than fully opaque covering of any portion thereof below a point immediately above the top of the areola, or the depiction or showing of the covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Nuisance | By authority and direction of Minnesota Statute, 1980, Section 412.221, Subdivision 23 and 24; and Section 429.31, Subdivision 8; and Section 145.22 and 145.23, nuisance is anything that interferes with the use or enjoyment of property, endangers personal health or public safety, or is offensive to the senses such as excessive smoke, odor, noise, heat, vibration, glare, traffic generation, visual impact and other similar interferences or offenses. |
| x | City of Lakeshore | Nuisance | By authority and direction of Minnesota Statute, 1980, Section 412.221, Subdivision 23 and 24; and Section 429.31, Subdivision 8; and Section 145.22 and 145.23, nuisance is anything that interferes with the use or enjoyment of property, endangers personal health or public safety, or is offensive to the senses such as excessive smoke, odor, noise, heat, vibration, glare, traffic generation, visual impact and other similar interferences or offenses. |

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| | | City of Nisswa | Nuisance | By authority and direction of Minnesota Statute, 1980, Section 412.221, Subdivision 23 and 24; and Section 429.031, Subdivision 8; and Section 145.01 et seq., nuisance is anything that interferes with the use or enjoyment of property, endangers personal health or safety, or is offensive to the senses, such as excessive smoke, odor, noise, heat, vibration, glare, traffic generation, visual impact, and other similar interferences or offenses. See also performance standards herein. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Nursery | A business growing and selling trees, flowering or decorative plants and shrubs. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Nursery | A retail business growing and selling trees, flowering or decorative plants and shrubs. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Nursing Home | Any institution or facility required to be licensed as such under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 144.50 to 144.56 by the State Board of Health. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Nursing Home | Any institution or facility required to be licensed as such under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 144.50 to 144.56 by the State Board of Health. |
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| | | Cass County | Obstruction | Any dam, wall, wharf, embankment, levee, dike, pile, abutment, projection, excavation, channel modification, culvert, building, wire, fence, stockpile, refuse, fill, structure, or matter in, along, across, or projecting into any channel, watercourse, or regulatory flood plain which may impede, retard, or change the direction of the flow of water, either in itself or by catching or collecting debris carried by such water. |
| | | Crow Wing County | OBSTRUCTION | Any dam, wall, wharf, embankment, levee, dike, pile, abutment, projection, excavation, channel modification, culvert, building, wire, fence, stockpile, refuse, fill, structure or matter in, along, across or projecting into any channel, water course or regulatory flood plain which may impede, retard or change the direction of the flow of water, either in itself or by catching or collecting debris carried by such water. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Off-street parking | A designated space or area of land with a paved or all-weather surface not within a public street or right-of-way and used for the parking of vehicles. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Off-street parking | A designated space or area of land with a paved or all-weather surface not within a public street or right-of-way and used for the parking of vehicles. |
| | | Cass County | Open Burning | Burning any matter whereby the resultant combustion products are emitted directly to the open atmosphere without passing through an adequate stack, duct, or chimney. |
| x | | Crow Wing County | Open Burning | Burning of any matter whereby the resultant combustion products are emitted directly to open atmosphere without passing through a stack, duct or chimney that meets MPCA standards. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | OPEN BURNING | The burning of any matter if the resultant combustion products are emitted directly to the atmosphere without passing through a stack, duct or chimney, except a "recreational fire" as defined herein. Mobile cooking devices such as manufactured hibachis, charcoal grills, wood smokers, and propane or natural gas devices are not defined as "open burning." |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Open District | A zoning district defined by natural features to be unsuitable for any dwelling and unsuitable for any other development except in accordance with the conditional use permit process. Corresponds to the DNR Special Protection District. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Open District. | A zoning district defined by natural features to be unsuitable for any dwelling and unsuitable for any other development except in accordance with the Conditional Use Permit process. Corresponds to the Department of Natural Resources Special Protection District. |
| | | Crow Wing County | OPEN SPACE | A portion of a development site that is permanently set aside for public or private use and will not be developed. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Open Space | Privately owned property permanently dedicated by covenant or deed restriction to vegetate ground coverage with allowance for use as recreational facilities, tree coverage, water course, sewage disposal, or similar uses. Public property permanently dedicated to park, vegetative buffer, tree coverage or water courses. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Open Space | Land area designated as reserved from development. |
| x | | Cass County | Open Space, Common | A portion of a development site that is permanently set aside to preserve unprotected elements of the natural landscape and to provide areas for public or private use. Common open space may be held in common ownership by all individual owners within a development or some other permanently established management entity, and is encumbered by a conservation easement that prohibits development and prescribes allowable uses. |
| | | Cass County | Open Space Recreational Uses | Any recreation use particularly oriented to and utilizing the outdoor character of an area including hiking and riding trails, primitive campsites, campgrounds, waysides, parks and recreation areas. |
| x | | DNR | Open space recreational uses. | means recreation use particularly oriented to and utilizing the outdoor character of an area; including hiking and riding trails, primitive campsites, campgrounds, waysides, parks, and recreation areas. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Open Storage | Storage of material outside of a building. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Open Storage | Storage of material outside of a building. |
| | | Cass County | Operator | The person responsible for the overall operation of a facility. |
| | | Crow Wing County | OPERATOR | The person responsible for the overall operation of a facility. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Operator | Every person who operate or is in actual physical control of a snowmobile. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Operator | Every person who operates or is in actual physical control of roller blades, roller skates, or a skateboard. |

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| | | Cass County | Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) | The boundary of Public waters and wetlands, and shall be an elevation established by Department of Natural Resources-Division of Waters benchmark for particular lakes, or, if no benchmark has been established, an elevation delineating the highest water level has been maintained for a sufficient period of time to leave evidence upon the landscape, commonly that point where the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial. For watercourses, the ordinary high water level is the elevation of the top of the bank of the channel. For reservoirs and flowages, the ordinary high water level is the operating elevation of the normal summer pool. In areas where the ordinary high water level is not evident, setbacks shall be measured from the streambanks of the following water bodies that have permanent flow or open water: the main river channel, adjoining side channels, backwaters, and sloughs. This includes the term ordinary high water mark (OHWM). |
| | | Crow Wing County | ORDINARY HIGH WATER LEVEL (OHWL) | The boundary of public waters and wetlands, and shall be an elevation delineating the highest water level which has been maintained for a sufficient period of time to leave evidence upon the landscape, commonly that point where the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial. For watercourses, the Ordinary High Water Level is the elevation of the top of the bank of the channel. For reservoirs and flowages, the Ordinary High Water Level is the operating elevation of the normal summer pool. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Ordinary High Water Level | The boundary of public waters and wetlands consisting of an elevation delineating the highest water level which has been maintained for sufficient period of time to leave evidence on the landscape, commonly that point where the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominately terrestrial. For watercourses where the DNR has determined the ordinary high water level (OHW), that level is adopted. For water courses where the DNR has not made such a determination the ordinary high water level is the elevation of the top of the bank of the channel, for reservoir and flowages the ordinary high water level is the operating elevation of the normal summer pool. |
| x | | DNR | Ordinary high water level. | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Ordinary High Water Mark | The boundary of public waters and wetlands consisting of an elevation delineating the highest water level which has been maintained for sufficient period of time to leave evidence on the landscape, commonly that point where the natural vegetation changes form predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial. For water courses the ordinary high water level is the elevation of the top of the bank of the channel, for reservoir and flowages, the ordinary high water level is the operating elevation of the normal summer pool. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Ordinary High Water Mark | The boundary of public waters and wetlands consisting of an elevation delineating the highest water level which has been maintained for sufficient period of time to leave evidence on the landscape, commonly that point where the natural vegetation changes form predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial. For water courses the ordinary high water level is the elevation of the top of the bank of the channel, for reservoir and flowages, the ordinary high water level is the operating elevation of the normal summer pool. |
| | | Cass County | Outdoor Storage | The storage of goods, materials, equipment, manufactured products and similar items not fully enclosed by a building. |
| | | Cass County | Outlot | That portion of a plat that is either: 1. A lot remnant or parcel of land left over in a plat that is intended as open space, park land, or other specified uses; or 2. Land held in common by an association or a group of lots governed by covenants for use by members of the subdivision; or 3. Land held in reserve for future development. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Outlot | A lot remnant or any parcel of land included in a plat, which may be used as open space. Such outlot may be a large tract that could be subdivided in the future or may be too small to comply with the minimum size requirements of zoning and subdivision ordinances or otherwise unsuitable for development and therefore not usable as a building site as it currently exists. |
| x | | Cass County | Owner | Any individual, firm, association, syndicate, partnership, public or private corporation, trust or other legal entity having sufficient property interest in a property to commence and maintain proceedings under this Ordinance, or the owner of record or the person or persons who own a facility or part of a facility. |
| | | Crow Wing County | OWNER | The person or persons, partner or corporation owning a facility or part of a facility and is responsible for the overall operation of the facility. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Owner | A person, other than a lien holder having the property in or title to a snowmobile, or entitled to the use or possession thereof. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Owner | Any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring an animal. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Owner | An individual, firm, association, syndicate, partnership, corporation, trust or any other legal entity having proprietary interest in the land and/or building. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Owner | An individual, firm, association, syndicate, partnership, corporation, trust or any other legal entity having proprietary interest in the land and/or building. |
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| x | | DNR | Park trailer | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168. |
| | | Cass County | Parking Space | A suitably surfaced and permanently maintained area either within or outside of a building of sufficient size to place one standard automobile. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Parking Space | A 10 foot by 20 foot site off public right of way, maintained and sized to accommodate the parking of one automobile. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Parking Space | A minimum ten (10) foot by twenty (20) foot site off public right-of-way maintained and sized to accommodate the parking of one automobile. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Parking Space | A site off public right of way, maintained and sized to be occupied by one automobile. |
| | | Crow Wing County | PARKING SPACE, OFF STREET | Parking area not within a public way but accessible from a public way. Each off-street parking space shall comprise not less than one hundred eighty (180) square feet of area plus necessary maneuvering space; space for maneuvering shall not encroach upon a public way. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Party Wall or Floor | A common wall which divides two independent dwelling units or businesses. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Party Wall or Floor | A common wall which divides two independent dwelling units or businesses. |

