

Commentary

ATTACHMENT A – LEWIS COUNTY CODE 17.10 DEFINITIONS

Definitions from Title 16 have been moved to Title 17 so that the definitions are in the same title as the code that they define.

The intent of the new definitions is to better define what is regulated in the standards. The definitions have been clarified to remove regulations from within the definition itself, such as occupancy time limitations. Those instead will be regulated in land use standards.

Cabins are separate from other dwellings. A primary dwelling on a single lot is a single family residence even if that dwelling is referred to as a "cabin" by the owner. A vacation home is a single family residence even if that dwelling is referred to as a "cabin" by the owner. For the purposes of this code, a cabin is explicitly a recreational dwelling used for transient accommodations.

Primitive campgrounds are a type of campground. This definition is added for clarity to applicants that they are not required to provide water, septage or power to every camping site. However, the requirements of Chapter 17.144, RV Parks and Campgrounds, LCC must be met.

Dispersed camping is added to clarify the difference between camping in or outside of a campground. If a fee is charged for camping then it meets the definition of a campground.

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17.10.001 Generally

[No Change]

17.10.010 "A" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.020 "B" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.030 "C" definitions.

~~"Campground" means any parcel or adjacent parcels of land in the same ownership, either public or private, which provides sanitary facilities and spaces for pitching tents for short-term occupancy of a transient, recreational nature. A "private camping club" is included within this definition. Those campground facilities that provide occupancy continuously for 30 or more days shall be governed by the regulations in Chapters 15.25 and 15.30 LCC.~~

"Cabin" means a recreational dwelling used for transient accommodations which may include separate kitchen, bedroom and bathroom facilities. Cabins may be factory assembled structures, constructed dwellings with foundations, yurts or similar recreational structures.

"Campground" means any parcel or tract of land under the control of any person, organization, or governmental entity where two or more camping sites are offered for transient accommodations for a fee.

"Campground, primitive" means a campground with a minimal level of amenities that do not provide power, water or septage connections at individual camping sites.

"Camping, dispersed" means camping outside of a designated campground where no services or amenities, such as power, water, septage or trash removal, are provided.

"Camping site" means a space or area within a recreational vehicle park or campground designated for recreational vehicles or tents.

"Camper Club" means a type of Master Planned Resort where camping sites are leased by members of an organization, but the parcel or tract of land is under the ownership of the organization.

[No changes to the remainder of the "C" definitions]

Commentary

There are no changes to the definitions "D" through "K".

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17.10.040 "D" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.050 "E" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.060 "F" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.070 "G" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.080 "H" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.090 "I" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.110 "J" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.120 "K" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.130 "L" definitions

"Larger than utility runway," for the purpose of Chapter 17.80 LCC, Airport Obstruction Zoning, means a runway that is constructed for and intended to be used by propeller-driven aircraft of greater than 12,500 pounds maximum gross weight and jet-powered aircraft. This definition shall only apply to the Chehalis-Centralia Airport.

Commentary

A definition of lodging unit is added and is based on the WAC definition.

There are no changes to definitions "M" through "Q".

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Loading Space, Off-Street. "Off-street loading space"-means space logically and conveniently located for bulk pickups and deliveries, scaled to delivery trucks, expected to be used and accessible to such vehicles when required off-street parking spaces are filled. Required off-street loading spaces are not to be included as off-street parking space in computation of required off-street parking space. All off-street loading spaces shall be located totally outside of any street or alley right-of-way.

"Lodging Unit" means a building or portion thereof, made available to the public for transient accommodations, and individually designated by number, letter, or other means of identification, Hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts and short term rentals are considered lodging.

[No changes to the remainder of the "L" definitions]

17.10.140 "M" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.140 "N" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.150 "O" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.160 "P" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.170 "Q" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.180 "R" definitions.

"Reclamation" means the process of reconvertng disturbed lands to their former use or other compatible uses.

"Recreation areas" are those areas: (a) within five air miles of national park/national forest; (b) within one air mile of Riffe Lake, Mayfield Lake, Mineral Lake, Carlisle Lake; (c) within one-half mile of the Cowlitz, Chehalis, Tilton, Skookumchuck, and Newaukum Rivers, and Lincoln and Winston Creeks, and (d) all state parks.

Commentary

"R" definitions from Title 16 are moved to Title 17.

There are no changes to definitions "S" or "U" through "W".

"T" definitions from Title 16 are moved to Title 17.

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"Recreational facility, local" means a park facility that serves a local population and includes limited and basic recreational facilities such as playgrounds, trails, open space and ballfields.

"Recreational facility, regional" means a facility that attracts a regional clientele, such as country clubs and golf courses, sports complexes, and intensive commercial recreational uses such as a golf driving range, race track, an amusement park, a paintball facility, or a gun club.

"Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular-type unit primarily designed for recreational camping or travel use, certified as an RV by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries. The units include travel trailers, fifth-wheel trailers, folding camping trailers, truck campers, park trailers and motor homes.

"Recreational vehicle park" means any parcel or tract of land under the control of any person, organization, or governmental entity where two (2) or more camping sites are offered for recreational vehicle transient accommodations.

[No changes to the remainder of the "R" definitions]

17.10.190 "S" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.200 "T" definitions.

"Tent" means a temporary structure, enclosure or shelter, except a yurt, constructed of fabric or pliable material supported in any manner except by air or the contents it protects.

"Transient accommodations" means any facility such as a hotel, motel, bed and breakfast, resort, campground, RV park or any other facility or place offering lodging units or camping sites to guests for a fee for periods no longer than thirty (30) consecutive days, except campground/RV parks which may offer camping sites for periods no longer than 210 consecutive days.

[No changes to the remainder of the "T" definitions]

17.10.210 "U" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.220 "V" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.230 "W" definitions.

[No Change]

Commentary

There are no changes to definitions "X" or "Z".

A definition of yurt is added to clarify that those structures are different than a tent.

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17.10.240 "X" definitions.

[No Change]

17.10.250 "Y" definitions.

Yard, Front. "Front yard" means an open space on a lot, between the road right-of-way, or point of access (front property line), and the requisite minimum front yard setback line. Where a lot lies at the corner of two or more roads, it shall have a front yard setback area extending back from each road right-of-way. If the exact location of the right-of-way is not known, it shall be assumed that the improved traveling surface of the road is in the center of the road right-of-way. If the width of the road right-of-way is not known, it shall be assumed to be the statutory 60 feet.

Yard, Rear. "Rear yard" means an open space on a lot, between the rear property line and the building closest to the rear property line. In the case of a lot with more than one road frontage the rear yard shall be deemed to be the yard abutting the shorter rear property line; the other yard shall be treated as a side yard. In cases of doubt, the administrator shall make the determination.

Yard, Side. "Side yard" means any yard that is not a front or rear yard.

"Yurt" means a round structure constructed of fabric or pliable materials supported by a wooden or metal frame on a foundation, platform or similar base and typically served by electricity, water, and/or septage.

17.10.260 "Z" definitions.

[No Change]