



Chapter 15 DEFINITIONS AND REFERENCES

15.1 Definitions From Other Documents

This section is intended to be a quick reference for many words and terms used in the Land Development Manual. Table 15-1 indicates seven principal sources for many definitions of the various site development terms within the regulations and ordinances. Table 15-2 has a detailed listing of definitions from six of the principal sources, so that the reader can tell at a glance where to find a particular term. However, the 250+ definitions listed in the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance are not included in Table 15-2. When looking at these definitions, it is very important to understand that each definition applies particularly to the regulation or ordinance in which the definition is found. Definitions are not necessarily uniform across all regulations and ordinances. Chapter 9 of the Knoxville BMP Manual also contains a glossary for erosion control, stormwater design and stormwater quality.

These definitions are taken from the city ordinances in common use for engineers and also the Knoxville / Knox County Minimum Subdivision Regulations. For any definitions that do not agree totally in meaning, the most restrictive definition should be used. Since definitions typically contain one or two sentences of essential information, the reader should check the context of use in this manual and other documents to obtain a complete definition and usage of terms. See Section 1.7 for interpretation of language and the interpretation of basic terms.

Table 15-1 Sources For Land Development Definitions				The KZO definitions are not included in Table 15-2.
<i>Flood Damage Prevention and Control Ordinance</i>	<i>Stormwater and Street Ordinance</i>	<i>Streets and Sidewalk Ordinance</i>	<i>Knoxville and Knox County Minimum Subdivision Regulations</i>	<i>City of Knoxville Zoning Ordinance (KZO)</i>
(Section 12-4)	(Section 22.5-4)	(Section 23-1)	(Section 2)	(Article 2)
http://www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/engineering/ldmanual/			http://www.knoxmpc.org/	
33 definitions	55 definitions	7 definitions	93 definitions	250+ definitions
Building terms Floodplain terms Structure terms Surveying terms	Detention terms Drainage terms Pollution terms Site development Storm frequencies	<i>Curb, Gutter Director Driveway Sidewalk Specification Street</i>	Building lot parameters City offices & depts Street parameters Subdivision terms Surveying terms Utility terms	Building terms Business types Dwelling types Lot terminology Sign types Zoning parameters
<i>Knoxville Tree Protection Ordinance</i> (Municipal arborist, Special tree district, Tree, Tree on private land, Tree on municipal property)			(Sections 14-28 & 14-53)	5 definitions
<i>Knoxville Best Management Practices (BMP) Manual</i> (such as: site development, stormwater quantity, stormwater quality, pollutants, storm frequencies)			(Chapter 9)	70 definitions



15.2 References

A few references are listed below. These references do not include all information and guidance necessary to successfully design and construct a site project, but serve as a starting point. Many other books and design publications will serve the professional design engineer just as well. Many stormwater design manuals and books are also listed in Chapter 10 of the Knoxville BMP Manual, mainly covering these topics: stormwater treatment, erosion control, stormwater detention, preserving natural vegetation, pollution prevention and reduction, etc. The Land Development Manual contains information to assist in the design and layout of most projects. However, this manual does not replace the need for professional engineering judgment and knowledge. Most types of construction plans must be stamped and signed by a registered professional engineer, architect, or landscape architect who is actively licensed in the state of Tennessee. The design professional must have sufficient education and experience to perform a complete and thorough design of each element on the construction plans.

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