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| | | City of Nisswa | Party Wall or Floor | The structural divider between dwelling units vertically or horizontally, respectively. |
| | | Cass County | Patio | An impervious surface adjoining a structure located at ground level. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Patio | An uncovered, unscreened platform, which is 2', or less above ground at its highest point and not exceeding 250 s.f. |
| x | | DNR | Patio | is a constructed hard surface located at ground level. |
| | | Cass County | Permittee | Any owner or person who as been granted a permit. |
| | | Crow Wing County | PERMITTEE | The person who has been given authority by the Board, the Department or the Agency to carry out any of the activities for which a permit is required under the provisions of this Ordinance. |
| | | Crow Wing County | PERMITTED | Authorization for use or establishment of land or structure contained in this Ordinance through the process of applying for and having issued a permit as required. |
| | | Cass County | Permitted Use | A use which may be lawfully established in a particular district or districts, provided it conforms to all requirements, regulations, and performance standards of that district. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Permitted Use | A land use conforming to the character of a zoning district which is permitted by ordinance requiring only a zoning permit issued by the Zoning Administrator. |
| x | | City of Lakeshore | Permitted Use | A land use conforming to the character of a zoning district which is permitted by ordinance requiring only a zoning permit issued by the Zoning Administrator. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Permitted Use | A land use conforming to the character of a zoning district, which is permitted by ordinance requiring only a zoning permit issued by the Zoning Administrator |
| x | | Cass County | Person | An individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, including any trustee receiver, assignee or other similar representative thereof. |
| | | Crow Wing County | PERSON | Any human being, municipality or other governmental or political subdivision or other public agency, any public or private corporation, any partnership, firm, association or other organization, any receiver, trustee, assignee, agent or other legal entity but does not include the MPCA. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Person | Any corporation, firm, partnership, association, organization, trustee, lessee, government or any other group acting as a unit, as well as a natural person. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Person | Any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, or group. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Person | Includes an individual, partnership, corporation, the state and its agencies and subdivision, and any body of persons, whether incorporated or not. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Person | Any natural individual, group, organization, corporation, partnership or association. As applied to groups, organizations, corporations, partnerships and associations, the term shall include each member, officer, partner, associate, agent or employee. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Person | A natural person, association, organization, club, group formed for a common purpose, partnership of any kind, limited liability company, corporation or any other legal entity. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Pet | An animal commonly associated with human habitation, not considered under animal units and not raised for production of income. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Pet | An animal commonly associated with human habitation, not considered under animal units and not raised for production of income. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Pet | An animal, bird, reptile or fish commonly associated with human habitation, not considered under animal husbandry and not raised for production of income. |
| | | Cass County | Place of Worship | A building or space that is principally used as a place where people of the same faith or religion regularly assemble for worship. |
| | | Crow Wing County | PLACE OF WORSHIP | A building or space that is principally used as a place where people of the same faith or religion regularly assemble for worship. |
| | | Cass County | Planned Unit Development | A type of development characterized by a unified site design for a number of dwelling units or dwelling sites on a parcel, whether for sale, rent or lease, and also usually involving clustering of these units or sites to provide such areas of common open space, and a mix of structure types and land uses. These developments may be organized and operated as condominiums, time share condominiums, cooperatives, full fee ownership, or any combination of these, or cluster subdivisions of dwelling units, residential condominiums, townhouses, apartment buildings, and conversions of structures and land uses to these uses. (This definition amended by the Land Use Ordinance for Cass County, Minnesota, Ordinance #2005-02, Effective Date: September 5, 2005) |
| | | Crow Wing County | PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT | A method of land use or development characterized by a unified site design for a number of dwelling units or dwelling sites on a parcel (of land), whether for sale, rent, or lease, and that incorporates clustering of these units or sites to provide areas of common open space, and a mix of structure types and land uses. These developments may be organized and operated as residential or commercial enterprises such as individual dwelling units, townhouses, condominiums, time-share condominiums, cooperatives, common interest communities, shared-interest community, apartment buildings, campgrounds, recreational vehicle parks, manufactured home parks, hotels, motels, or any combination of these. Planned unit developments shall also include any conversion of pre-existing structures and land uses in order to utilize this method of development. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Planned Unit Development (P.U.D.) | A land use characterized by a unified site design for a number of dwelling units or dwelling sites on a parcel, whether for sale, rent, or lease, and also usually involving clustering of these units or sites to provide areas of common green space, density increases, and mix of structure types and land uses. Does not include a duplex where specifically allowed in a zoning district on a single parcel of land. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Planned Unit Development (PUD) | A method of land use or development characterized by a unified site design for a number of dwelling units or dwelling sites on a parcel, whether for sale, rent, or lease, and that incorporates clustering of these units or sites to provide areas of common open space, and a mix of structure types and land uses. These developments may be organized and operated as residential or commercial enterprises such as individual dwelling units, townhouses, condominiums, time-share condominiums, cooperatives, common interest communities, shared-interest communities, apartment buildings, non-resort campgrounds and youth camps, recreational vehicle parks, manufactured home parks, hotels, motels, or any combination of these. Planned Unit Developments shall also include any conversion of preexisting structures and land uses in order to utilize this method of development. |

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| | | City of Nisswa | Planned Unit Development (P.U.D.) | A land use or development pattern characterized by a unified site design for a number of dwelling units or dwelling sites on a parcel, whether for sale, rent, or lease, and also usually involving clustering of these units or sites to provide areas of common green space, density increase, and mix of structure types and land uses. These developments may be organized and operated as condominiums, time share condominiums, cooperatives, full free ownership, commercial enterprises, or any combination of these, or cluster subdivisions of dwelling units, residential, condominiums, townhouses, apartment buildings, campgrounds, recreational vehicle parks, resorts, hotels, motels, and conversions of structures and land uses to these uses. The Open Space Neighborhood Design (OSND) pattern shall be considered a planned unit development. |
| x | | DNR | Planned unit development. | means a method of land use or development characterized by a unified site design for a number of dwelling units or dwelling sites on a parcel, whether for occupancy, sale, rent, or lease, and a mix of structure types and land uses. Planned unit developments may be organized and operated as residential, mixed-use development, or commercial enterprises including individual dwelling units, townhouses, condominiums, time-share condominiums, cooperatives, common interest communities, fractional ownership properties, campgrounds, youth camps, apartment buildings, recreational vehicle parks, manufactured home parks, or park trailers or any combination of these. Planned unit development includes any conversion of existing structures and land uses that utilize this method of development described in this subpart. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Planned Unit Developments, Commercial | Uses that provide transient, short-term lodging spaces, rooms, or parcels and their operation are essentially service oriented. These shall include but not be limited to hotel/motel accommodations, resorts, recreational vehicle and camping parks and other primarily service oriented activities. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Planned Unit Development, Residential | Residential Planned Unit Development means a use where the nature of residency is nontransient and the major or primary focus of the development is not service-oriented. For example, residential apartments, manufactured home parks, townhouses, cooperatives and full fee ownership residences would be considered as Residential Planned Unit Developments. Includes time share condominiums not part of a resort. |
| | | Cass County | Planning Commission | The Cass County Planning Commission as described in Minnesota Statutes, section 394.30. |
| | | Crow Wing County | PLANNING COMMISSION | The Planning Commission for Crow Wing County, Minnesota as created by this Ordinance. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Planning Commission | The body duly appointed by the City Council to determine the development of the City and make recommendations to the City Council on comprehensive plans, zoning district boundaries, conditional use permits, subdivision of land and capital improvements. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Planning Commission | The body duly appointed by the City Council to determine the development of the City and make recommendations to the City Council on Comprehensive plans, zoning district boundaries, Conditional Use Permits, subdivision of land and capital improvements. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Planning Commission | The body duly appointed by the City Council to determine the development of the City, to decide conditional use permits, and to make recommendations to the City Council on comprehensive plans, zoning district boundaries, subdivision of land and capital improvements. |
| | | Cass County | Plat | The diagram, map, drawing, or chart drawn to scale and showing all the essential data pertaining to the boundaries and subdivisions of a tract of land, as determined by survey, that is required for a complete and accurate description of the land which it delineates. This is the document on which the subdivider's plan or subdivision is presented to the Planning Commission for consideration according to the provisions of the Cass County Subdivision Ordinance. |
| x | | DNR | Plat | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 505 and 515B. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Porch | A covered platform attached to a structure with or without screening material, canvas or blind material, or regular pane glass intended for weather and insect protection. Contains no kitchen, permanent sleeping areas, or sanitary facilities. Treated the same as a deck for setback requirements. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Porch | A covered platform attached to a structure. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Porch, Enclosed | A covered platform attached to a structure with more permanent enclosures than those described in "porch". If the enclosed porch contains any sleeping area, kitchen, laundry, sanitary facilities, heat, insulation, air conditioning, or considered in the opinion of the Planning Commission as a 3 season porch due to construction, it is an addition to the home, requiring a permit and subject to all bulk and density requirements applied to permanent structures. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Porch, Enclosed | A covered platform attached to a structure with more permanent enclosures than those described in "porch". |
| | | Crow Wing County | POST CLOSURE | The period after closure during which the long term care, maintenance and monitoring of a site or facility takes place. |
| | | Cass County | Post Closure Care | Actions taken for the care, maintenance, and monitoring of a facility after closure that will prevent, mitigate, or minimize the threat to public health and the environment posed by the closed facility. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Preliminary Plan or Preliminary Condominium Plat | A plan prepared in accordance with the Subdivision Ordinance depicting the proposed subdivision of property by Final Plat or Condominium Plat. |
| | | Cass County | Preliminary Plat | A tentative drawing or map of a proposed subdivision meeting the requirements herein enumerated. |
| x | | City of East Gull Lake | Preliminary Plat or Plan | A plan prepared in accordance with the Subdivision Ordinance depicting the proposed subdivision of property by Final Plat or Final Floor Plan. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Preliminary Plat or Preliminary Common Interest Community Plan | A plan prepared in accordance with the Subdivision Ordinance depicting the proposed subdivision of property by Final Plat or Final Floor Plan. |
| x | | DNR | Primitive campsite. | means an area that consists of individual remote campsites accessible only by foot or water. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Principal Arterial Road, Minor Arterial Road, Major Collector Road | Heavy traffic, or higher volume, roads or highways as determined by the Federal Functional Classification System and as shown upon the Zoning District Map. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Principal Arterial Road | A road or highway which is part of a system which consists of a connected network of continuous routes serving corridor movements having trip length and travel density characteristics indicative of substantial statewide or inter-regional travel. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Principal Structure or Use | The single primary structure or use on a lot, as distinguished from accessory uses or structure. |

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| | | City of Lakeshore | Principal Structure or Use | The single primary structure or use on a lot, as distinguished from accessory uses or structure. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Principal Structure or Use | The single primary structure or use on a lot, as distinguished from accessory uses or accessory structures. |
| x | | Cass County | Principal Use | The main use of land or buildings as distinguished from subordinate or accessory use. A "principal use" may be either permitted or conditional. |
| | | Crow Wing County | PRINCIPAL USE OR STRUCTURE | All uses or structures that are not accessory uses or structures. |
| | | Crow Wing County | PRIMITIVE FACILITY CAMPGROUND | Phrase used by the State Department of Health to denote sewage disposal is by means of approved privies and water is supplied by hand pumps. |
| | | Crow Wing County | PROPERTY OWNER | For the purpose of determining who owns property and merits notice, as provided in certain Sections of this Ordinance, the property owner named in the current tax books, in the Office of the Treasurer of Crow Wing County shall be the person who must be given notice and at the address indicated in the Treasurer's records. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | PROPERTY OWNER | The person occupying the property, the holder of legal title or a person having control over the property of another, such as a right-of-way, easement, license or lease. |
| | | Cass County | Protective Covenants | Restrictions contained in plats, deeds, or other documents on file in the Cass County Recorder's Office which deal with the manner in which land may be used. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Protective Covenants | Restrictions placed on the property by the owner and duly filed with the County Recorder. These may also be used in planned unit developments to establish homeowners associations, restrict shoreline development and provide for common facilities. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Protective Covenants | Restrictions placed on the property by the owner and duly filed with the County Recorder. These may also be used in Planned Unit Developments to establish homeowners associations, restrict shoreline development, restrict tree removal and provide for common facilities. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Protective Covenants | Restrictions placed on the property by the owner and duly filed with the County Recorder. These may also be used in planned unit developments to establish homeowners associations, restrict shoreline development and provide for common facilities. |
| | | Cass County | Public Library | Any library that provides free access to all residents of a city or county without discrimination and is organized under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 134. |
| | | Crow Wing County | PUBLIC LIBRARY | Any library that provides free access to all residents of a city or county without discrimination and is organized under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 134. |
| | | Cass County | Public Park | A park, reservation, playground, beach, or recreation or community center in the County owned, leased, or used wholly or in part by a city, county, state, school district, or federal government for recreational purposes. |
| | | Crow Wing County | PUBLIC PARK | A park, reservation, open space, playground, beach or recreation and/or community center in the County owned, leased, or used wholly or in part by a city, county, state, school district, or federal government for recreational purposes. |
| | | Cass County | Public Waters | Lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands designated under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15, any lakes or wetlands listed in the DNR Public waters Inventory, and any other lakes, rivers, streams, or wetlands |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Public Waters | Any waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes Sec. 105.37, Subd. 14 & 15. However no lake, pond or flowage of less than 10 acres in size in municipalities need be regulated for the purposes of the shoreland management rule. A body of water created by a private user where there was no previous shoreline may, at the discretion of the local government, be exempted from the shoreland management. The official determination of the size and physical limits of drainage areas of rivers and streams should be made by the DNR Commissioner. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Public Waters | Any waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes Sec. 105.37, Subd. 14 & 15. However no lake, pond or flowage of less than ten (10) acres in size in municipalities need be regulated for the purposes of the shoreland management rule. A body of water created by a private user where there was no previous shoreline may, at the discretion of the local government, be exempted from the shoreland management. The official determination of the size and physical limits of drainage areas of rivers and streams should be made by the Department of Natural Resources Commissioner. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Public Waters | Any waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes Sec. 105.37, Sub. 14 and 15. However, no lake, pond, or flowage of less than 10 acres in size in municipalities need be regulated for the purposes of the shoreland management rule. A body of water created by a private user where there was no previous shoreline may, at the discretion of the local government, be exempted from the shoreland management. The official determination of the size and physical limits of drainage areas of rivers and streams should be made by the Commissioner. |
| x | | DNR | Public waters. | means any waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivisions 15, and public water wetlands as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15a. |
| x | | DNR | Public waters wetland. | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G. |
| | | Crow Wing County | PUBLIC WATERS, IN SHORELANDS | Lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands designated under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15, any lakes or wetlands listed in the DNR Public Waters Inventory, and any other lakes, rivers, streams, or wetlands listed in Appendix D of this ordinance. |
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| | | Cass County | Reach | A hydraulic engineering term to describe a longitudinal segment of a stream or river influenced by a natural or man-made obstruction. In an urban area, the segment of a stream or river between two consecutive bridge crossings would typically constitute a reach. |
| | | Crow Wing County | REACH | A hydraulic engineering term to describe a longitudinal segment of a stream or river influenced by a natural or man-made obstruction. In an urban area, the segment of a stream or river between two consecutive bridge crossings would most typically constitute a reach. |
| x | | DNR | Reach | means the hydraulic engineering term used to describe longitudinal segments of a stream or river influenced by a natural or human-made obstruction. In an urban area, the segment of a stream or river between two consecutive bridge crossings would typically constitute a reach. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Recorder | The County Recorder of Cass County |

