

ARTICLE 30: DEFINITIONS

Body Piercing: The act of penetrating or puncturing of human skin by any method, for the purpose of inserting jewelry or other objects, in or through the human body. *Body Piercing* is exclusive of any medical procedure that is performed by a licensed medical or dental professional.

Boundary Property Line: The near side of any street, alley, stream, or other permanently dedicated open space from the noise source when such open space exists between the property line of the noise source and adjacent property. When no such open space exists, the common line between two parcels of property shall be interpreted as the boundary property line (Reference [Article 11, "Performance Standards"](#)).

Bounding Property Line: Reference [Article 11 "Performance Standards"](#) for definition.

Breakaway Wall: Means a wall that is not part of the structural support of the building and is intended through its design and construction to collapse under specific lateral loading forces, without causing damage to the elevated portion of the building or supporting foundation system (Reference [Article 15, "Floodplain Management"](#)).

Brewpub: An establishment regulated, licensed and/or permitted by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission which contains a brewery producing liquor or beer and which offers its product for on-site sale and consumption in the same facility or structure as the brewery and which may or may not serve food in the same facility or structure as the brewery. This definition may also include a restaurant within the same area or district in which a brewpub is allowed, which brews liquor or beer on-site and serves the liquor or beer for on-site consumption in the same facility or structure, and where gross receipts of alcoholic beverages do not exceed 50% of gross receipts. (Reference [Article 11, "Performance Standards"](#))

Buffer Yard: A buffer yard is a strip of land, together with a specified amount of planting, that may be required between land uses to eliminate or minimize impact between the uses. Only those structures used for buffering and/or screening purposes shall be located within a buffer yard. The buffer yard shall not include any paved area, except for pedestrian sidewalks or paths or vehicular drives that may intersect the buffer yard and which shall be the minimum width necessary to provide pedestrian or vehicular access (Reference [Article 8, "Landscape and Screening"](#)).

Building Directional Sign: Reference [Article 9 "Sign Standards"](#) for definition.

Building: Any structure having a roof supported by columns or walls and intended for the shelter, housing or enclosure of any individual, animal, process, equipment, goods or materials of any nature.

Building Area: That portion of a building site exclusive of the required yard areas on which a structure or building improvements may be erected and including the actual structure, driveway, parking lot, pool and other construction as shown on a site plan (Reference [Article 8, "Landscape and Screening"](#)).

Building Coverage: The proportion of the lot area, expressed as a percent that is covered by the maximum horizontal cross-section of a building or buildings.

Building Ends: Those sides of a building having the least dimension as compared to the front or rear of a building. As used herein for the building spacing regulations for multiple-family dwellings, a building end shall be interpreted as being the narrowest side of a building regardless of whether it fronts upon a street, faces the rear of the lot, or is adjacent to the side lot line or another building.