

# Glossary of Commonly Used Terms in City Government

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**Abstract Property**

The evidence of the ownership of property is typically contained in a document called an "abstract" prepared by a licensed abstract company, which guarantees an unbroken 40-year chain of title, where every deed shown in the abstract is reviewed to determine if there are any other claims to a subject piece of property. Documents defining abstract property are filed with the County Recorder.

**Abutting Ramsey City Code (§9.02)**

Making contact with, or separated only by public thoroughfare, railroad, or public utility right-of-way, or navigable water.

**Adopt-A-Spot** A crime prevention program that facilitates volunteer park and trail beautification efforts, such as litter removal. A sign identifying volunteers is placed near the adopted site.

**Aquifer** A geologic formation such as saturated sand, gravel, fractures or cavernous rock, which stores and transmits groundwater to wells and springs.

**Arterial** A roadway that serves or is designed to serve heavy flows of traffic, which is used primarily as a street route for traffic between communities and/or other heavy traffic generating areas. Direct driveway access is limited to the greatest extent possible. Arterials are sometimes divided into principal and minor classifications.

**Arterial, Minor Ramsey City Code (§9.50.01, Subd.2)**  
A roadway designated to carry large volumes of traffic between various parts of the City.

**Arterial, Major Ramsey City Code (§9.50.01, Subd.2)**  
A major regional transportation corridor.

**Assessment, Special**  
Charges applied to a property owner for improvements to streets, sewer, and/or water utilities, generally paid over a specified period.

**Alternative Urban Area Review - AUAR**  
A type of environmental assessment designed to consider the cumulative impacts of several future development scenarios within a geographic area with one review. The AUAR allows the environmental assessment for several separate projects to be approved at once, rather than conducting a separate assessment for each project. An AUAR needs to be updated until all development it covers, has been completed.

**Berm**                    **Ramsey City Code (§9.24.01, Subd.4)**  
An earthen mound designed to provide visual interest, screen undesirable views, and/or decrease noise.

**Bitumen/Bituminous Material**  
A mixture of hydrocarbons and other substances, occurring naturally or obtained by distillation from coal or petroleum, found in asphalt and tar, and used for surfacing roads and for waterproofing.

**Blight**                    The state of general disrepair, and decay of property, or the process leading to this state.

**Block Grant**            A federal grant to be spent within general guidelines but not designated for a specific purpose. (Source: US HUD)

**Board of Adjustments**                    **Ramsey City Code (§9.03.07)**  
Consists of members of the Planning Commission, who meet as needed to review and approve or deny variances from the provisions of the Zoning Chapter of the City Code where strict enforcement would cause undue hardship because of circumstances unique to the individual property under consideration.

**Board of Appeals**                    **Ramsey City Code (§9.03.09) (§9.50.06)**  
Consists of members of the City Council, who meet as needed to grant procedural variances to subdivision requirements where literal enforcement of platting requirements would cause an undue hardship or practical difficulty. This board also considers appeals to rulings of the zoning administrator on issues related to the Ramsey Zoning Chapter Nine (9).

**Boulevard**            **Ramsey City Code (§9.02)**  
The portion of the street right-of-way between the edge of the roadway and the property line.

**Buffer**                    **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.05) (§9.14.03) (§9.14.07) (§9.26.06) (§9.27.14)**  
1. A polygon enclosing a point, line, or polygon at a specified distance. Public hearing notices are sent to properties within buffers of specified radiuses.  
2. A strip of land, usually planted with trees or other vegetation, located between two different and sometimes, incompatible land uses.

**Cadastre**                    A public record of the surveyed dimensions and value of land parcels used to record ownership and calculate taxes. (Kennedy, 2001)

**Categorical Grant**  
A federal grant of money for use in a narrowly defined functional area such as sewage treatment plants, housing, law enforcement or other activities.

**Central Business District - CBD**  
Area within the city where commercial and light industrial businesses are centrally located.

**Charter Commission**

A citizen committee, appointed by the District Court, whose function is to review the local city charter and government.

**Change Order**

Authorization to change the original language or information within any contract, blueprints, or plans.

**City Charter**

Records the incorporation of the city, defines the powers of the corporation (city), and regulates how the city can enforce those powers. Ramsey is a home-rule charter city; therefore, it operates under a home-rule charter, which is, in effect, a local constitution. Ramsey's charter provides for a council-administrator form of government. Under the council-manager form of government, the council has administrative and legislative authority. The city administrator is responsible for managing the day to day operations of the city government.

