

SECTION 166

Definitions

166.01 Purpose

Article Two shall be known as the Definitions. The purpose of these provisions is to promote consistency and precision in the interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance. The meaning and construction of words as set forth shall apply throughout the Zoning Ordinance, unless where modified in a specific section or where the context of such words or phrases clearly indicates a different meaning or construction.

166.02 General Construction of Language

The following general rules of construction apply to the text of the Zoning Ordinance.

a. Headings

Section and subsection headings contained herein are provided for illustrative purposes only and shall not be deemed to limit, govern, modify, or otherwise affect the scope, meaning, or intent of any provision of the Zoning Ordinance.

b. Illustration

In the case of any real or apparent conflict between the text of the Ordinance and any illustration explaining the text, the text shall apply.

c. Shall and May

"Shall" is always mandatory. "May" is discretionary.

d. Tenses and Numbers

Words used in the present tense include the future tense. Words used in the singular include the plural, and the plural the singular, unless the context clearly indicates the contrary.

e. Conjunctions

Unless the context clearly indicates the contrary, the following conjunctions shall be interpreted as follows:

1. "And" indicates that all connected items or provisions apply.
2. "Or" indicates that the connected items or provisions may apply singly or in any combination.
3. "Either ... or" indicates that the connected items or provisions shall apply singly but not in combination.

f. Referenced Agencies

Unless otherwise indicated, all public officials, bodies, and agencies referred to in this Chapter are those of the City of Glenwood.

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166.03 Definition of Terms

For the purposes of this Zoning Ordinance, certain terms and words are hereby defined. Certain sections contain definitions which are additional to those listed here. Where terms are not specifically defined, their ordinarily accepted meaning or meanings implied by their context shall apply.

166.04 A

1. **Abutting:** Having lot lines or district boundaries in common, including property separated by a public street or alley. Used interchangeably with adjacent.
2. **Accessory Structure:** A structure which is incidental to and customarily associated with a specific principal use or building on the same site.
3. **Accessory Use:** A use which is incidental to and customarily associated with a specific principal use on the same site.
4. **Addition:** Any construction which increases the size of a building or structure in terms of site coverage, height, length, width, or gross floor area.
5. **Agent of Owner:** Any person showing written verification that he/she is acting for, and with the knowledge and consent of, a property owner.
6. **Alley:** A public right of way, other than a street and twenty feet or less in width which is used as a secondary means of access to abutting property.
7. **Alteration:** Any construction or physical change in the internal arrangement of spaces, the supporting members, the positioning on a site, or the appearance of a building or structure.
8. **Apartment:** A housing unit within a building designed for and suitable for occupancy by only one family. Apartments are generally located within multi-family residential buildings.
9. **Assisted Living:** Assisted living means provision of housing with services which may include but are not limited to health-related care, personal care, and assistance with instrumental activities of daily living to six or more tenants in a physical structure which provides a homelike environment. Assisted living also includes encouragement of family involvement, tenant self-direction, and tenant participation in decisions that emphasize choice, dignity, privacy, individuality, shared risk, and independence. Assisted living includes the provision of housing and assistance with instrumental activities of daily living only if personal care or health-related care is also included.
10. **Attached:** Having one or more walls in common with a principal building or connected to a principal building by an integral architectural element, such as a covered passageway; facade wall extension; or archway.

166.05 B

1. **Base Zoning District:** A district established by this Ordinance which prescribes basic regulations governing land use and site development standards. No more than one Base Zoning District shall apply to any individually platted lot or parcel unless the lot or parcel is part of a Planned Unit Development.
2. **Basement:** A level of a building below street level that has at least one-half of its height below the surface of adjacent ground. A basement used for independent dwelling or business purposes shall be considered a story for the purposes of height measurement.

