

**ARTICLE IV. PURPOSE AND INTENT**

Section 1. These regulations have been developed in accordance with the Comprehensive plan for Hardin County and have been designed and are adopted in order to decrease and improve safety from fire, panic, flood, and other dangers; to protect health and the general welfare; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to protect significant natural and historic resources and fragile ecosystems of Hardin County including forests, wetlands, rivers, streams, lakes and shorelines, aquifers, prairies, and recreational areas; to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks and other public requirements. These regulations have been made with reasonable consideration, among other things, as to the character of the area of the district and the peculiar suitability of such area for particular uses, and with a view to conserving the value of buildings and encouraging the most appropriate use of land throughout the County.

**ARTICLE V. DEFINITIONS**

Section 1. For the purpose of this Ordinance all words shall carry their customary meanings, except where specifically defined herein. The use of the present tense shall include the past and future tenses, and the future the present; the word "shall" is mandatory, while the word "may" is permissive; the singular number shall include the plural and the plural singular; the word building shall include the word structure. Unless otherwise specified, all distances shall be measured horizontally.

1. **ACCESSORY BUILDING.** A use incidental to the principal permitted use of land or a building on a lot and customarily incidental thereto.
2. **ADULT ARCADE.** Means any place to which the public is permitted or invited wherein coin-operated or slug-operated or electronically, electrically, or mechanically controlled still or motion pictures machines, projectors, or other image producing devices are maintained to show images to five or fewer persons per machine at any one time, and where the images so displayed are distinguished or characterized by the depicting or describing of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."
3. **ADULT BOOKSTORE.** Means a commercial establishment that, as one of its principal business purposes, offers for sale or rental for any form of consideration any one or more of the following: 1). Books, magazines, periodicals or other printed matter, or photographs, films, motion picture, video cassettes or video reproductions, slides, or other visual representations which depict or describe "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas"; or 2). Instruments, devices, or paraphernalia that are designed for use in connection with "specified sexual activities."
4. **ADULT CABARET.** Means a commercial establishment that regularly features: 1). Persons who appear in state of semi-nudity; or 2). Live performances that are characterized by the exposure of "specified anatomical areas" or by "specified sexual activities"; 3). Films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions that are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas"; or 4). Persons who engage in lewd, lascivious or erotic dancing or performances that are intended for the sexual interests or titillation of an audience or customers.
5. **ADULT MOTEL.** Means a hotel, motel or similar commercial establishment that: 1). Offers accommodation to the public for any form of consideration and provides patrons with closed-circuit television transmissions, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions that are characterized by the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas"; and has a sign visible from the public right of way that advertises the availability of this adult type of photographic reproductions; or 2). Offers a sleeping room for rent for a period of time that is less than 24 hours; 3). Allows a tenant or occupant of a sleeping room to subrent the room for a period of time that is less than 24 hours.