

**617.80 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The definitions in this section apply to sections 617.80 to 617.87.

Subd. 2. **Building.** "Building" means a structure suitable for human shelter, a commercial structure that is maintained for business activities that involve human occupation, any portion of the structure, or the land surrounding the structure. If the building is a multiunit dwelling, a hotel or motel, or a commercial or office building, the term "building," for purposes of sections 617.80 to 617.87, means only the portion of the building within or outside the structure in which a nuisance is maintained or permitted, such as a dwelling unit, room, suite of rooms, office, common area, storage area, garage, or parking area.

Subd. 3. **Movable property.** "Movable property" means furniture and fixtures.

Subd. 4. **Prostitution; prostitution-related activity.** "Prostitution" or "prostitution-related activity" means conduct that would violate sections 609.321 to 609.324.

Subd. 5. **Gambling; gambling-related activity.** "Gambling" or "gambling-related activity" means conduct that would violate sections 609.75 to 609.762.

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 1997 c 100 s 5]

Subd. 7. **Owner.** "Owner," for purposes of sections 617.80 to 617.87, means a person having legal title to the premises, a mortgagee or vendee in possession, a trustee in bankruptcy, a receiver, or any other person having legal ownership or control of the premises.

Subd. 7a. **Occupant.** "Occupant" means a person who occupies or resides in a building or rental unit with the permission of the owner or a tenant or lessee.

Subd. 8. **Interested party.** "Interested party," for purposes of sections 617.80 to 617.87, means any known lessee or tenant of a building or affected portion of a building; any known agent of an owner, lessee, or tenant; or any other person who maintains or permits a nuisance and is known to the city attorney, county attorney, or attorney general.

Subd. 9. **Prosecuting attorney.** "Prosecuting attorney" means the attorney general, county attorney, city attorney, or attorney serving the jurisdiction where the nuisance is located.

**History:** 1987 c 283 s 1; 1991 c 193 s 5; 1995 c 244 s 26-30; 2009 c 123 s 15,16