**Cluster Development**

A subdivision plan that places housing units into compact groupings while providing a network of commonly owned or dedicated open space.

**Collector Street**

A street, which serves or is designed to serve as a traffic way for a neighborhood or as a feeder to a major roadway.

**Commercial**

A land-use classification that describes commercial/retail business uses.

**Community Development Block Grant - CDBG**

A collection of federal grant programs administered by HUD that awards funds to state and local units of government for qualifying housing and economic development efforts.

**Community Oriented Policing - COPS**

Concept of delivering police services at the personal or neighborhood level.

**Comprehensive Annual Financial Report - CAFR**

An annual accounting report that explains and analyzes the financial activity of the City of Ramsey.

**Comprehensive Plan**

A compilation of goals, policy statements, standards, programs, and maps for guiding the physical, social, and economic development of a community or region.

**Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program - CMAQ**

A federal program that provides funding to State and local units of government for projects that reduce traffic emissions and congestion, or create or promote the use of alternative modes of transportation.

**Condemnation**

The act of a public agency in taking property for a public purpose under the power of eminent domain (see Eminent Domain).

- Conditional Use or Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Ramsey City Code (§9.03.05)**  
 A use of property which may be appropriate within a specific zoning classification, but is not listed as a permitted use, because conditions may be needed to ensure that no negative impacts result. The City may require any reasonable conditions contingent to permitting a Condition Use. Conditional Use Permits remain in effect, granting permanent approval of a use on a parcel, regardless changes in ownership.
- Condominium**  
 A form of individual ownership within a multi-family building, which entails joint responsibility for maintenance and repairs. Each apartment or townhouse is owned outright, and each occupant owns a share of the land and other common property of the building.
- Covenant Ramsey City Code (§9.50.01) (§9.02)**  
 A contract between two or more individuals, which constitutes a restriction of a particular use of a particular parcel or parcels of land.
- Council Ward**  
 A geographical area of the city based on population and physical area size that City Council members are elected to represent. The City Council member must be a resident of the ward they represent.
- County State Aid Highways - CSAH**  
 Roadways maintained by MN DOT or a county department of transportation.
- Cul-de-sac** A street with only one outlet and having an appropriate terminal for the safe and convenient reversal of traffic movement.
- Designated Use Area**  
 The area north of a straight line running from east to west at the 16700 block, starting at the Rum River on the east and running to the City of Elk River border on the west.
- Designated Non-Use Area**  
 An area within the City of Ramsey where ATV and snowmobile use is prohibited.
- Density** A number expressing the relationship of the number of dwellings to an acre of land.
- DNR** The Minnesota State Department of Natural Resources is a state level agency responsible for managing the State’s natural resources.
- Down Zoning** Changing a district from a higher to a lower intensity use, such as from industrial to residential.
- Drainfield** A private sanitary sewage disposal area where liquids are disposed of through evaporation and percolation; used in conjunction with a septic tank.
- Dwelling Moving Permit - DMP Ramsey City Code (§8.35)**  
 A permit granting permission to move a mobile home, or manufactured housing into or within the City. All DMP applications must be reviewed by the Planning Commission. A building permit is required with the approval of a DMP.

**Easement** A grant by a property owner for use of a strip of land by the public or any person for any specific purpose or purposes of construction and maintaining utilities and/or roadways, including, but not exclusive to the following: sanitary sewers, watermain, electric lines, telephone lines, other transmission lines, storm sewer, storm drainage ways, gas lines, other service utilities, trails, public or private accessway, etc.

**Economic Development Authority - EDA.**

A seven commissioner governing body, appointed by the Mayor and City Council, for the purpose of coordinating and administering economic and redevelopment plans and programs of the City that are consistent with the City Comprehensive Plan. Initiatives of the EDA include, but are not limited to, acquisition of underutilized properties, site preparation, and the marketing and selling of property for development.

**Eminent Domain**

The right of a governmental unit to take private lands for a public use or purpose upon payment of just compensation.

**Escrow Ramsey City Code (§9.03.02)**

A non-interest bearing account, holding funds in trust, to underwrite application processing costs, or to ensure completion of landscaping or other improvements. Escrow funds may be released after certain conditions have been met.

**Environmental Assessment Worksheet-EAW**

A statement prepared by the responsible government unit that assist the Environmental Quality Board in determining whether a proposed project is a major private action or has more than a local significance. The EAW will be used in determining whether an Environmental Impact Statement is necessary.

**Environmental Impact Statement - EIS**

Analysis and evaluation of the potential effect of a project on the environment as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970 and the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act of 1973.