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| | | City of Lakeshore | Recorder | The County Recorder of Cass County. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Recorder | The County Recorder of Crow Wing County. |
| x | | DNR | Recreation use area. | is the area within the shore impact zone where a shoreline buffer need not exist. |
| x | | DNR | Recreational camping area. | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 327. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Recreational Vehicle | Vehicles for recreational use that can be driven, towed or hauled. These vehicles may be designed to be temporary living space for camping or travel use. RV's shall include travel trailers, camper trailers, truck campers, self-propelled motor homes and other similar vehicles. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Recreational Vehicle | Vehicles for recreational use that can be driven, towed or hauled. These vehicles are designed to be temporary living space for camping or travel use. RV's shall include travel trailers, camper trailers, truck campers, self-propelled motor homes and other similar vehicles. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Recreational Vehicle | Vehicles including trailers less than 8 feet wide or containing less than 320 square feet, which are designed to be occupied as living quarters, and capable of being licensed by the State for highway purposes. |
| x | | DNR | Recreational vehicle. | means: A. a recreational vehicle as defined under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168; and B. a recreational camping vehicle as defined under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 327. |
| x | | DNR | Redevelopment | means development on a previously developed parcel. |
| | | Crow Wing County | REGIONAL FLOOD | A flood which is representative of large floods known to have occurred generally in Minnesota and reasonably characteristic of what can be expected to occur on an average frequency in the magnitude of the 100-year recurrence interval. Regional flood is synonymous with the term "base flood" used in the Flood Insurance Study. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Regional Flood | A flood that is representative of large floods known to have occurred generally in the State and reasonably characteristic of what can be expected to occur on an average frequency in the magnitude of a 100-year recurrence interval. |
| x | | DNR | Regional flood | means a flood which is representative of large floods known to have occurred generally in Minnesota and reasonably characteristic of what can be expected to occur on an average frequency in the magnitude of the 100-year recurrence interval. |
| | | Cass County | Remodel | See Maintenance |
| | | Crow Wing County | REMODELING | Pertaining to any structure, sanitary facility, and/or utility upon a premises; shall include any change, alteration, or modification thereof, but is not meant to include repairs or maintenance thereof, except shall include work done as repairs or maintenance of underground sanitary waste disposal systems which are nonconforming under this Ordinance. |
| x | | DNR | Residential use. | means use as a dwelling, whether for use as principal or secondary residences, but not transient use. |
| | | Cass County | Resort | A business including the following characteristics: 1. Catering primarily to those seeking recreation for periods of one day to one week or longer, and; 2. Having a current lodging license, manufactured home park license, or recreational camping area license from the Minnesota Department of Health. And also including at least one of the following characteristics; a. Having for rent three or more resort cabins, rooms, buildings, structures, or enclosures kept, used, maintained or advertised as, or held out to the public to be an enclosure where sleeping accommodations are furnished to the public on a daily, weekly, monthly, or seasonal basis, b. Having campsites, recreational camping vehicle sites, or manufactured housing sites that are available to the public on a daily, weekly, monthly, or seasonal basis. (This definition amended by the Land Use Ordinance for Cass County, Minnesota, Ordinance #2005-02, Effective Date: September 5, 2005) |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Resort | Any buildings, structures or enclosures kept, used, maintained or advertised as, or held out to the public to be an enclosure where sleeping accommodations are furnished to the public and primarily to those seeking recreations, for periods of one day, one week or longer, and having for rent three or more cottages, rooms or enclosures along with any related facilities such as restaurants, bars, golf courses or other recreational amenities. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Resort | Any buildings, structures or enclosures kept, used, maintained or advertised as, or held out to the public to be an enclosure where sleeping accommodations are furnished to the public and primarily to those seeking recreations, for periods of one (1) day, one (1) week or longer, and having for rent three (3) or more cottages, rooms or enclosures along with any related facilities such as restaurants, bars, golf courses or other recreational amenities. In order to qualify as a resort pursuant to this definition, a resort shall also be fully licensed and permitted under appropriate state and local regulations. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Resort | A commercial establishment, regardless of ownership arrangement, that includes buildings, campgrounds, lodges, structures, dwelling units/sites, enclosures or any part thereof kept, used, maintained or advertised as, or held out to the public to be a place where sleeping accommodations are furnished to the public and primarily to those seeking recreation, for periods of one day, one week, or longer, and having for rent three or more cabins, rooms, campsites, or enclosures. These establishments must be primarily service-oriented for transient lodging of guests. All cabins, rooms, dwelling units/sites, or enclosures must be included in the resort rental business. In order to qualify as a resort pursuant to this definition, a resort shall also be fully licensed and permitted under appropriate state and local regulations. The entire parcel of land must be controlled and managed by the licensee. |
| x | | DNR | Resort | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103F. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Restaurant | An eating facility, other than a hotel, under the control of a single proprietor or manager, where meals are regularly prepared on the premises, where full waitress/waiter table service is provided, where a customer orders food from printed menus and where the main food course is served and consumed while seated at a single location, To be a "restaurant" as defined by this Section, an establishment shall have a license from the state as required by MS. § 157.16, as it may be amended from time to time, and meet the definition of either a "small establishment," "medium establishment" or "large establishment" as defined in MS. § 157.16, Subd. 3d, as it may be amended from time to time. An establishment which serves prepackaged food that receives heat treatment and is served in the package or frozen pizza that is heated and served, shall not be considered to be a restaurant for purposes of this Section unless it meets the definitions of "small establishment", "medium establishment" or "large establishment." |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Restaurant | An establishment where the principle business is the preparation, service and sale of food and beverages to be consumed by customers at tables or counters located within the building on the premises. |

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| | | City of Lakeshore | Restaurant | An establishment where the principal business is the preparation, service and sale of food and beverages to be consumed by customers at tables or counters located within the building on the premises. In order to qualify as a restaurant pursuant to this definition, a restaurant shall also be fully licensed and permitted under appropriate state and local regulations. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Restaurant | An establishment having facilities for serving meals at tables to the general public, in consideration of payment therefore, and which employs adequate staff to provide the usual, customary and suitable service to guests. |
| x | | Cass County | Right-of-way | An area of land that is surveyed and recorded for the provision of access. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Right of Way | The entire strip of land traversed by a highway or street in which the public owns the fee or an easement for roadway purposes. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Right-of-Way | A parcel of property dedicated to the public, connecting to other public right of ways, which affords primary access by pedestrians and vehicles to abutting properties. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Right-of-Way | A parcel of property dedicated to the public, connecting to other public right-of-ways, which affords primary access by pedestrians and vehicles to abutting properties. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Right-of-way | A parcel of property dedicated to the public, connecting to other public right-ofways, which afford primary access by pedestrians and vehicles to abutting properties. |
| | | Cass County | Riparian Lot | A lot that abuts a public or protected water of the State of Minnesota. |
| | | Crow Wing County | RIPARIAN LOT | A lot that abuts Public Waters. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Riparian Lot | A property that is abutting a body of water listed in Section 5.1(4). |
| x | | DNR | Riparian lot. | is a lot that abuts public waters. |
| x | | DNR | Rivulet | means a channel between defined banks created by the action of surface water, which is characterized by the lack of terrestrial vegetation or by the presence of a bed, devoid of topsoil, containing waterborne deposits or exposed soil, parent material or bedrock; and that is connected hydrologically with other water bodies. A rivulet is a permanent or intermittent stream that has a total drainage two square miles or less. Rivulets include those watercourses altered or modified by ditching. Rivulet does not include rills or gullies forming because of accelerated erosion in disturbed soils where the natural vegetation cover has been removed by human activity. This definition only applies to that portion of the stream located within a shoreland overlay district. |
| | | Cass County | Road | A vehicular access |
| | | Crow Wing County | ROAD | A public way which affords primary means of access by pedestrians and vehicles to abutting properties, whether designated as a street, avenue, highway, road, boulevard, lane or however otherwise designated. |
| | | Cass County | Road, Backage | A road not adjacent to a high speed thoroughfare used to control access and segregate local traffic from higher speed through traffic. |
| | | Cass County | Road, Cartway | A road providing access to no more than 9 lots. |
| | | Cass County | Road, Cul-de-sac | A local street open at one end only with a special turning area at the closed end |
| | | Cass County | Road, Driveway | Private road serving no more than two residential lots. |
| | | Cass County | Road, Frontage | A road adjacent to a higher speed thoroughfare used to control access and segregate local traffic from higher speed through traffic. |
| | | Cass County | Road, Half | The dedication of one half of a required right-of-way width of a local road, granted by exception, whose remaining half will be subsequently added and improved when other adjacent or additional properties are developed in order to safely support added traffic. |
| | | Cass County | Road, Local | Road providing access to more than nine (9) lots. |
| | | Cass County | Road-Private | Any vehicular way which is not an existing federal, state, county, or township roadway; or is not shown upon a certificate of survey, minor subdivision, or plat approved pursuant to law, or is not dedicated to public use. |
| | | Cass County | Road, Public | Any vehicular way which is an existing federal, state, county, or township roadway; or is shown upon a certificate of survey, minor subdivision, or plat approved pursuant to law as dedicated to public use; or is dedicated for public use. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Roadway | That portion of a highway or street improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel. |
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| | | Cass County | Scenic Easement | A strip of land dedicated by easement or covenant on a deed to remain in a natural and protected state. |
| x | | DNR | Scenic easement. | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.311. |
| | | Cass County | School | A building or space that is principally used as a place where twenty-five (25) or more persons receive a full course of educational instruction. Any post-secondary or post high school educational building, including any college or any vocational-technical college, shall not be deemed a school for purposes of this Ordinance. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SCHOOL | A building or space that is principally used as a place where twenty-five (25) or more persons receive a full course of educational instruction. Any post-secondary or post high school educational building, including any college or any vocational-technical college, shall not be deemed a school for purposes of this Ordinance. |
| | | Cass County | Screening | Fencing, an earthen berm, or vegetative growth that visually separates one object from another. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Screening | Fencing, an earthen berm or vegetative growth that visually separates one object from another. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Screening | Fencing, an earthen berm or vegetative growth that visually separates one (1) object from another. |
| x | | DNR | Selective cutting. | means a forest management method for regeneration or harvest that removes individual trees. |
| | | Cass County | Semi-public Use | The use of land by a private, non-profit organization to provide a public service that is ordinarily open to some persons outside the regular constituency of the organization. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SEMIPUBLIC USE | The use of land by a private, nonprofit organization to provide a public service that is ordinarily open to some persons outside the regular constituency of the organization. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Semi Public Use | The use of land by private non-profit organizations to provide a public service that is ordinarily open to some persons outside the regular constituency of the organization. |