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3. **Beginning of Construction:** The initial incorporation of labor and materials within the foundation of a building or structure.
4. **Billboard:** Any structure or portion thereof having an area of one hundred (100) square feet or more on which lettered, figured or pictorial matter is displayed for advertising for off premises purposes.
5. **Block:** An area of land within a subdivision that is entirely bounded by streets, by streets and the exterior boundaries of the subdivision, or by a combination of the above with a watercourse, lake, railroad, or other significant natural or man-made barrier, and which has been designated as such on a plat for the purposes of legal description of a property.
6. **City Block Face:** The property abutting one side of a street and lying between the two nearest intersection streets, or between the one nearest intersecting street and a major physical barrier, including, but not limited to, railroads, streams, lakes, or the corporate limits of Glenwood.
7. **Board of Adjustment:** A body, established by the City expressly for the purpose of granting relief from situations of hardship and to hear appeals as provided by this Ordinance.
8. **Bufferyard:** A landscaped area intended to separate and partially obstruct the view of two adjacent land uses or properties from one another.
9. **Building:** A structure entirely separated from any other structure by space or by walls and having a roof and built to provide shelter, support, or enclosure for persons or property.
10. **Building Coverage:** The area of a site covered by buildings or roofed areas, excluding allowed projecting eaves, balconies, and similar features.
11. **Building Envelope:** The three-dimensional space within which a structure is permitted to be built on a lot after all zoning and other applicable municipal requirements have been met.
12. **Building Line:** The outer boundary of a building established by the location of its exterior walls.
13. **Building Official:** The city official, designated by the City Council, who is responsible for the enforcement of the applicable building code and conditional uses.
14. **Building Permit:** A document that must be issued by the Building Official prior to erecting, constructing, enlarging, altering, repairing, moving, improving, removing, converting, or demolishing any building or structure regulated by this Ordinance or by the applicable building codes of the City of Glenwood. Issuance of a building permit follows review of plans by the Building Official to determine that the proposed use of building or land complies with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.
15. **Business:** Activities that include the exchange or manufacture of goods or services on a site.
16. **Business Center:** A building containing more than one commercial business, or any group of non-residential buildings within a common development, characterized by shared parking and access.

166.06 C

1. **Certificate of Occupancy:** An official certificate issued by the Building Official or his/her designee prior to occupancy of a completed building or structure, upon finding of conformance with the applicable building code and this Zoning Ordinance.

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2. **Change of Use:** The replacement of an existing use by a new use.
3. **City:** The City of Glenwood, Iowa.
4. **City Council:** The City Council of Glenwood, Iowa.
5. **Common Area:** An area held, designed, and designated for common or cooperative use within a development.
6. **Common Development:** A development proposed and planned as one unified project not separated by a public street or alley.
7. **Common Open Space:** Land within or related to a development that is not individually owned or dedicated for public use, designed and generally intended for the common use of the residents of the development.
8. **Compatibility:** The degree to which two or more different land use types are able to exist together in close proximity, with no one use having significant negative effects on any other use.
9. **Comprehensive Plan:** The duly adopted Comprehensive Development Plan of the City of Glenwood.
10. **Conditional Use:** A use which is allowed in a zoning district which may be subject to specific qualifying criteria and conditions and which requires a finding by the Planning Commission of consistency with certain standards set forth in this Ordinance to evaluate its consistency with the character of other permitted uses in or around the proposed site.
11. **Condominium:** An ownership regime whereby the title to each unit of occupancy is held in separate ownership, and the real estate on which the units are located is held in common ownership solely by the owners of the units with each owner having an undivided interest in the common real estate. Condominiums may include residential, commercial, office, or industrial uses.
12. **Conservation Development:** A development design technique that concentrates buildings in specific areas on a site to allow remaining land to be used for recreation, common open space, or the preservation of historically or environmentally sensitive features.
13. **Conservation (or Cluster) Subdivision:** Wholly or in majority, a residential subdivision that permits a reduction in lot area, setback, or other site development regulations, provided 1) there is no increase in the overall density permitted for a conventional subdivision in a given zoning district, and 2) the remaining land area is used for common space.
14. **County:** Mills County, Iowa.
15. **Courtyard:** An open, unoccupied space, bounded on two or more sides by the walls of the building.
16. **Conventional Subdivision:** A subdivision which literally meets all nominal standards of the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances for lot dimensions, setbacks, street frontage, and other site development regulations.
17. **Creative Subdivision:** A subdivision which, while complying with the Subdivision Ordinance, diverges from nominal compliance with site development regulations in the Land Development Ordinance. Creative subdivisions imply a higher level of pre-planning than conventional subdivisions. They may be employed for the purpose of environmental protection or the creation of

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superior community design. Types of Creative Subdivisions include Conservation Subdivisions and Traditional Neighborhood Districts.