**Environmental Quality Board - EQB**

State of Minnesota Environmental Quality Board reviews environmental assessments for major development projects.

**Environmental Policy Board - EPB**

City of Ramsey Environmental Quality Board is appointed by the City Council to review, initiate, and recommend plans or projects that will enhance and preserve the natural environment of the City. This board was formerly known as the Environmental Quality Board of Ramsey.

**Floor Area Ratio - FAR Ramsey City Code (§9.02)**

The total building floor area divided by the total area of a parcel. FAR is zoning tool used to restrict total floor area, while allowing for flexibility in maximum height. Because a large parcel has a higher FAR than a small parcel, taller buildings would appear on larger lots, and shorter buildings on smaller lots. (ICMA, 2008)

**Feasibility Report**

A feasibility report includes a description of proposed street and/or utility improvements, a cost estimate for the project, project schedule, and a preliminary assessment roll.

**Flood Plain**

The area adjoining a watercourse that has been or may in the future be covered by flood waters.

**General Fund Budget**

Annually adopted document in which the city's general operating expenses are funded by an offsetting revenue source such as property tax, building permits, state aid

**Grade**

**Ramsey City Code (§9.02) (§9.50.01, Subd.2)**

The vertical rise or drop from any fixed horizontal line or point. A 6% grade is a variation of 6 feet up or down over 100 feet.

**Grading**

**Ramsey City Code (§9.24.01, Subd. 4)**

The mechanical placement, removal, or movement of earth.

**Hold Harmless**

A way to protect a person or governmental unit against loss. This may take the form of a signed waiver, or disclaimer.

**Home Occupations**

**Ramsey City Code (§9.11.04)**

Businesses or commercial activities operated on property zoned as residential by those residing on the property.

**HRA**

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority, of the City of Ramsey is a governing body which undertakes redevelopment and renewal projects with the purpose of providing a balanced supply of housing for people of all income levels, and removing blight.

**HUD**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is a federal agency that administers several grant programs related to community development and affordable housing development.

**Improvements**

The construction or installation of public or private utilities, including but not limited to, potable water, sanitary sewer systems, storm sewers, roads and other thoroughfares, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, paving barricades, trees and other plantings, lighting, fuel or energy and the transmission thereof, transportation systems or facilities connected therewith and communications systems which are necessary, desirable or convenient in the maintenance of the health, safety and the general welfare.

**Improvement Project**

The construction or re-construction of streets, sidewalks, sanitary sewer, water main, or storm sewer.

**Interim Use Permit - IUP                      Ramsey City Code (§9.03.06)**

Allows the use of property until a particular date or until the occurrence of a particular date, and is not transferable with changes in property ownership.

**Industrial**                      A land-use classification describing manufacturing, research, and other non-commercial business activities. The E-1 or E-2 Employment zoning districts accommodate industrial types of land uses.

**Livable Community Act - LCA**

A Minnesota funding source available to participating local units of government in the Twin Cities Metropolitan area, which agree to promote life-cycle housing. The LCA distributes funding through three separate accounts.

**Livable Community Demonstration Act - LCDA**

An account of the LCA which provides funding for development and redevelopment projects that achieve connected development patterns that link housing, jobs and services, and use regional infrastructure efficiently.

**Land Use Plan**

That part of a comprehensive plan which deals with the interrelationship between the different land uses.

**Local Government Aid - LGA                      Minnesota Statutes (§477A.013)**

Financial assistance from the State of Minnesota for municipalities. Allocation of these funds are based on complex formulas considering population, household size, city tax capacity, employment per capita, and many other factors.

**Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program – LLEBG**

A federal program that provides a specific amount of funds to local police departments based on crime rate to subsidize special enforcement activities.

**Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization - LRRWMO**

A joint powers organization including the cities of Ramsey, Anoka and portions of Coon Rapids and Andover with the mission of providing for conservation of water and natural resources, alleviation of flood damage through proper design and maintenance of storm sewer and drainage systems, and protection and management of creeks, lakes, water courses for recreational and public use.

**Manufactured Home                      Ramsey City Code (§9.11.05) (§9.02)**

A structure transportable in sections, assembled on site, built on a permanent chassis, and able to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation.

**Metropolitan Council - Met Council**

A regional planning organization, appointed by the Governor of Minnesota, which operates a regional transit system, collects and treats wastewater, produces population forecasts, distributes funding for several funding programs, produces regional planning documents, reviews local planning documents, and manages regional aviation transportation systems.