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| | | City of Lakeshore | Semi Public Use | The use of land by private non-profit organizations to provide a public service that is ordinarily open to some persons outside the regular constituency of the organization. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Semi-public Use | The use of land by private non-profit organizations to provide a public service that is ordinarily open to some persons outside the regular constituency of the organization. Considered a P.U.D. under this ordinance |
| x | | DNR | Semipublic use. | means the use of land by a private, nonprofit organization to provide a public service that is ordinarily open to some persons outside the regular constituency of the organization. |
| | | Cass County | Sensitive Resource Management | The preservation and management of areas unsuitable for development in their natural state due to constraints such as shallow soils over groundwater or bedrock, highly erosive or expansive soils, steep slopes, susceptibility to flooding or occurrence of flora and/or fauna in need of special protection. |
| x | | Crow Wing County | SENSITIVE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT | The preservation and management of areas unsuitable for development in their natural state due to constraints such as shallow soils over groundwater or bedrock, highly erosive or expansive soils, steep slopes, susceptibility to flooding or occurrence of flora or fauna in need of special protection. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Sensitive Resource Management | The preservation and management of areas unsuitable for development in their natural state due to constraints such as shallow soils over ground water or bedrock, highly erosive or expansive soils, steep slopes, acceptability to flooding or occurrence flora or fauna in need of special protection. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Sensitive Resource Management | The preservation and management of areas unsuitable for development in their natural state due to constraints such as shallow soils over ground water or bedrock, highly erosive or expansive soils, steep slopes, acceptability to flooding or occurrence flora or fauna in need of special protection. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Sensitive Resource Management | The preservation and management of areas unsuitable for development in their natural state due to constraints such as shallow soils over ground water or bedrock, highly erosive or expansive soils, steep slopes, susceptibility to flooding or occurrence of flora or fauna in need of special protection. |
| x | | DNR | Sensitive shoreland area. | means shoreland designated as a special protection shoreland overlay district pursuant to part 6120.3200 or shoreland riparian to any of the following types of public waters: A. Bays of lakes or lakes classified as natural environment pursuant to part 6120.3050; B. Trout lakes and streams designated pursuant to part 6264.0050; C. Wildlife lakes designated pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.001, subdivision 2; D. Migratory waterfowl feeding and resting lakes designated pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.095, subdivision 2, and part 6240.2100; or E. Outstanding resource value waters designated pursuant to part 7050.0180. |
| | | Cass County | Setback | The minimum horizontal distance between a structure, ISTS, feedlot, manure storage structure or other facility and road, highway, property line or a natural feature such as an OHW, bluff or wetland. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SETBACK | The minimum horizontal distance between a structure, sewage treatment system or other facility and the Ordinary High Water Level, sewage treatment system, top of bluff, road, highway, property line or other facility. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Setback | The minimum horizontal distance between a structure, sewage treatment system or other facility and an ordinary high water level, sewage treatment system, top of bluff, road, highway, property line or other facility. Three (3) feet of roof overhang, stoops not exceeding 30 square feet and steps from stoop to ground not over 4 feet wide may protrude into the setback. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Setback | The minimum horizontal distance between a structure, sewage treatment system or other facility and an ordinary high water level, sewage treatment system, top of bluff, road, highway, property line or other facility. Three (3) feet of roof overhang, stoops not exceeding thirty (30) square feet and steps from stoop to ground not over four (4) feet wide may protrude into the setback. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Setback | The minimum horizontal distance between a structure, sewage treatment system, well or other facility and an ordinary high water level, sewage treatment system, well, top of bluff, road, highway, property line or other facility. Three feet of roof overhang, stoops not exceeding 32 sq. ft. and steps from stoop to ground not over 4' wide may protrude into the setback. |
| x | | DNR | Setback | means a separation distance measured horizontally. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Setback, Interior Lot | In a planned unit development, the closest horizontal distance between the lot line and the foundation or wall of a structure when the lot line is not the exterior boundary of the development. Three (3) feet of roof overhang, stoops not exceeding 30 square feet and steps from stoop to ground not over 4 feet wide may protrude into the setback. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Setback, Interior Lot. | In a planned unit development, the closest horizontal distance between the lot line and the foundation or wall of a structure when the lot line is not the exterior boundary of the development. Three (3) feet of roof overhang, stoops not exceeding thirty (30) square feet and steps from stoop to ground not over four (4) feet wide may protrude into the setback. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Setback – Interior Lot | In a planned unit development, the closest horizontal distance between the lot line and the foundation or wall of a structure when the lot line is not the exterior boundary of the development. Three feet of roof overhang, stoops not exceeding 32 sq. ft. and steps from stoop to ground not over 4' wide may protrude into the setback. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Setback, Road | The closest horizontal distance between the road right-of-way line and the foundation or wall of a structure. Three feet of roof overhang, stoops not exceeding 30 square feet and steps from stoop to ground not over 4 feet wide may protrude into the setback. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Setback, Road | The closest horizontal distance between the road right-of-way line and the foundation or wall of a structure. Three (3) feet of roof overhang, stoops not exceeding thirty (30) square feet and steps from stoop to ground not over four (4) feet wide may protrude into the setback. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Setback – Road | The closest horizontal distance between the road right of way line and the foundation or wall of a structure. Three feet of roof overhang, stoops not exceeding 30 sq. ft. and steps from stoop to ground not over 4' wide may protrude into the setback. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Setback, Side, Exterior | The closest horizontal distance between the exterior boundary side lot line and the foundation or wall of a structure. This setback takes precedence over setback, interior lot, where any conflict exists. Three (3) feet of roof overhang, stoops not exceeding 30 square feet and steps from stoop to ground not over 4 feet wide may protrude into the setback. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Setback, Side, Exterior | The closest horizontal distance between the exterior boundary side lot line and the foundation or wall of a structure. This setback takes precedence over setback, interior lot, where any conflict exists. Three (3) feet of roof overhang, stoops not exceeding thirty (30) square feet and steps from stoop to ground not over four (4) feet wide may protrude into the setback. |

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| | | City of Nisswa | Setback – Side, Exterior | The closest horizontal distance between the exterior boundary side lot line and foundation or wall of a structure. This setback takes precedence over setback, interior lot, where any conflict exists. Three feet of roof overhang, stoops not exceeding 30 sq. ft. and steps from stoop to ground not over 4' wide may protrude into the setback. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Setback, Waterfront | The closest horizontal distance between the ordinary high water mark and the foundation or wall or edge of a structure. Three feet of roof overhang, stoops not exceeding 30 square feet and steps from stoop to ground not over 4 feet wide may protrude into the setback. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Setback, Waterfront | The closest horizontal distance between the ordinary high water mark and the foundation or wall or edge of a structure. Three (3) feet of roof overhang, stoops not exceeding thirty (30) square feet and steps from stoop to ground not over four (4) feet wide may protrude into the setback. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Setback – Waterfront | the closest horizontal distance between the ordinary high water mark and the foundation or wall or edge of a structure. Three feet of roof overhang, stoop not exceeding 30 sq. ft. and steps from stoop to ground not over 4' wide may protrude into the setback. |
| | | Cass County | Sewage | Any water-carried domestic waste, exclusive of footing and roof drainage, from any industrial, agricultural, or commercial establishment, any residential structure or any other structure. Domestic waste includes liquid waste produced by toilets, bathing; laundry, culinary operations, and the floor drains associated with these sources, and specifically excludes animal waste and commercial or industrial wastewater. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Sewage | The spent water of a community. The preferred term is wastewater. |
| x | | DNR | Sewage | has the meaning given under chapter 7080. |
| x | | DNR | Sewer system. | pipelines or conduits, pumping stations, and force main, and all other constructions, devices, appliances, or appurtenances used for conducting sewage or industrial waste or other wastes to a point of ultimate disposal. |
| | | Cass County | Sewage Treatment System | See Individual Sewage Treatment System. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Sewage Treatment System | A septic tank and soil absorption system or other individual or cluster type sewage treatment system as described and regulated in Chapter 7080 of the State Rules and Regulations. |
| x | | City of Lakeshore | Sewage Treatment System | A septic tank and soil absorption system or other individual or cluster type sewage treatment system as described and regulated in Chapter 7080 through 7083 of the State Rules and Regulations. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Sewage Treatment System | A septic tank and soil absorption system or other individual or cluster type sewage treatment system as described and regulated in Chapter 7080 of the State Rules and Regulations. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SEWER SYSTEM (SEWERED) | Common or publicly owned pipelines, conduits, pumping stations, force mains and all other construction devices, appliances or appurtenances used for conducting sewage or industrial waste or other wastes to a point of common, approved off-site disposal. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Sewer System | Pipe lines or conduits, pumping stations and force main and all other constructions, devices, appliances or appurtenances used for conducting sewage or industrial waste or other waste to a point of ultimate disposal. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Sewer System | Pipe lines or conduits, pumping stations and force main and all other constructions, devices, appliances or appurtenances used for conducting sewage or industrial waste or other waste to a point of ultimate disposal. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Sewer System | Pipe lines or conduits, pumping stations and force mains and all other constructions, devices, appliances or appurtenances used for conducting sewage or industrial waste or other waste to a point of ultimate disposal. |
| | | Cass County | Sexually Oriented Business | An adult body painting studios, adult book stores, adult car wash, adult hotels or adult motels, adult motion pictures theaters, adult mini motion picture theaters, adult massage parlors, adult health/sport clubs, adult sauna/steam room/bathhouses, adult companionship establishments, adult rap/conversation parlors, adult novelty businesses, adult motion picture arcade, adult modeling studios and other premises, enterprises or establishments, businesses, or places open to some or all members of the public at or in which there is an emphasis on the presentation or display, depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" which the public could see. This definition does not apply to the practice of medicine, surgery, osteopathy, chiropractic, physical therapy, or podiatry by State licensed or registered persons. Activities classified as obscene AS defined by Minnesota Statutes Section 617.241 are not lawful and are not included in the definitions of adult uses. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SEXUALLY-ORIENTED BUSINESS | Adult body painting studios, adult book stores, adult car washes, adult hotels or motels, adult motion picture theaters, adult mini-motion picture theaters, adult massage parlors, adult health/sports clubs, adult sauna/steam room/bathhouses, adult companionship establishments, adult rap/conversation parlors, adult novelty businesses, adult motion picture arcades, adult modeling studios and other premises, enterprises or establishments, businesses, or places open to some or all members of the public at or in which there is an emphasis on the presentation or display, depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas" which the public could see. This definition does not apply to the practice of medicine, surgery, osteopathy, chiropractic, physical therapy, or podiatry by state licensed or registered persons. Activities classified as obscene as defined by Minnesota Statutes Section 617.241 are not lawful and are not included in the definitions of adult uses. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Sexually Oriented Business | Shall include the following: A. A business that meets any of the following criteria, measured on a daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly basis: i. Has more than 25% of its inventory, stock-in-trade, or publicly displayed merchandise in sexually oriented materials. ii. Devotes more than 25% of its floor area (not including storerooms, stock areas, bathrooms, basements, or any portion of the business not open to the public) to sexually oriented materials. iii. Derives more than 25% of its gross revenues from sexually oriented materials. B. A business that engages for any length of time in a sexually oriented use as defined in this section or any other use that has an emphasis on specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SHORE IMPACT ZONE (SIZ) | The area designated as the SIZ is a distance from the ordinary high water level (OHWL) to half the distance of the conforming building setback. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Shore Impact Zone | Land located between the ordinary high water level of a public water and a line parallel to it at a setback of 50% of the normal structure setback. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Shore Impact Zone | Land located between the ordinary high water level of a Public water and a line parallel to it at a setback of fifty percent (50%) of the normal structure setback. |