166.07 D

1. Density: The amount of development per specific unit of a site.
2. Drive-in Services: Uses which involve the sale of products or provision of services to occupants in vehicles.
3. Detached: Fully separated from any other building or jointed to another building in such a manner as not to constitute an enclosed or covered connection.
4. Driveway: A permanently paved, surfaced area providing vehicular access between a street and an off-street parking or loading area.
5. Dwelling Unit: One or more rooms, designed, occupied or intended for occupancy as a separate living quarter, with cooking, sleeping, and sanitary facilities provided within the dwelling unit for the exclusive use of a single family, as defined in Section 166.09(1), maintaining a household.

166.08 E

1. Easement: A privilege or right of use granted on, above, under, or across a particular tract of land for a specific purpose by one owner to another owner, public or private agency, or utility.
2. Enclosed: A roofed or covered space fully surrounded by walls.

166.09 F

1. Family: One or more persons living together and sharing common living, sleeping, cooking, and eating facilities within an individual housing unit, no more than 4 of whom may be unrelated. The following persons shall be considered related for the purpose of this ordinance:
 - (a) Persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption;
 - (b) Persons residing with a family for the purpose of adoption;
 - (c) Not more than eight persons under 19 years of age, residing in a foster house licensed or approved by the State of Iowa.
 - (d) Not more than eight persons 19 years of age or older residing with a family for the purpose of receiving foster care licensed or approved by the State of Iowa.
 - (e) Person(s) living with a family at the direction of a court.
2. Fascia: A parapet-type wall used as part of the facade of a flat-roofed building and projecting no more than six feet from the immediately adjacent building face. Such a wall shall enclose at least three sides of the projecting flat roof and return to the parapet wall or the building.
3. Federal: Pertaining to the Government of the United States of America.
4. Floor Area: *See Gross Floor Area*
5. Floor Area Ratio: The quotient of gross floor area of all buildings on a site divided by gross site area of the site.

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6. Frontage: The length of a property line of any one premises abutting and parallel to a public street, private way, or court from which access is permitted.

166.10 G

1. Garage: An accessory building or portion of a main building used primarily for storage of motor vehicles.
2. Grade: The horizontal elevation of the finished surface of ground, paving, or sidewalk adjacent to any building line.
 - (a) For buildings having walls facing one street only, the grade shall be the elevation of the ground at the center of the wall facing the street.
 - (b) For buildings having walls facing more than one street, the grade shall be the average elevation of the grades of all walls facing each street.
 - (c) For buildings having no walls facing a street, the grade shall be the average level of the finished surface of the ground adjacent to the exterior walls of the building.
3. Gross Floor Area: The total enclosed area of all floors of a building, measured to the inside surfaces of the exterior walls. This definition excludes the areas of basements, elevator shafts, airspaces above atriums, and enclosed off-street parking and loading areas serving a principal use. The floor area of buildings devoted to bulk storage of materials including, but not limited to, grain elevators and petroleum storage tanks, shall be determined on the basis of height in feet, with each ten feet of height being equivalent to one floor.

166.11 H

1. Height: The vertical distance from the established grade to the highest point of the coping of a flat roof, the deck line of a mansard roof, or to the average height between eaves and the ridge for gable, hip, shed, or gambrel roofs. For other cases, height shall be measured as the vertical distance from the established grade to the highest point of a structure as herein defined. Where a building or structure is located on a slope, height shall be measured from the average grade level adjacent to the building or structure.
2. Home Based Business/Home Occupation: An accessory occupational use conducted entirely within a dwelling unit by its inhabitants, which is clearly incidental to the residential use of the dwelling unit or residential structure and does not change the residential character of its site.
3. Housing Unit or Dwelling Unit: A building or portion of a building arranged for and intended for occupancy as an independent living facility for one family, including permanent provisions for cooking.

