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SUMMARY OF REGULATION: State the general requirements and purposes of this regulation.

This regulation governs definitions for building code terms.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY: C. 802 of Acts of 1972, as amended and MGL C. 143 Sections 93-100

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DEFINITIONS

780 CMR 201.0 GENERAL

201.1 Scope. Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following words and terms shall, for the purposes of 780 CMR, have the meanings shown in 780 CMR 2.00.

201.2 Interchangeability. Words used in the present tense include the future; words stated in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter; the singular number includes the plural and the plural, the singular.

201.3 Terms Defined in Other Codes. Where terms are not defined in 780 CMR and are defined in the International Mechanical Code or any of the applicable Specialized Codes (see 780CMR 101.5), such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as in those codes.

201.4 Terms Not Defined. Where terms are not defined through the methods authorized by this section, such terms shall have ordinarily accepted meanings such as the context implies.

780 CMR 202.0 DEFINITIONS

ACCESSIBLE. See 521 CMR 5.00.

ACCESSIBLE MEANS OF EGRESS. See 780 CMR 1002.1.

ACCESSIBLE ROUTE. See 521 CMR 5.00.

ACCREDITATION BODY. See 780 CMR 2302:1.

ADDITION. An extension or increase in floor area or height of a building or structure.

ADHERED MASONRY VENEER. See 780 CMR 1402.1.

AEROSOL. See 780 CMR 307.2.

Level 1 Aerosol Products. See 780 CMR 307.2. Level 2 Aerosol Products. See 780 CMR 307.2. Level 3 Aerosol Products. See 780 CMR 307.2.

AEROSOL CONTAINER. See 780 CMR 307.2.

AGRICULTURE. Defined by M.G.L. c. 128, §1A. Specifically, "farming" or "agriculture" shall include farming in all of its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil, dairying, the production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural or horticultural commodities, the growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, the raising of livestock including horses, the keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise, the keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle and other domesticated animals used for food purposes, bees, fur-bearing animals, and any forestry or lumbering operations, performed by a farmer, who is hereby defined as one engaged in agriculture or farming as defined in 780 CMR 202.0, or on a farm as an incident to or in conjunction with such farming

operations, including preparations for market, delivery to storage or to market or to carriers for transportation to market.

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AGRICULTURAL BUILDING: A structure designed and constructed to house farm implements, hay, grain, poultry, livestock or other horticultural products. This structure shall not be a place of human habitation.

AIR-INFLATED STRUCTURE. See 780 CMR 3102.2.

AIR-SUPPORTED STRUCTURE. See 780 CMR 3102.2.

Double Skin. See 780 CMR 3102.2. Single Skin. See 780 CMR 3102.2.

AISLE ACCESSWAY. See 780 CMR 1002.1.

ALARM NOTIFICATION APPLIANCE. See 780 CMR 902.1.

ALARM SIGNAL. See 780 CMR 902.1.

ALARM VERIFICATION FEATURE. See 780 CMR 902.1.

ALLEY. See "Public Way."

ALLOWABLE STRESS DESIGN. See 780 CMR 1602.1.

ALTERATION. Any Construction or Renovation to an Existing Structure Other than Repair or Addition.

ALTERNATING TREAD DEVICE. See 780 CMR 1002.1.

ANCHOR BUILDING. See 780 CMR 402.2.

ANCHORED MASONRY VENEER. See 780 CMR 1402.1.

ANNULAR SPACE. See 780 CMR 702.1.

ANNUNCIATOR. See 780 CMR 902.1.

APPROVED. Acceptable to the Building Official.

APPROVED SOURCE. An independent person, firm or corporation, approved by the building official, who is competent and experienced in the application of engineering principles to materials, methods or systems analyses.

ARCHITECTURAL TERRA, COTTA. See. 780 CMR 2102.1.

AREA, BUILDING. See 780 CMR 502.1.

AREA OF REFUGE. See 780 CMR 1002.1.

AREAWAY. A subsurface space adjacent to a building open at the top or protected at the top by a grating or guard.

ATRIUM. See 780 CMR 404.1.1,

ATTIC. The space between the ceiling beams of the

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top story and the roof rafters.

AUDIBLE ALARM NOTIFICATION APPLIANCE. See 780 CMR 902.1.