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| | | City of Nisswa | Shore Impact Zone | Land located between the ordinary high water level of a public water and a line parallel to it at a setback of 50% of the normal structure setback. |
| x | | DNR | Shore impact zone. | means land located between the ordinary high water level of public waters and a line parallel to it at a setback of 50 percent of the required structure setback, but not less than 50 feet. This zone serves as all or part of the shoreline buffer. |
| | | Cass County | Shore Impact Zone-1 | Land located between the ordinary high water level of a public water and a line parallel to it at a setback of 50 percent of the structure setback. |
| | | Cass County | Shore Impact Zone-2 | Land located between shore impact zone-1 and the structure setback. |
| | | Cass County | Shoreland | Land located within the following distances from Public waters: 1,320 feet from the ordinary high water level of a lake, river, pond or flowage, the Mississippi River corridor as designated in the Mississippi Headwaters Management Plan, and the landward extent of a floodplain designated by ordinance on a river or stream whichever is greater. The limits of shorelands may be reduced whenever the waters involved are bounded by topographic divides which extend landward from the waters for lesser distances and when approved by the commissioner. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SHORELAND | Land located within the following distances from the ordinary high water elevation of public waters: Land within 1,000 feet from the normal high water mark of a lake pond, reservoir, impoundment or flowage. Land within 300 feet of a river or stream or the landward side of a flood plain delineated by Ordinance on a river or stream, whichever is greater. Must meet the Mississippi Headwaters Board requirements |
| | | Crow Wing County | SHORELANDS | Land located within the following distances from public waters: one thousand (1,000) feet from the Ordinary High Water Level of a lake, pond or flowage; and three hundred (300) feet from a river or stream, or the landward extent of a floodplain designated by Ordinance on a river or stream, whichever is greater. The limits of shorelands may be reduced whenever the waters involved are bounded by topographic divides which extend landward from the waters for lesser distances and when approved by the Commissioner. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Shoreland | Land located within the following distances from public water: 1,000 feet from the ordinary high water level of a lake, pond or flowage; and 300 feet from a river or stream, or landward extent of a floodplain designated by ordinance on a river or stream, whichever is greater. The limits of shorelands may be reduced whenever the waters involved are bounded by topographic divides which extend landward from the water for lesser distances and when approved by the DNR Commissioner. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Shoreland | Land located within the following distances from Public water: 1,000 feet from the ordinary high water level of a lake, pond or flowage; and three hundred (300) feet from a river or stream, or landward extent of a floodplain designated by Ordinance on a river or stream, whichever is greater. The limits of shorelands may be reduced whenever the waters involved are bounded by topographic divides which extend landward from the water for lesser distances and when approved by the Department of Natural Resources Commissioner. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Shoreland | Land located within the following distances from public water: 1000' from the ordinary high water level of a lake, pond, or flowage; and 300' from a river or stream, or landward extent of a floodplain designated by ordinance on a river or stream, whichever is greater. The limits of shorelands may be reduced whenever the waters involved are bounded by topographic divides, which extend landward from the water for lesser distances and when approved by the Commissioner. |
| x | | DNR | Shoreland. | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103F.205, except the shorelands for rivers in the wild and scenic rivers system means those lands within the boundaries of the management plan for each designated river consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.321. |
| x | | DNR | Shoreland conservation subdivision. | means a method of subdivision of shorelands characterized by natural areas and open space amenities for homeowners and protection of natural resources and riparian areas. Site designs incorporate standards of low impact development, such as the use of narrower residential streets and preservation of trees, shoreline, unique resources, and scenic vistas, and these developments use stormwater designs that emphasize on-site retention and infiltration through the preservation of native vegetation within the shore impact zone, use of pervious surfaces, rain gardens, filtration, and swales. |
| x | | DNR | Shoreline buffer. | means the land abutting public waters consisting of trees, shrubs, and low ground cover and understory of plants in a natural state. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Shoreline Property | A lot directly abutting a public water, generally located in the first lot tier adjoining the public water. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Shoreline Property | A lot directly abutting a Public water, generally located in the first lot tier adjoining the Public water. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Shoreline Property | A lot directly abutting a public water, generally located in the first lot tier adjoining the public water. |
| | | Cass County | Sign | A name, identification, description, display, illustration or device which is affixed to or represented directly or indirectly upon a building, structure or land in view of the general public and which directs attention to a product, place, activity, person, institution or business. |
| x | | Crow Wing County | SIGN | Shall mean a name, identification, description, display, illustration or device which is affixed to or represented directly or indirectly upon a building, structure or land in view of the general public and which directs attention to a product, service, place, activity, person, institution or business. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Signs | A name, identification, description, display, illustration, advertisement or device which is displayed for the purpose of attracting attention to a person, product, place, activity, institution or business. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Signs | A name, identification, description, display, illustration, advertisement, or device which is displayed for the purpose of attracting attention to a person, product, place, activity, institution, or business. |
| | | Cass County | Sign area | The length of a sign face multiplied by its width, exclusive of structural supports. For the purpose of calculating the sign area of multiple-faced or back-to-back signs, the stipulated maximum sign area shall refer to a single face. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SIGN AREA | Shall mean the entire area within a continuous perimeter, enclosing the extreme limits of sign display, including any frame or border, not including support posts. Curved, spherical, or any other shaped sign face shall be computed on the basis of actual surface area. The copy of signs composed of individual letters, numerals or other devices shall be the sum of the area of the smallest rectangle or other geometric figure encompassing each of said letter or devices. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SIGN, AREA IDENTIFICATION | Shall mean any free-standing sign identifying the name of a neighborhood, a residential subdivision, a multiple residential complex, a shopping center or area, an industrial area, an office complex or any combinations of the above involving three (3) or more principal buildings. |

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| | | City of Lakeshore | Signs, Area Identification | A sign located at the entrance or entrances of the area that is used to identify a common area containing a group of structures on a minimum of five (5) acres, such as a residential subdivision, where there exists an association that provides for the maintenance of the sign or structures. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Sign, Area Identification | Any sign identifying the name of a neighborhood, residential subdivision, PUD or similar area. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Sign, Business | Sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service, activity or entertainment sold or offered upon the premises where such sign is located. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SIGN, BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION | Shall mean a sign which directs attention to a business or to a commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold or offered upon the premises where such a sign is located. |
| | | Cass County | Sign, Commercial | Any sign which identifies a business or group of businesses, either retail or wholesale, or any sign which identifies a profession or is used in the identification or promotion of any principal commodity or service, including entertainment, intended to bring attention to the location, products, or services of an individual, business or institution, and whose intended message is commercial in nature. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SIGN, CONSTRUCTION | A sign placed at a construction site identifying the project or the name of the project, engineer, contractor, developer, financier or other involved parties. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Sign, Construction | A temporary sign erected during construction on the premises of the site where the construction is taking place indicating the names the architects, engineers, landscape architects, contractors or similar artisans, and/or the owners, financial supporters, sponsors and similar individuals for firms having a role or interest with respect to the structure or project. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SIGN, FREESTANDING | Any self-supporting sign which is placed in the ground and not affixed to any part of any building. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Sign, Freestanding | Any sign which has supporting framework that is placed on, or anchored in, the ground and which is independent from any building or other structure. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SIGN, HOME OCCUPATION | Shall mean a sign designating a home business operated from residential property. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Sign, Home Occupation | Any sign designating a home occupation as defined in this Ordinance when such sign is located on the premises of the residential property where the business is being conducted. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SIGN, NAMEPLATE | Shall mean a sign indicating the name, address and other non-commercial messages on residentially zoned property. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Sign, Nameplate | Any sign indicating the name, address and other non-commercial messages on a residential property. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SIGN, OFF PREMISE | Shall mean a sign which advertises a product, service, business or event that is not available or does not take place on the same premises as the sign, including billboards. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Signs, Offsite | Any sign not located on the contiguously owned property with the use which is advertised. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Signs-Offsite | Any sign not located on the contiguously owned property with the use which is advertised. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Signs, Onsite | Any sign located on the contiguously owned property with the use which is advertised. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Signs-Onsite | Any sign located on the contiguously owned property with the use which is advertised. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SIGN, POLITICAL | Shall mean a temporary sign advertising election issues or the candidacy of person running for office. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Sign, Political | A temporary sign advertising election issues or the candidacy of a person running for office. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SIGN, Portable/Temporary | Shall mean a sign that is not permanently fixed to a building, other unmovable structure, or the ground. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Signs, Portable | A sign that is intrinsically designed to be moved or a sign that is not permanently affixed to the ground or a building. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Sign, Portable | Any sign which is manifestly designed to be transported, including by trailer or on its own wheels, even though the wheels of such sign may be removed and the remaining chassis or support converted to another sign or attached temporarily or permanently to the ground since this characteristic is based on the design of such sign. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Sign, Protruding | Any sign which is affixed to a building or wall in such a manner that its leading edge extends more than 6 inches beyond the surface or such building wall or face. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SIGN, REAL ESTATE | Shall mean a temporary sign placed upon property for the purpose of advertising to the public the sale or lease of said property. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Sign, Real Estate | Any sign which announces the sale, rental or lease of property by the owner of said property or real estate company when such sign is located on the site of property being advertised. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Signs – Temporary | A sign affixed, erected or maintained on a premise for a limited amount of time, that is not regulated by the State Building Code, including portable signs which are designed for and capable of being moved from one location to another; and including banners, pennants or similar displays. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Sign, Waterfront Business Entrance | A sign located at the principal entrance for a resort, golf course or other recreational facility within the CW district. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Sign, Waterfront Business Identification | A sign placed within the shore impact zone conveying only information relating to the location of-, general types of goods and services available at-, and name of- an establishment in the CW district that depends on patrons arriving by boat. Other detailed information such as product brands and prices shall not be included on a Waterfront Business Sign. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SIGN, WALL | Shall mean a commercial sign painted on the outside of a building, or attached to, and erected parallel to the face of a building and supported throughout its length by such building. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Sign, Wall | A sign attached parallel to, painted on the surface of, or erected within the limits of an outside wall of any building or structure, which is supported by such wall or structure and projects 6 inches or less from said surface, and which displays only one sign surface. |
| | | Cass County | Sign Face | The area of a sign on which copy or illustrations is placed. |

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| | | Crow Wing County | SIGN FACE | That part of a flat surface advertising device on which advertising is displayed and which provides visibility from one geographic direction. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Signs | A name, identification, description, display, illustration, advertisement or device which is displayed for the purpose of attracting attention to a person, product, place, activity, institution or business. Does not include street identification signs, temporary real estate sale signs, temporary signs endorsing a political candidate, party or issue during an election season, temporary event signs not exceeding 48 square feet or other temporary signs of a similar nature approved in writing by the Zoning Administrator. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Signs, Offsite | Any sign not located on the contiguously owned property with the use which is advertised. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Signs, Onsite | Any sign located on the contiguously owned property with the use which is advertised. |
| | | Cass County | Significant Cultural or Historic Site | Any archaeological site, standing structure, or other property that meets the criteria for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places or is listed in the State Register of Historic Sites, or is determined to be an unplatted cemetery that falls under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08. A historic site meets this criterion if it is presently listed on either register or if it is determined to meet the qualifications for listing after review by the Minnesota State Archaeologist or the Director of the Minnesota Historical Society. All unplatted cemeteries are automatically considered to be significant historic sites. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC SITE | Any archaeological site, standing structure or other property that meets the criteria for eligibility the National Register of Historic Places or is listed in the State Register of Historic Sites or is determined to be an unplatted cemetery that falls under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 307.08. A Historic Site meets these criteria if it is presently listed on either Register or if it is determined to meet the qualifications for listing after review by the Minnesota State Archeologist or the Director of the Minnesota Historical Society. All unplatted cemeteries are automatically considered to be Significant Historic Sites. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Significant Historical Site | Any archeological site, standing structure, or other property that meets the criteria for eligibility to the National Register of Historical Places, or is listed in the State Register of Historical Sites or is determined to be an unplatted cemetery that falls under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Sec. 307.08. A Historical Site meets this criteria if it is presently listed on either Register or if it is determined to meet the qualifications for listing after review by the Minnesota State Archeologist or the Director of the Minnesota Historical Society. All unplatted cemeteries are automatically considered to be significant historical sites. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Significant Historical Site | Any archeological site, standing structure, or other property that meets the criteria for eligibility to the National Register of Historical Places, or is listed in the State Register of Historical Sites, or is determined to be an unplatted cemetery that falls under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Sec. 307.08. A Historical Site meets these criteria if it is presently listed on either Register or if it is determined to meet the qualifications for listing after review by the Minnesota State Archeologist or the Director of the Minnesota Historical Society. All unplatted cemeteries are automatically considered to be significant historical sites. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Significant Historical Site | Any archeological site, standing structure, or other property that meets the criteria for eligibility to the National Register of Historical Places, or is listed in the State Register of Historical Sites or is determined to be an unplatted cemetery that falls under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Sec. 307.08. A Historical Site meets these criteria if it is presently listed on either Register or if it is determined to meet the qualifications for listing after review by the Minnesota State Archeologist of the Director of the Minnesota Historical Society. All unplatted cemeteries are automatically considered to be significant historical sites. |
| x | | DNR | Significant historic site. | means any archaeological site, standing structure, or other property that is: A. listed in the National Register of Historic Places or the State Register of Historic Sites; B. determined to meet the qualifications for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or State Register of Historic Sites after review by the Minnesota state archaeologist or the director of the Minnesota Historical Society; or C. an unplatted cemeteries to which Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, applies. |
| x | | Cass County | Sketch Plan | A preliminary site concept plan prepared for the administrative review, suggesting land use, property configurations and proposed improvements. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Sketch Plan | A plan drawn to scale used for planning and discussion purposes only. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Sketch Plan | A plan drawn to scale used for planning and discussion purposes only. |
| | | Cass County | Solid Waste Collection | The gathering of solid waste from public or private places. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Solid Waste Disposal, Collection, Storage and Transportation | As defined in the Laws of the State of Minnesota and in the Regulations in effect promulgated by the Pollution Control Agency of the State of Minnesota. |
| | | Cass County | Specified Anatomical Areas | Anatomical areas consist of: 1. Less than completely and opaquely covering human genitals, pubic region or pubic hair, buttock, anus, or female breast or breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola or any combination of the foregoing; and 2. Human genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SPECIFIED ANATOMICAL AREAS | Anatomical areas consist of: A. Less than completely and opaquely covered human genitals, pubic region or pubic hair, buttock, anus, or female breast or breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola or any combination of the foregoing; and B. Human genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Specified Anatomical Areas. | Shall include the following: A. Less than completely and opaquely covered human genitals, pubic area, buttocks, anus, or female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola. B. Human male genitals in a state of sexual arousal, whether or not completely and opaquely covered. |