166.12 I

1. Impervious coverage: The total horizontal area of all buildings, roofed or covered spaces, paved surface areas, walkways and driveways, and any other site improvements that decrease the ability of the surface of the site to absorb water, expressed as a percent of site area. The surface water area of pools is excluded from this definition.

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166.14 K

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166.15 L

1. Landscaped Area: The area within the boundaries of a given lot, site or common development consisting primarily of plant material, including but not limited to grass, trees, shrubs, vines, ground cover, and other organic plant materials; or grass paver masonry units installed such that the appearance of the area is primarily landscaped.

(a) Perimeter Landscaped Area: Any required landscaped area that adjoins the exterior boundary of a lot, site or common development.

(b) Interior Landscaped Area: Any landscaped area within a site exclusive of required perimeter landscaping.

2. Lane: An approved private right-of-way which provides access to residential properties and meets at least three of the following conditions:

(a) Serves twelve or fewer housing units or platted lots.

(b) Does not function as a local street because of its alignment, design, or location.

(c) Is completely internal to a development.

(d) Does not exceed 600 feet in length.

3. Loading Area: An off-street area used for the loading or unloading of goods from a vehicle in connection with the use of the site on which such area is located.

4. Lot: A parcel of property with a separate and distinct number or other identifying designation which has been created, assigned and recorded in the Office of the Mills County Recorder. Each individual lot is subject to the provisions of each particular base Zoning District.

(a) Corner Lot: A lot located at the junction of at least two streets, private ways or courts or at least two segments of a curved street, private way or court, at which the angle of intersection is no greater than 135 degrees.

(b) Double Frontage Lot: A lot, other than a corner lot, having frontage on two streets, private ways or courts. Primary access shall be restricted on a double frontage lot to the minor of the two streets or to the front line as determined at time of platting or as defined by this ordinance. (Also known as a Through Lot)

(c) Interior Lot: A lot other than a corner lot.

(d) Common Development Lot: When two or more contiguous lots are developed as part of a single development, these lots may be considered a single lot for purposes of this ordinance.

5. Lot Area: The total horizontal area within the lot lines of a lot.

6. Lot Depth: The mean horizontal distance measured between the front and rear lot lines.

7. Lot Line: A property boundary line(s) of record that divides one lot from another lot or a lot from the public or private street right-of-way or easement. Once established, lot lines may not be redefined due to a change of address which would result in a new definition of the following defined lot lines.

(a) Front Lot Line: The lot line separating a lot and a public or private street right-of-way or easement.

1) For an interior lot, the lot line separating the lot from the right-of-way or easement.

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2) For a corner lot, the shorter lot line abutting a public or private street or easement. In instances of equal line dimension, the front lot line shall be determined by the Building Official, or as may be noted on the final plat.

3) For a double frontage lot, the lot lines separating the lot from the right-of-way or easement of the more minor street. In cases where each street has the same classification, the front lot line shall be determined by the Building Official at the time of application for the original building permit for the lot, or as may be noted on the final plat.

(b) Rear Lot Line: The lot line which is opposite and most distant from the front line.

(c) Side Lot Line: Any lot line that is neither a front or rear lot line. A side lot line separating a lot from a street, private way or court is a street side lot line. A side lot line separating a lot from another lot or lots is an interior side lot line.

8. Lot Width: The horizontal distance measured between the side lot lines of a lot, at right angles to its depth along a straight line parallel to the front lot line at the minimum required setback line.

