

326B.103 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of sections 326B.101 to 326B.194, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. **Administrative authority.** "Administrative authority" means a municipality's governing body or their assigned administrative authority.

Subd. 3. **Agricultural building.** "Agricultural building" means a structure that is:

(1) on agricultural land as determined by the governing assessor for the municipality or county under section 273.13, subdivision 23;

(2) designed, constructed, and used to house farm implements, livestock, or agricultural products under section 273.13, subdivision 23; and

(3) used by the owner, lessee, and sublessee of the building and members of their immediate families, their employees, and persons engaged in the pickup or delivery of agricultural products.

Subd. 4. **City.** "City" means a home rule charter or statutory city.

Subd. 4a. **Closed construction.** "Closed construction" means any building manufactured in such a manner that all portions cannot be readily inspected at the installation site without disassembly, damage to, or destruction thereof.

Subd. 5. **Code.** "Code" means the State Building Code adopted by the commissioner of labor and industry in consultation with each industry board and the Construction Codes Advisory Council in accordance with sections 326B.101 to 326B.194.

Subd. 6. **Designate.** "Designate" means the formal designation by a municipality's administrative authority of a certified building official accepting responsibility for code administration.

Subd. 6a. **Electric vehicle capable space.** "Electric vehicle capable space" means a designated automobile parking space that has electrical infrastructure, including but not limited to raceways, cables, electrical capacity, and panelboard or other electrical distribution space necessary for the future installation of an electric vehicle charging station.

Subd. 6b. **Electric vehicle charging station.** "Electric vehicle charging station" means a designated automobile parking space that has a dedicated connection for charging an electric vehicle.

Subd. 6c. **Electric vehicle ready space.** "Electric vehicle ready space" means a designated automobile parking space that has a branch circuit capable of supporting the installation of an electric vehicle charging station.

Subd. 7. **Equivalent protection.** "Equivalent protection" means a measure other than a code requirement that provides essentially the same protection that would be provided by a code requirement.

Subd. 8. **Historic building.** "Historic building" means a state-owned building that is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Subd. 8a. **Industrialized or modular building.** "Industrialized or modular building" means a building of closed construction, constructed so that concealed parts or processes of manufacture cannot be inspected at the site, without disassembly, damage, or destruction, and made or assembled in manufacturing facilities, off the building site, for installation, or assembly and installation, on the building site. Industrialized or

modular building includes, but is not limited to, modular housing that is factory-built single-family and multifamily housing, including closed-wall-panelized housing, and other modular, nonresidential buildings. Industrialized or modular building does not include a structure subject to the requirements of the National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 or prefabricated buildings.

Subd. 8b. **Manufactured home.** "Manufactured home" has the meaning provided in Code of Federal Regulations, title 24, section 3280.2.

Subd. 9. **Municipality.** "Municipality" means a city, county, or town, the University of Minnesota, or the state for public buildings and state licensed facilities.

Subd. 9a. **Parking facilities.** "Parking facilities" includes parking lots, garages, ramps, or decks.

Subd. 10. **Person with a disability.** "Person with a disability" or "persons with disabilities" includes people who have a vision disability, a hearing disability, a disability of coordination, a disability of aging, or any other disability that significantly reduces mobility, flexibility, coordination, or perceptiveness.

Subd. 10a. **Prefabricated building.** "Prefabricated building" means any building or building module intended for use as an R-3, one- or two-family dwelling, or a U-1 accessory building, that is of closed construction and is constructed on or off the building site for installation, or on the building site for assembly and installation. Prefabricated building does not include relocatable contractors offices or storage buildings that are (1) 1,500 square feet or less in floor area, (2) designed for temporary use by a contractor at a construction site, (3) not to be used by the general public or as a sales office, and (4) to be removed prior to or upon completion of the construction project.

Subd. 11. **Public building.** "Public building" means a building and its grounds the cost of which is paid for by the state or a state agency regardless of its cost, and a building project for a school district or charter school the cost of which is \$100,000 or more.

Subd. 12. **Remodeling.** "Remodeling" means deliberate reconstruction of an existing public building in whole or in part in order to bring it into conformity with present uses of the structure and to which other rules on the upgrading of health and safety provisions are applicable.

Subd. 13. **State licensed facility.** "State licensed facility" means a building and its grounds that are licensed by the state as a hospital, nursing home, supervised living facility, assisted living facility, including assisted living facility with dementia care, free-standing outpatient surgical center, correctional facility, boarding care home, or residential hospice.

History: 1984 c 544 s 65; 1Sp1985 c 14 art 4 s 3; 1987 c 387 s 1,2; 1989 c 329 art 5 s 1; 1990 c 458 s 1; 1990 c 572 s 10,11; 1994 c 634 art 2 s 1,2; 1995 c 254 art 2 s 2,3; 1Sp2001 c 10 art 2 s 26-28; 2005 c 56 s 1; 2007 c 140 art 4 s 2-5,61; art 13 s 4; 2012 c 295 art 1 s 14; 2013 c 85 art 2 s 8; 1Sp2019 c 7 art 9 s 7; 2023 c 53 art 1 s 24-28; 1Sp2025 c 6 art 5 s 15-18