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| | | Cass County | Specified Sexual Activities | <p>Activities consisting of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Actual or simulated sexual intercourse, oral copulation, anal intercourse, oral-anal copulation, bestiality, direct physical stimulation or fondling of unclothed genitals, pubic region, buttock, or female breast, flagellation or torture in a sexual relationship, and any of the following sexually oriented acts or conduct: Anilingus, buggery, coprophagy, coprophilia, cunnilingus, fellatio, necrophilia, pederasty, pedophilia, piquerism, sapphism, sodomy, zoerasty; or 2. Human genitals in the state of sexual stimulation, arousal, or tumescence; or 3. Use or acts of human or animal ejaculation, sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, coitus or masturbation; or 4. Fondling or touching of human genitals, pubic regions or pubic hair, buttocks, or female breasts; or 5. Situations involving a person or persons, any of whom are nude, clad in undergarments or in sexually revealing costumes, who are engaged in activities involving the flagellation, torture, fettering, binding or other physical restraint of any such person; or 6. Erotic or lewd touching, fondling or other sexually oriented contact with an animal by a human being; or 7. Human excretion, urination, menstruation, vaginal or anal irrigation; or 8. Any combination of the above. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES | <p>Activities consisting of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Actual or simulated sexual intercourse, oral copulation, anal intercourse, oral-anal copulation, bestiality, direct physical stimulation or fondling or unclothed genitals, pubic region, buttock, or female breast, flagellation or torture in a sexual relationship, and any of the following sexually-oriented acts or conduct: anilingus, buggery, coprophagy, coprophilia, cunnilingus, fellatio, necrophilia, pederasty, pedophilia, piquerism, sapphism, sodomy, zoerasty; or B. Human genitals in the state of sexual stimulation, arousal, or tumescence; or C. Use or acts of human ejaculation, sexual intercourse, sodomy, oral copulation, coitus or masturbation; or D. Fondling or touching of human genitals, pubic regions or pubic hair, buttocks, or female breasts; or E. Situations involving a person or persons, any of whom are nude, clad in undergarments or in sexually revealing costumes, who are engaged in activities involving the flagellation, torture, fettering, binding or other physical restraint of any such person; or F. Erotic or lewd touching, fondling or other sexually-oriented contact with an animal by a human being; or G. Human excretion, urination, menstruation, vaginal or anal irrigation; or H. Any combination of the above. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Specified Sexual Activities | <p>Shall include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Actual or simulated: sexual intercourse; oral copulation; anal intercourse; oral-anal copulation; bestiality; direct physical stimulation of unclothed genitals; flagellation or torture in the context of a sexual relationship; the use of excretory functions in the context of a sexual relationship; anilingus; coprophagy; coprophilia; cunnilingus; fellatio; necrophilia; pedophilia; piquerism or zoerastia. B. Clearly depicted human genitals in the state of sexual stimulation, arousal or tumescence. C. Use of human or animal ejaculation, sodomy, oral copulation, coitus or masturbation. D. Fondling or touching of nude human genitals, pubic regions, buttocks, or female breasts. E. Situations involving a person or persons, any of whom are nude, who are clad in undergarments or in sexually revealing costumes and engaged in the flagellation, torture, fettering, binding or other physical restraint of any person. F. Erotic or lewd touching, fondling or other sexually oriented contact with an animal by a human being. G. Human excretion, urination, menstruation or vaginal or anal irrigation. |
| | | Cass County | State | The State of Minnesota. |
| | | Crow Wing County | STATE | The State of Minnesota |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | State | The state of Minnesota. |
| | | Cass County | Steep Slope | Land where agricultural activity or development is either not recommended or described as poorly suited due to slope steepness and the site's soil characteristics, as mapped and described in available county soil surveys or other technical reports, unless appropriate design and construction techniques and farming practices are used in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance. Where specific information is not available, steep slopes are lands having average slopes over 12 percent, as measured over horizontal distances of 50 feet or more that are not bluffs. |
| | | Crow Wing County | STEEP SLOPE | Land where agricultural activity or development is either not recommended or described as poorly suited due to slope steepness and the site's soil characteristics, as mapped and described in available County Soil Surveys or other technical reports, unless appropriate design and construction techniques and farming practices are used in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. Where specific information is not available, steep slopes are lands having average slopes over twelve (12) percent, as measured over horizontal distances of fifty (50) feet or more, that are not bluffs. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Steep Slope | Land where agricultural activity or development is either not recommended or described as poorly suited due to slope steepness due to the site's soil characteristics as mapped and described in available County Soils Surveys or other technical reports, unless appropriate design and construction techniques and farming practices are used in accordance with the provisions of these regulations. Where specific information is not available, steep slopes are lands having average slopes over 12% as measured over horizontal distances of 50 feet or more, but which are not bluffs. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Steep Slope | Land where agricultural activity or development is either not recommended or described as poorly suited due to slope steepness due to the site's soil characteristics as mapped and described in available County Soils Surveys or other technical reports, unless appropriate design and construction techniques and farming practices are used in accordance with the provisions of these regulations. Where specific information is not available, steep slopes are lands having average slopes over twelve (12%) as measured over horizontal distances of fifty (50) feet or more, but which are not bluffs. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Steep Slope | Land where agricultural activity or development is either not recommended or described as poorly suited due to slope steepness due to the site's soil characteristics as mapped and described in available County Soils Surveys or other technical reports, unless appropriate design and construction techniques and farming practices are used in accordance with the provisions of these regulations. Where specific information is not available, steep slopes are lands having average slopes over 12% as measured over horizontal distances of 50 feet or more, but which are not bluffs. |
| x | | DNR | Steep slope. | means land having average slopes over 12 percent, as measured over horizontal distances of 50 feet or more, that are not bluffs. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Storage Shed | Refer to Accessory Structure. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Storage Shed | An accessory structure, on fixed permanent footings or foundations erected for the purpose of storing miscellaneous personal property, containing no plumbing and not exceeding 120 sq. ft. and no more than 10 ft. high, inside dimensions, and constructed of material compatible with the principal structure and earth tone in color. Roof overhang shall not exceed 18". |

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| | | Cass County | Storm Water | As defined in Minn. R. 7077.0105, subp. 41(b), including precipitation runoff, storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and any other surface runoff and drainage. |
| x | | DNR | Stormwater | has the meaning given under chapter 7090. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Street | A public thoroughfare, roadway, alley or trail used for motor vehicular traffic which is not an interstate, trunk, county-state aid, or county highway. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Street | A public right-of-way that provides primary vehicular access to abutting property and shall include avenue, road or highway. Street classifications are defined in the Comprehensive Plan unless defined in a roadway classification plan or other similar road specific plan. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Street | A public right-of-way that provides primary vehicular access to abutting property and shall include avenue, road, boulevard, drive or highway. Street classifications are defined in the Comprehensive Plan unless defined in a roadway classification plan or other similar road specific plan. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Street | A public right of way, which affords primary vehicular access to abutting property and shall include avenue, road, or highway, boulevard, drive, etc. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Street, Arterial | A street that has the primary function of rapidly move traffic to or through the City. May provide access to abutting land. Arterial streets are, in general, county or state highways that begin and terminate outside of the City limits or connect to other arterial streets within the City. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Street, Arterial | A street that has the primary function of rapidly moving traffic to or through the City. May provide access to abutting land. Arterial streets are, in general, county or state highways that begin and terminate outside of the City limits or connect to other arterial streets within the City. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Street, Collector | A street that has the primary function of receiving and distributing traffic to and from local streets and providing distribution of traffic within. May provide access to abutting lots. In general, collector streets begin and terminate at arterial streets or other collector streets. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Street, Collector | A street that has the primary function of receiving and distributing traffic to and from local streets and providing distribution of traffic within. May provide access to abutting lots. In general, collector streets begin and terminate at arterial streets or other collector streets. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Street, Local | A street, the function of which is to provide localized access to individual parcels. Does not normally carry through traffic. Traffic volumes and traffic speeds are expected to be low. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Street, Local | A street, the function of which is to provide localized access to individual parcels. Does not normally carry through traffic. Traffic volumes and traffic speeds are expected to be low. |
| | | Cass County | Structure | Anything constructed, placed or erected by humans, including but not limited to homes, garages, accessory buildings, manufactured housing, recreational vehicles left on a site for 14 consecutive days, signs, storage buildings, deck, fences, and fish houses. |
| | | Crow Wing County | STRUCTURE | Anything constructed or erected on the ground or attached to the ground or on-site utilities, including, but not limited to, buildings, factories, sheds, detached garages, cabins, manufactured homes, travel trailers/vehicles. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Structure | Any building, appurtenance including decks or other facility constructed, placed or erected by man except aerial or underground utility lines such as sewer, electric, telephone, telegraph, gas lines and except walks or steps on grade not more than 4 feet wide, stoops not exceeding 30 square feet, fenced, temporary furniture, planter, or decorative material and retaining walls consisting of wood or decorative block. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Structure | Any building, appurtenance including decks or other facility constructed, placed or erected by man except aerial or underground utility lines such as sewer, electric, telephone, telegraph, gas lines and except walks or steps on grade not more than four (4) feet wide outside of the Shore Impact Zone, stoops not exceeding thirty (30) square feet, temporary furniture, planter, or decorative material and retaining walls consisting of wood or decorative block. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Structure | Any building, appurtenance including decks or other facility constructed, placed or erected by man except aerial or underground utility lines such as sewer, electric, telephone, telegraph, gas lines, and except walks or steps on grade not more than 4' wide, stoops not exceeding 30 sq. ft., fences, temporary furniture, planters, and retaining walls consisting of wood or block four feet high or less. Fences shall be considered structures, but subject only to Section 8.3 of the Zoning Ordinance. |
| x | | DNR | Structure | means a building or appurtenance, including decks, carports, roof overhangs, and solar panels. A local government may consider a nontransient recreational vehicle to be a structure. Structure does not include sewer, electric, communication, gas lines, towers, poles, and other supporting facilities for aerial or underground utility lines. |
| x | | Cass County | Subdivider | Any individual, firm, association, syndicate, co-partners, corporations, trust or other legal entity having sufficient proprietary interest in the land sought to be subdivided to commence and maintain proceedings to subdivide the same under this ordinance. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Subdivider | The owner, agent, person, corporation, partnership or legal entity proposing to subdivide property under his control. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Subdivider | The owner, agent, person, corporation, partnership or legal entity proposing to subdivide property under his control. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Subdivider | The owner, agent, person, corporation, partnership, or legal entity proposing to subdivide property under his/her control. |
| | | Cass County | Subdivision | Land that is divided for the purpose of sale, rent or lease, including planned unit developments, regulated by the Cass County Subdivision Ordinance. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Subdivision | The division of real estate into two or more parcels for the purpose of sale, rent or lease, including planned unit development. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Subdivision | The division of real estate into two (2) or more parcels for the purpose of sale, rent or lease, including Planned Unit Development. |