166.16 M

1. Manufactured Home Dwelling: A factory built single-family dwelling, structure which is to be used as a place for human habitation, which is manufactured or constructed under the authority of 42 U.S. 3. Sec. 5403, Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards, and which is not constructed or equipped with a permanent hitch or other device allowing it to be moved other than to a permanent site; does not have permanently attached to its body or frame any wheels or axles. A mobile home constructed to the National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards promulgated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development is not a manufactured home unless it has been converted to real property and is taxed as a site-built dwelling as is provided in the Code of Iowa section 435.26, and which complies with the following architectural and aesthetic standards listed below. For the purpose of any of these regulations, manufactured homes shall be considered the same as a single-family detached dwelling. In common with single-family detached dwellings, a manufactured home dwelling unit shall have the following characteristics:

(a) The home shall have at least 800 square feet of floor area;

(b) The home shall have an exterior width of at least 20 feet;

(c) The roof shall be pitched with a minimum vertical rise of 3 inches for each 12 inches of horizontal run.

(d) The exterior material is of a color, material, and scale comparable with those existing in the residential site on which the manufactured home dwelling is being permanently installed;

(e) The home shall have a nonreflective roof material which is or simulates asphalt or wood shingles, tile, or rock;

(f) Permanent utility connections shall be installed in accordance with local regulations;

(g) The home shall have all wheels, axles, transporting lights, and towing apparatus removed; and

(h) The home shall be installed upon a permanent foundation that is constructed and built in accordance with the regulations of the City of Glenwood.

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2. **Mixed Use Building:** A building or structure that incorporates two or more use types within a single building or structure, provided that each use type is permitted within the individual Base Zoning District in which the building or structure is to be located.
3. **Mixed Use Development:** A single development which incorporates complementary land use types into a single development.
4. **Mobile Homes:** A building type designed to be transportable in one or more sections, constructed on a permanent chassis or undercarriage, and designed to be used as a dwelling unit or other use with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, but not bearing a seal attesting to the approval and issuance of the Iowa Department of Health or conformance to the manufactured home procedural and enforcement regulations, as adopted by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development; or not otherwise satisfying the definition of Manufactured Home Dwellings.
5. **Mobile Home Park:** A unified development under single ownership, developed, subdivided, planned, and improved for the placement of mobile home units for non-transient use. Mobile Home Parks include common areas and facilities for management, recreation, laundry, utility services, storage, storm shelter, and other services; but do not include mobile home sales lots on which unoccupied mobile homes are parked for the purposes of display, inspection, sale, or storage.
6. **Mobile Home Subdivision:** A development subdivided, planned, and improved for the placement of mobile home units on lots for uses by the individual owners of such lots. Mobile Home Subdivisions may include common areas and facilities for management, recreation, laundry, utility services, storage, storm shelter, and other services; but do not include mobile home sales lots on which unoccupied mobile homes are parked for the purpose of display, inspection, sale, or storage.

166.17 N

1. **Nonconforming Development:** A building, structure, or improvement which does not comply with the regulations for its zoning district set forth by this Zoning Ordinance but which complied with applicable regulations at the time of construction.
2. **Nonconforming Lot:** A lot which was lawful prior to the adoption, revision, or amendment of this zoning ordinance but that fails by reason of such adoption, revision, or amendment to conform to the present requirements of the zoning ordinance. No action can be taken which would increase the non-conforming characteristics of the lot.
3. **Nonconforming Sign:** A sign that was legally erected prior to the adoption, revision, or amendment of this zoning ordinance but that fails by reason of such adoption, revision, or amendment to conform to the present requirements of the zoning ordinance.
4. **Nonconforming Structure:** A structure which was lawful prior to the adoption, revision, or amendment of this zoning ordinance but that fails by reason of such adoption, revision, or amendment to conform to the present requirements of the zoning ordinance. No action can be taken which would increase the non-conforming characteristics of the structure.
5. **Nonconforming Use:** A land use which was lawful prior to the adoption, revision, or amendment of this zoning ordinance but that fails by reason of such adoption, revision, or amendment to conform to the present requirements of the zoning ordinance. No action can be taken which would increase the non-conforming characteristics of the land use.
6. **Nuisance:** An unreasonable and continuous invasion of the use and enjoyment of a property right which a reasonable person would find annoying, unpleasant, obnoxious, or offensive.