AUTOMATIC. See 780 CMR 902.1.

AUTOMATIC FIRE-EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM. See 780 CMR 902.1.

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM, See 780 CMR 902.1.

AVERAGE AMBIENT SOUND LEVEL. See 780 CMR 902.1

AWNING. An architectural projection that provides weather protection, identity or decoration and is wholly supported by the building to which it is attached. An awning is comprised of a lightweight, rigid skeleton structure over which a covering is attached.

BACKING, See 780 CMR 1402.1.

BALCONY, EXTERIOR. See 780 CMR 1602.1.

BARRICADE. See 780 CMR 307.2.

Artificial Barricade. See 780 CMR 307.2. Natural Barricade. See 780 CMR 307.2.

BASEMENT. That portion of a building that is partly or completely below grade (*See* "Story above grade plane" and 780 CMR 502.1 and 1612.2).

BLEACHERS. See 780 CMR 1002.1.

BOARDING HOUSE, See 780 CMR 310.2.

BOILING POINT: See 780 CMR 307.2.

BOND BEAM. See 780 CMR 2102.1.

BRICK. See 780 CMR 2102.1.

Calcium Silicate (Sand Lime Brick). See 780 CMR 2102.1.

Clay or Shale. See 780 CMR 2102.1. Concrete. See 780 CMR 2102.1.

BUILDING. Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.

BUILDING LINE. The line established by law, beyond which a building shall not extend, except as specifically provided by law.

BUILDING OFFICIAL. The officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of 780 CMR, or a duly authorized representative.

BUILT-UP ROOF COVERING. See 780 CMR 1502.1.

BUTTRESS. See 780 CMR 2102.1.

CABLE-RESTRAINED, AIR-SUPPORTED STRUCTURE. See 780 CMR 3102.2.

CANOPY. An architectural projection that provides weather protection, identity or decoration and is supported by the building to which it is attached and at the outer end by not less than one stanchion. A canopy is comprised of a rigid structure over which

a covering is attached.

CARBON DIOXIDE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS. See 780 CMR 902.1.

CAST STONE. See 780 CMR 2102.1.

CEILING LIMIT. See 780 CMR 902.1.

CEILING RADIATION DAMPER. See 780 CMR 702.1.

CELL. See 780 CMR 2102.1.

CEMENT PLASTER. See 780 CMR 2502.1.

CERAMIC FIBER BLANKET. See 780 CMR 721.1.1.

CHIMNEY. See 780 CMR 2102.1.

CHIMNEY TYPES. See 780 CMR 2102.1.

High-heat Appliance Type. See 780 CMR 2102.1.

Low-heat Appliance Type. See 780 CMR 2102.1.

Masonry Type. See 780 CMR 2102.1.

Medium-heat Appliance Type. See 780 CMR 2102.1

CLEAN AGENT. See 780 CMR 902.1.

CLEANOUT. See 780 CMR 2102.1.

CLOSED SYSTEM. See 780 CMR 307.2.

COLLECTOR. See 780 CMR 2302.1.

COMBINATION FIRE/SMOKE DAMPER. See 780 CMR 702.1.

COMBUSTIBLE DUST. See 780 CMR 307.2.

COMBUSTIBLE FIBERS. See 780 CMR 307,2.

COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID: See 780 CMR 307.2.

Class II. See 780 CMR 307.2.

Class IIIA. See 780 CMR 307.2.

Class IIIB. See 780 CMR 307.2.

COMMON PATH OF EGRESS TRAVEL. See 780 CMR 1002.1.

COMPRESSED GAS. See 780 CMR 307.2.

CONCRETE CARBONATE AGGREGATE. See 75 % 780 CMR 721.1.1.

CONCRETE, CELLULAR. See 780 CMR 721.1.1.

CONCRETE, LIGHTWEIGHT AGGREGATE. See 780 CMR 721.1.1.

CONCRETE, PERLITE. See 780 CMR 721.1.1.

CONCRETE, SAND-LIGHTWEIGHT. See 780 CMR 721.1.1.

CONCRETE, SILICEOUS AGGREGATE. See 780 CMR 721.1.1.

CONCRETE, VERMICULITE. See 780 CMR 721.1.1.