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| | | City of Nisswa | Subdivision | The division of real estate into two or more parcels for the purpose of sale, rent, or lease, or mortgage, including planned unit development. A. Subdivision by Plat: The subdivision into two or more parcels of any size by the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 505, with documents prepared by a Registered Land Surveyor and duly approved by the Planning Commission and Council. See also Subdivision Ordinance 7.3. B. Subdivision by Condominium Plat: the subdivision of a building or the subdivision of real estate into two or more spaces or parcels of any size by the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 515A with documents prepared by a Registered Land surveyor and duly approved by the Planning Commission and Council. C. Subdivision by metes and bounds: Any division of real estate resulting in two or more parcels which are not platted, but divided by description prepared and signed by a Registered Land Surveyor. The Planning Commission shall consider all subdivisions by metes and bounds resulting in residential parcels less than 20 acres or 500' in width; and commercial parcels less than 5 acres or 300' in width for approval. |
| x | | DNR | Subdivision | means land that is divided for the purpose of occupancy, sale, rent, or lease, including planned unit development. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Subdivision by Condominium Plan | The subdivision of a building or the subdivision of real estate into two or more spaces or parcels of any size by the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 515A, with documents prepared by a Registered Land Surveyor and duly approved by the Planning Commission and Council. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Subdivision by Condominium Plan or Common Interest Community Plan | The subdivision of a building or the subdivision of real estate into two (2) or more spaces or parcels of any size by the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 515, 515A, or 515B or revision thereto with documents prepared by a Registered Land Surveyor and duly approved by the Planning Commission and Council. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Subdivision by metes and bounds | Any division of real estate resulting in two or more parcels which are not platted, but divided by description prepared and signed by a Registered Land Surveyor |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Subdivision by Metes and Bounds | Any division of real estate resulting in two or more parcels which are not platted, but divided by description prepared and signed by a Registered Land Surveyor. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Subdivision by Plat | The subdivision into two or more parcels of any size by the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 505, with documents prepared by a Registered Land Surveyor and duly approved by the Planning Commission and Council. |
| x | | DNR | Subsurface sewage treatment system. | has the meaning given under chapter 7080. |
| | | Cass County | Suitable Area | The areas remaining on a parcel of land after all wetlands, bluffs, road rights-of-way, road and utility easements, or land below the ordinary high water level of public waters are subtracted. |
| | | Crow Wing County | SUITABLE AREA | The area remaining on a lot or parcel of land after bluffs, areas with slopes greater than twenty-five (25) percent, all easements and rights-of-way, historic sites, wetlands, land below the ordinary high water level of public waters, and all setback requirements, except the ordinary high water level structure setback, are subtracted. |
| x | | DNR | Suitable area. | is the area remaining on a lot or parcel of land after bluffs, areas with slopes greater than 25 percent, rights-of-way, existing roads, historic sites, wetlands, designated floodways, and land below the ordinary high water level of public waters are subtracted. |
| x | | DNR | Surface waters. | means waters of the state, excluding groundwater as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 115.01, subdivision 6. Surface waters include lakes, reservoirs, ponds, marshes, rivers, tributary streams, watercourses, waterways, springs, and all other bodies or accumulations of water. |
| | | Crow Wing County | Surface Water-Oriented Commercial Use | The use of land for commercial purposes, where access to and use of surface water feature is an integral part of the normal conducting of business. Marinas, resorts and restaurants with transient docking facilities are examples of such use. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Surface Water Oriented Commercial Use | The use of land for commercial purposes where access to and use of a surface water feature is an integral part of the normal operation of business. Marinas, resorts and restaurants with transient docking facilities are examples of such use. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Surface Water-Oriented Commercial Use | The use of land for commercial purposes where access to and use of a surface water feature is an integral part of the normal operation of business. Marinas, resorts and restaurants with transient docking facilities are examples of such use. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Surface Water Oriented Commercial Use | The use of land for commercial purposes where access to and use of a surface water feature is an integral part of the normal operation of business. Marinas, resorts, and restaurants with transient docking facilities are examples of such. |
| x | | DNR | Surface water-oriented commercial use. | means the use of land for commercial purposes, where access to and use of a surface water feature is an integral part of the normal conductance of business, including marinas, resorts, restaurants with transient docking facilities, and other surface water-oriented businesses. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Suspended Solids (SS) or Total Suspended Solids (TSS). | The total suspended matter that either floats on the surface of, or is in suspension in water, wastewater or other liquids, and is removable by laboratory filtering as prescribed in Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, latest edition, and referred to as non-filterable residue. |
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| | | City of East Gull Lake | Temporary | A use or structure that lasts longer than three days and is discontinued within 14 days. Any use or structure existing longer than 14 days, except for signs, shall be considered permanent unless a specific date of discontinuation, agreeable to the Planning and Zoning Administrator to be reviewed by the Planning Commission, has been submitted, in writing, to the City. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Temporary | A use or structure that lasts longer than three (3) days and is discontinued within fourteen (14) days. Any use or structure existing longer than fourteen (14) days, except where specifically provided for in this Ordinance, shall be considered permanent unless a specific date of discontinuation, agreeable to the Planning and Zoning Administrator to be reviewed by the Planning Commission, has been submitted, in writing, to the City. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Temporary Structure | A structure of a temporary character including but not limited to house boats, fish houses, recreational vehicles, tents or shacks, used as dwellings for more than a 5 day period per year. Any new dwelling constructed or placed after the date of this Ordinance and not on a permanent foundation shall be considered a temporary structure. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Temporary Structure | A structure of a temporary character including but not limited to houseboats, fish houses, recreational vehicles and tents in place for not longer than fourteen (14) days. |

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| | City of Nisswa | Temporary Structure | A structure of a temporary character including but not limited to houseboats, recreational vehicles, tents, or shacks used as dwellings for more than a 5-day period per year. Any new dwelling constructed or placed after the date of this ordinance and not on a permanent foundation shall be considered a temporary structure. |
| | Crow Wing County | TOE OF THE BLUFF | The point at the bottom of a bluff that is the lower end of a ten (10) foot segment with an average slope of eighteen (18) percent or is the OHWL. This shall be used for the purpose of measuring setbacks. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Toe of Bluff | a) The lower point of a 50 foot segment with an average slope exceeding 18%. |
| | City of Nisswa | Toe of Bluff | The lower point of a 50-foot segment with an average slope exceeding 18%, or the ordinary high water level if closer to the bluff than the lower point of a 50-foot segment with an average slope exceeding 18%. |
| | Crow Wing County | TOP OF THE BLUFF | The point at the upper end of a bluff that is the higher end of a ten (10) foot segment with an average slope of eighteen (18) percent. This shall be used for the purpose of measuring setbacks. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Top of the Bluff | The higher point of a 50 foot segment with an average slope exceeding 18%. |
| | City of Nisswa | Top of the Bluff | The higher point of a 50-foot segment with an average slope exceeding 18%. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Tower | A structure situated on a site that is intended for transmitting or receiving television, radio, telephone, cellular or wireless communications. |
| | City of Nisswa | Tower | Any pole, spire, or structure or combination thereof, to which an antenna is attached, or which is designated for an antenna, meteorological device or similar apparatus to be attached, and all supporting lines, cables, wires and braces, which is intended to be used for commercial purposes. |
| | Crow Wing County | TOWER HEIGHT | The height of the tower is the vertical distance from the point of contact with the ground to the highest point of the tower including all antenna or other attachments. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Tower height | Determined by measuring the vertical distance from the point of contact with the ground to the highest point of the tower including all antenna or other attachments. |
| | Cass County | Townhouse | Developments typically consisting of multiple dwellings with common walls and ownership of common areas of a subdivision and fall under the platting portion of this subdivision ordinance. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Townhouse Dwelling | A type of multi-family housing consisting Of dwelling units attached by common party walls. Ownership may be defined by Plat or Condominium Plan. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Townhouse Dwelling | A type of multi-family housing consisting of dwelling units attached by common party walls. Ownership may be defined by Plat or Condominium Plan. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Toxic Pollutant | The concentration of any pollutant or combination of pollutants which upon exposure to or assimilation into any organism will cause adverse affects as defined in standards issues pursuant to Section 307(a) of the Act. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Toxic Pollutant | The concentration of any pollutant or combination of Pollutants as defined in standards issued pursuant to Section 307(a) of the Act, which upon exposure to or assimilation in to any organism will cause adverse effects. |
| x | DNR | Transient use. | means the temporary occupancy of a dwelling unit or site. |
| | Cass County | Travel Trailer or Camper | See Recreational Vehicle |
| | Crow Wing County | TRAVEL-TRAILER | A recreational vehicle primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreation, camping or seasonal use. They are built on a single chassis, mounted on wheels and have a gross trailer area not exceeding 400 square feet in the set-up mode. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Travel Trailer | Refer to Recreational Vehicle. |
| x | DNR | Travel trailer. | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168. |
| | Cass County | Tree | A woody plant 6 inches or more in diameter as measured a point 2 feet from the ground. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Tree | A woody plant 4 inches or more in diameter or 8 feet or more in height. |
| | City of Lakeshore | Tree | A woody plant four (4) inches or more in diameter or eight (8) feet or more in height. |
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| | DNR | Vacation home rental property. | means any home, cabin, condominium or similar building that is advertised or held out to the public as a place where sleeping accommodations are furnished to the public on a nightly or weekly basis and is not a bed and breakfast residence, resort, hotel or motel. A typical vacation home rental property in the shoreland consists of a single family dwelling or associated structure on a riparian lot that is rented out on a transient basis for a fee. |
| | Cass County | Variance | Any modification or variation of official controls where it is determined that, by reason of exceptional circumstances, the strict enforcement of the official controls would cause unnecessary hardship. |
| | Crow Wing County | VARIANCE | Any modification or variation of the provisions of this Ordinance, as defined or described in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 394, when it is determined that, by reason of exceptional circumstances, the strict enforcement of any of the provisions of this Ordinance would cause unnecessary hardship, or that the strict conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance would be unreasonable, impractical or not feasible under the circumstances. |
| | City of East Gull Lake | Variance | A legally permitted deviation from the provisions of this ordinance as deemed necessary by the Board of Adjustment when the strict interpretation of the Ordinance would create undue hardship and be impractical because of circumstances, relating to lot size, shape, topography or other characteristics of the property, and when the deviation from the Ordinance, with any attached conditions, will still be in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Ordinance. Variances cannot create a land use not permitted in a zone. |