166.18 O

1. **Open Space:** Area included on any site or lot that is open and unobstructed to the sky, except for allowed projections of cornices, overhangs, porches, balconies, or plant materials.
2. **Outdoor Storage:** The storage of materials, parts, or products that are related to the primary use of a site for a period exceeding three days.
3. **Overlay District:** A district established by this Ordinance to prescribe special regulations to be applied to a site only in combination with a base district.
4. **Owner:** An individual, firm, association, syndicate, partnership, or corporation having sufficient proprietary interest to seek development of land.

166.19 P

1. **Parking Facility:** An area on a lot and/or within a building, including one or more parking spaces, along with provision for access circulation, maneuvering, and landscaping, meeting the requirements of this Zoning Ordinance. Parking facilities include parking lots, private garages, and parking structures. Vehicle storage is distinct from parking, and is regulated by provisions in Sections 167.07b, 167.08, 167.09, and Table 4-2. Vehicle storage is also governed by provisions of Article 9: Parking Regulations.
2. **Parking Spaces:** An area on a lot and/or within a building, intended for the use of temporary parking of a personal vehicle. This term is used interchangeably with "parking stall". Each parking space must have a means of access to a public street. Tandem parking stalls in single-family detached, single-family attached, and townhome residential uses shall be considered to have a means of access to a public street.
3. **Paved:** Permanently surfaced with poured concrete, concrete pavers, brick pavers, or asphalt.
4. **Permanent Swimming Pools:** Swimming pools above ground or in ground which remain erected substantially year round or those constructed with durable materials such as wood, metal, and/or hard plastic (excludes toddler wading pools).
5. **Permitted Use:** A land use type allowed as a matter of right in a zoning district, subject only to special requirements of this Zoning Ordinance.
6. **Planning Commission:** The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Glenwood, as authorized pursuant to Chapter 414 of the Iowa Code. The Planning and Zoning Commission is also to be known as the Planning and Zoning Board, and such titles are used interchangeably in the City Code of Ordinances.
7. **Planned Unit Development:** A development of land which is under unified control and is planned and developed as a whole in a single development operation or programmed series of development stages. The development may include streets, circulation ways, utilities, buildings, open spaces, and other site features and improvements.
8. **Porch, Unenclosed:** A roofed or unroofed open structure projecting from an exterior wall of a building and having no enclosed features more than thirty inches above its floor other than wire screening and a roof with supporting structure.
9. **Premises:** A lot, parcel, tract or plot of land, contiguous and under common ownership or control, together with the buildings and structure thereon.

10. Prepared Surface: A surface of gravel, pervious paving surfaces, or other paved surfaces as defined by this Land Development Ordinance.
11. Principal use: The main use of land or structures as distinguished from an accessory use.
12. Private Garage: A building for the storage of motor vehicles where no repair service facilities are maintained and where no motor vehicles are kept for rental or sale.
13. Property Line: See "Lot Line."

166.20 Q

166.21 R

1. Recreational Vehicle: A vehicle towed or self propelled on its own chassis or attached to the chassis of another vehicle and designed or used for temporary dwelling, recreational, or sporting purposes. Recreational vehicles include, but are not limited to, travel trailers; campers; motor coach homes; converted buses and trucks, boats, and boat trailers.
2. Regulation: A specific requirement set forth by this Zoning Ordinance which must be followed.
3. Remote Parking: A supply of off-street parking at a location not on the site of a given development.

166.22 S

1. Screening: The method by which a view of one site from another adjacent site is shielded, concealed, or hidden. Screening techniques include fences, walls, hedges, berms, or other features as may be permitted by the landscape provisions of this ordinance.
2. Setback: The distance, as required by the minimum setback(s) which establishes the horizontal component(s) of the building envelope.
3. Sign: A symbolic, visual device fixed upon a building, vehicle, structure, or parcel of land, which is intended to convey information about a product, business, activity, place, person, institution, candidate, or political idea.
4. Site: The parcel of land to be developed or built upon. A site may encompass a single lot; or a group of lots developed as a common development under the special and overlay districts provisions of this ordinance.
5. Site Plan: A plan, prepared to scale, showing accurately and with complete dimensioning, the boundaries of a site and the location of all buildings, structures, uses, and principal site development features proposed for a specific parcel of land; and any other information that may be reasonably requested by the City in order that an informed decision can be made on the associated request.
6. Special Permit Use: A use with operating and/or physical characteristics different from those of permitted uses in a given zoning district which may, nonetheless, be compatible with those uses under special conditions and with adequate public review. Special permit uses are allowed in a zoning district only at the discretion of and with the explicit permission of the Planning Commission, as provided by Article 12 of this Ordinance.
7. State: The State of Iowa.