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| | | City of Lakeshore | Variance | A legally permitted deviation from the provisions of this Ordinance as deemed necessary by the Board of Adjustment when the strict interpretation of the Ordinance would create undue hardship and be impractical because of circumstances, relating to lot size, shape, topography or other characteristics of the property, and when the deviation from the Ordinance, with any attached conditions, will still be in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Ordinance. Variances cannot create a land use not permitted in a zone. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Variance | A legally permitted deviation as provided in M.S. 462.357, Sub. 6. from the provisions of this Ordinance as deemed necessary by the Board of Adjustment when the strict interpretation of the Ordinance would create undue hardship and be impractical because of circumstances relating to lot size, shape, topography or other characteristics of the property and when the deviation from the Ordinance with any attached conditions will still be in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Ordinance. Variances cannot create a land use not permitted or prohibited in a zone. |
| x | | DNR | Variance | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 394 and 462. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Vegetation Removal, Clear Cutting | The removal of more than 75% and up to 100% of a stand of trees and brush over 10 feet in height on a lot or parcel of land up to 40 acres. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Vegetation Removal, Clear Cutting | The removal of more than seventy-five percent (75%) and up to one hundred percent (100%) of a stand of trees and brush. Removal of understory and brush within the bluff or Shore Impact Zone is prohibited except to accommodate stairways, lifts, landings, and footpaths for access to the lake or stream. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Vegetation Removal, Clear Cutting | The removal of more than 75% and up to 100 % of a stand of trees and brush, on a lot or parcel of land up to 40 acres. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Vegetation Removal, Open Cutting | The removal of more than 25% and up to 75% of a stand of trees and brush over 10 feet in height on a lot or parcel of land up to 40 acres. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Vegetation Removal, Open Cutting | The removal of more than twenty-five (25%) and up to seventy-five (75%) of a stand of trees and brush over ten (10') in height. This shall include the removal of more than fifty percent (50%) of the understory trees and brush from the property. Removal of understory and brush within the bluff or Shore Impact Zone is prohibited except to accommodate stairways, lifts, landings, and footpaths for access to the lake or stream. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Vegetation Removal, Open Cutting | The removal of more than 25% and up to 75% of a stand of trees and brush over 10' in height on a lot or parcel of land up to 40 acres. This shall include the removal of more than 50% of the under-story trees and brush from the property. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Vegetation Removal, Select Cutting | Removal of dead, diseased or damaged trees or shrubs, removal of trees for placement of structures and drives, and further removal of only individual trees to uniformly thin up to 25% of a stand, on a lot or parcel of land up to 40 acres. Complete brush removal is allowable including trees under 10 feet in height. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Vegetation Removal, Select Cutting | Removal of dead, diseased or damaged trees or shrubs, or removal of trees for placement of structures and drives, and further removal of only individual trees to uniformly thin up to twenty-five (25%) of the trees and brush prior to development. Up to fifty (50%) of the understory and brush may be removed outside of the shore impact or bluff impact zone. Removal of understory and brush within the bluff or Shore Impact Zone is prohibited except to accommodate stairways, lifts, landings, and footpaths for access to the lake or stream. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Vegetation Removal, Select Cutting | Removal of dead, diseased or damaged trees or shrubs, or removal of trees for placement of structures and drives, and further removal of only individual trees to uniformly thin up to 25% of a stand on a lot or parcel of land up to 40 acres. Up to 50% of the under-story and brush may be removed. |
| | | Crow Wing County | VIEW TO LAKE | View to be construed to mean the line of sight from the imaginary center of the lot to the lakeward corners of that property. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | View to the lake | View to be construed to be the line of site from the center of a riparian property at the lake setback to the lakeward concerns of that property. |
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| x | | Cass County | Walkway | A linear area designed and used for pedestrian access which may be used in a natural state or be covered with an artificial surface. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Walkway | A parcel of property dedicated to the public for non-vehicular access purposes. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Walkway | A parcel of property dedicated to the public for non-vehicular access purposes. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Walkway | A parcel of land dedicated to the public for non-vehicular access purposes. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Warehousing | The principle use is the storage of materials or equipment within an enclosed building. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Warehousing | The principle use is the storage of materials or equipment within an enclosed building. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Warehousing, Commercial | The rental or sale of warehousing space. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Warehousing, Commercial | The rental or sale of warehousing space. |
| | | Cass County | Waste Tire | A tire that is no longer suitable for its intended purpose because of wear, damage, or defect. |
| | | Crow Wing County | WASTE TIRE | A tire or tires no longer suitable for their original intended purpose because of wear, damage or defect |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Wastewater | The spent water of a community and referred to as sewage. From the standpoint of source, it may be a combination of the liquid and water-carried wastes from residences, commercial buildings, industrial plants, and institutions together with any ground water, surface water and storm water that may be present. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Wastewater | The spent water of a community, also referred to as sewage. From the standpoint of source it may be a combination of the liquid and water-carried wastes from residences, commercial buildings, industrial plants, and institutions together with any ground water, surface water and storm water that may be present. |
| | | Cass County | Water-Oriented Accessory Structure | A small, building or other improvement, except stairways, fences, docks, and retaining walls, which, because of the relationship of its use to a surface water feature, reasonably needs to be located closer to public waters than the normal structure setback. Examples of such structures and facilities include bathhouses, gazebos, screen houses, fish houses, pump houses, and detached decks and platforms. |

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| | | Crow Wing County | WATER ORIENTED ACCESSORY STRUCTURE | A small, above ground building or other improvement, except stairways, fences, docks and retaining walls, which, because of the relationship of its use to a surface water feature, reasonably needs to be located closer to the public waters than the normal structure setback. Examples of such structures and facilities include boathouses, gazebos, screen houses, fish houses, pump houses and detached decks. This type of structure is not generally permitted by this Ordinance except when a Variance is granted. |
| x | | DNR | Water-oriented accessory structure. | means a small, building or other improvement, except stairways, fences, docks, and retaining walls, that, because of the relationship of its use to a surface water feature, reasonably needs to be located closer to public waters than the normal structure setback. Water-oriented accessory structure includes gazebos, screen houses, fish houses, pump houses, and detached decks and patios. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Water Oriented Accessory Structure or Facility | A small above ground building or other improvement, except stairways, fences, docks and retaining walls, which because of the relationship of its use to a surface water feature is located closer to public waters than the normal structure setback. Examples of such structures and facilities include boat houses, gazebos, screen houses, fish cleaning houses and detached decks. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Water-Oriented Accessory Structure or Facility | A small above ground building or other improvement, except stairways, fences, docks and retaining walls, which because of the relationship of its use to a surface water feature is located closer to Public waters than the normal structure setback. Examples of such structures and facilities include boat houses, gazebos, screen houses, fish cleaning houses and detached decks. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Water-Oriented Accessory Structure or Facility | A small above-ground building or other improvement except stairways, fences, docks and retaining walls which because of the relationship of its use to a surface water feature is located closer to public waters than the normal structure setback. Examples of such structures and facilities include boathouses, patios, gazebos, screen houses, fish cleaning houses and detached decks. Permanent covers over boatlifts are included. Canvas covers are excluded. |
| | | Cass County | Wetland(s) | Land transitional between terrestrial and aquatic systems where the water table is usually at or near the surface or the land is covered by shallow water. For purposes of this definition, wetlands shall have the following three attributes: 1. have a predominance of hydric soils; 2. are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions; and 3. under normal circumstances supports a prevalence of such hydrophytic vegetation. |
| | | Crow Wing County | WETLAND | A surface water feature classified as a wetland in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Circular No. 39, 1971 Edition and any amendments thereto. |
| | | Crow Wing County | WETLAND | A natural marsh where water stands near, at, or above the soil surface during significant portions of the year and which is eligible for classification as an inland fresh water wetland type under U. S. Department of Interior Classifications. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Wetland | Lands transitional between terrestrial and aquatic systems where the water table is usually at or near the surface or the land is covered by shallow water. For the purposes of this definition, wetlands must have the following three attributes: 1. have a predominance of hydric soils, 2. are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions, and 3. under normal circumstances support a prevalence of such vegetation. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Wetland | Lands transitional between terrestrial and aquatic systems where the water table is usually at or near the surface or the land is covered by shallow water. For the purposes of this definition, wetlands must have the following three attributes: A. Have a predominance of hydric soils, B. Are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions, and C. Under normal circumstances support a prevalence of such vegetation. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Wetland | Lands transitional between terrestrial and aquatic systems where the water table is usually at or near the surface or the land is covered by shallow water. For purposes of this definition, wetlands must: A. have a predominance of hydric soils B. be inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration to support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions; and C. under normal circumstances, support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation. A "wetland" means the distinct hydrologic feature with characteristics of wetlands surrounded by non-wetland and including all contiguous wetland types, except those connected solely by riverine wetlands. Wetland Area means a portion of a wetland or the entire wetland. Wetlands do not include public waters wetlands and public waters that are designated on the public water inventory maps prepared under Minnesota Statutes, Section 103G.201. "Wetlands in a Cultivated field" shall mean a wetland where greater than 50% of its boundary abuts land that was in agricultural crop production in six of the ten years before January 1, 1991. "Wetlands on Agricultural land" shall mean a wetland where greater than 50% of its boundary abuts agricultural land. See also the Nisswa Wetland Ordinance. |
| x | | DNR | Wetland | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G. |
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| | | Crow Wing County | YARD | A required open space occupied and unobstructed by any structure or portion of a structure from thirty (30) inches above the ground level of the graded lot upward; a yard may allow for the placement of Special Structures as otherwise specified within the Ordinance. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Yard | A required green space occupied and unobstructed by a structure or portion of a structure provided that fences, signs, utility poles, lawn lights, antenna and related minor equipment may be permitted in any yard provided that they do not create a safety hazard or constitute a nuisance. |
| x | | DNR | Youth camp. | has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.71. |
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| | | Crow Wing County | ZONING ADMINISTRATOR | The Zoning Administrator of Crow Wing County, Minnesota or authorized representative. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Zoning Administrator | The duly appointed person responsible for the enforcement and administration of this Ordinance. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Zoning Administrator | The duly appointed person responsible for the enforcement and administration of this Ordinance. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Zoning Administrator | The duly appointed person responsible for the enforcement and administration of this Ordinance. May be the same as the Building Official. |
| | | Crow Wing County | ZONING DISTRICT | An area or areas within the limits of the County for which the regulations and requirements governing use are uniform. District boundaries are shown on the Official Zoning Map. |
| x | | City of East Gull Lake | Zoning District | An area of the City of East Gull Lake defined on the zoning map, having uniform zoning provisions. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Zoning District | An area of the City of Lake Shore defined on the zoning map, having uniform zoning provisions. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Zoning District | An area of the City of Nisswa defined on the zoning map, which defines the boundaries of the zoning districts. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Zoning District Overlay | A zoning district containing regulations superimposed upon other zoning district regulations and superceding the underlying zoning district regulations. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Zoning District Overlay | A zoning district containing regulations superimposed upon other zoning district regulations and superceding the underlying zoning district regulations. |
| | | Crow Wing County | ZONING MAP, ZONING DISTRICT MAP | The atlas maps showing various zoning districts into which the County, excepting the incorporated area, are separated into, together with other mapping details contained therein, including the legends and other descriptive material contained therewith. There are four official copies of the Zoning District Map: one is filed in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crow Wing County; one is filed in the Office of the County Auditor for Crow Wing County and two are filed in the Office of the Zoning Administrator for Crow Wing County. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Zoning Map | The map of the City of East Gull Lake, amended from time to time, which defines the boundaries of the zoning districts. |
| x | | City of Lakeshore | Zoning Map | The map of the City of Lake Shore, amended from time to time, which defines the boundaries of the zoning districts. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Zoning Map | The map of the City of Nisswa, amended from time to time, which defines the boundaries of the zoning districts. |
| | | Crow Wing County | ZONING PERMIT | A permit issued under the Ordinance by the Zoning Administrator authorizing and permitting certain work to be done by the applicants as specified elsewhere in the Ordinance. |
| | | City of East Gull Lake | Zoning Permit | A permit issued by the Zoning Administrator to allow the construction of a structure or to allow a land use when the provisions of this ordinance have been met, when approval of any conditional use permits or variances have been granted and when the fees are paid. A zoning permit may have administrative conditions specific to the subject site when called for by the Ordinance. |
| | | City of Lakeshore | Zoning Permit | A permit authorizing an Applicant under this Code to undertake construction or other development activity. |
| | | City of Nisswa | Zoning Permit | A permit issued by the Zoning Administrator to allow the construction of a structure or to allow a land use when the provisions of this ordinance have been met and when approval of any conditional use permits or variances has been granted and when the fees are paid. A zoning permit may have administrative conditions specific to the subject site when provided by the ordinance. The building permit issued by the Building Official for erection, modification, or removal of a building structure constitutes the zoning permit for that use. |
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