8. Story: The portion of a building included between the surface of any floor and the surface of the next floor above it; if there is no floor above it, the space between such floor and the next ceiling above it. A half story is a story under a sloped roof, the wall heights of which on at least two opposite, exterior walls are less than four feet.
9. Street: A right of way, dedicated to public use, which affords a primary means of access to the abutting property. This definition is intended to be inclusive of the term as defined in Iowa State Statutes.
10. Street, Arterial: Street or highways intended to provide for through traffic movement between areas of the city or across the city. Major arterials usually imply relatively high speeds and traffic volumes, and are often subject to control of access to individual properties. Minor arterials are generally intended to provide trips of moderate lengths and imply lower operating speeds and more frequent points of local access than major arterial streets.
11. Street, Collector: A street connecting neighborhoods within the same communities, designed to carry traffic from local to arterial streets.
12. Street, Intersecting and Principal: In regard to a site, the principal street shall be the street to which the majority of lots on a blockface are oriented; the intersecting street shall be a street other than a principal street.
13. Street, Local: A street which is used primarily for access to the abutting properties.
14. Street, Major: A street carrying traffic between neighborhoods, connecting neighborhoods with major activity centers, or accommodating major through traffic. Major streets are designated as collectors, arterials, or expressways by the Comprehensive Development Plan and are normally included in and eligible for assistance under the TEA-21 program.
15. Structure: Any object constructed or built and attached or anchored permanently or semi-permanently to the ground in such a way as to prevent routine movement. For the purpose of this ordinance, any building mounted on a skid will be considered a structure.

166.23 T

1. Townhouse: A dwelling unit having a common wall with or abutting one or more adjacent dwelling units in a townhouse structure, with its own front and rear access to the outside, and neither above nor below any other dwelling unit.
2. Townhouse Structure: A building formed by at least two and not more than twelve contiguous townhouses with common or abutting walls.

166.24 U

1. Use: The conduct of an activity, or the performance of a function or operation, on a site or in a building or facility.
2. Utilities: Installations, either above or below ground, necessary for the production, generation, transmission, delivery, collection, treatments, or storage of water, solid or fluid wastes, storm water, energy media, gas, electronic or electromagnetic signals, or other services which are precedent to development and use of land.

166.25 V

166.26 W

1. Window: An opening in a building for admitting light and/or air, having pane or panes of glass.

166.27 X

166.28 Y

1. Yard; Required: That portion of a lot which lies between a lot line and the corresponding building setback line or the required landscape area. This area shall be unoccupied and unobstructed from the ground upward except as may be specifically provided for or required by this ordinance.

(a) Front Yard: The space extending the full width of a lot, lying between the front lot line and the front setback line. For a corner lot, the front yard shall normally be defined as that yard along a street which meets one of the following two criteria:

- 1) The yard along the blockface to which a greater number of structures are oriented; or
- 2) The yard along a street that has the smaller horizontal dimension.

(b) Rear Yard: The space extending the full width of a lot, lying between the rear lot line and the rear setback line.

(c) Side Yard: The space extending the depth of a lot from the front to rear lot lines, lying between the side yard setback line and the interior lot line.

(d) Street Side Yard: On a corner lot, the space extending from the front yard to the rear yard, between the street side yard setback line and the street side lot line.

166.29 Z

1. Zoning Administrator: The designee of the City Council responsible for the interpretation, administration, and enforcement of the Glenwood Zoning Ordinance.

2. Zoning District: A designated specified land classification, within which all sites are subject to a unified group of use and site development regulations set forth in this Zoning Ordinance.