**Metropolitan Urban Services Boundary - MUSA**

The perimeter of an area where major metropolitan infrastructure is developed and maintained by the Metropolitan Council or the State of Minnesota.

**Metes and Bounds**

A way to describe a parcel of land by starting at a known point and describing the bearings and distances of the line forming the boundaries of the property.

**MN DOT**

Minnesota Department of Transportation is responsible for funding and maintaining highway and aviation infrastructure. MN DOT also encourages the use of commercial waterways, railroads, and transit.

**Mobile Home Ramsey City Code (§8.40) (§9.02)**

A housing unit constructed off-site and transported to a residential housing site.

**Modular Home**

A non-mobile housing unit that is constructed at a central factory and transported as separate components to a building site where final assembly and installation is performed, producing a structure permanently tied to a building site.

**Municipal State Aid Street System - MSAS**

A street system located in statutory and home-rule charter city having a population of 5,000 or greater that receives funding from the highway user tax distribution fund for the purposes of constructing, reconstructing, improving and maintaining that street system.

**Non-conforming Use**

A use of land, building or structures lawfully existing when a zoning ordinance or amendment is passed by the city council, where the existing use does not comply with all the regulations of the new ordinance or amendment.

**Nuisance Ramsey City Code (§9.24.01, subd.4) (§9.11.07)**

Conditions of property or uses that pose a threat to public safety, general welfare, diminish property values or conflict with lawful uses of other properties.

**Ordinance**

Any City Council enactment that regulates or governs people and provides a penalty for its violation. Ordinances have the effect of law.

**Outlot**

A remnant piece of property that cannot be built on in a development that may be utilized for park or utility purposes. Outlots must be re-platted as a regular lots to be built on in the future.

**MPCA or PCA**

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is a state agency which monitors environmental quality, offers technical and financial assistance, enforces environmental regulations, finds and cleans up spills or leaks, and conduct environmental education.

**Park and Recreation Commission**

An advisory board, appointed by the City Council, responsible for advising the City Council on matters related to the City’s park system and recreation programs. This commission is also continually monitors and evaluates the City’s park system and recreation programs, and recommends methods to stimulate positive public interest in the City’s park system.

**Plat** A map or drawing which graphically delineates the boundary of a land parcel for identification and record of title, which is recorded as a legal document with the county Register of Deeds. Within the platting process, a preliminary and final plat is presented to planning commission and city council for review and approval.

**Plat, Major** **Ramsey City Code (§9.50.01, Subd. 2)**  
A drawing or map of a subdivision which meets all of the requirements of the City and is in a form that meets all the requirements needed to be recorded.

**Plat, Minor** **Ramsey City Code (§9.50.01, Subd. 2)**  
A subdivision of three or fewer parcels that does not require the construction of public streets or utilities.

**Plat, Preliminary** **Ramsey City Code (§9.50.02, Subd. 3 & 4)**  
An initial drawing indicating the proposed layout of subdivisions, preceded by a sketch plan, and followed by a final plat.

**Planned Unit Development - PUD**

(See zoning districts) PUDs allow flexibility in design standards and the opportunity for the City to negotiate the terms of a development agreement that can require elements, design features, infrastructure, and exactions that might not otherwise be required.

**Planning Commission**

An advisory board, appointed by the City Council, consisting of seven members, responsible for the review of applications and policy matters related to land-use within the City. The Commission considers public comment on land-use applications and policy matters, and makes recommendations to the City Council about the action to be taken on a project.

**Public Hearing**

A legal requirement carried out by the city that gives citizens an opportunity to comment on an issue coming before the city council.

**Public Land** Land owned or operated by municipalities (cities), school district, county, state, or other governmental unit.

**Public Nuisance** **Ramsey City Code (§5.08.02)**

Any action situation land use or existence of any activity that unreasonably annoys injures or endangers the general health safety welfare or public peace such that the comfortable enjoyment of life or property is disrupted or which is offensive or has a blighting influence on the community.

**Public Safety Personnel**

The law enforcement and fire department officers of the City.

**Residential**

A land-use classification that describes activities related to dwellings. Several zoning districts accommodate residential land-uses in the City.

**Resolution**

A formal expression of the opinion or will of the city council, adopted by vote. A resolution differs from an ordinance, in that a resolution provides direction while an ordinance permanently amends the code of the city and enforcement of that code.

**Request for Proposals - RFP**

An invitation to contractors, companies or agencies to contract to provide a service or materials to the City. An RFP may be open to selected bidders, or to anybody. Technical specifications often accompany RFPs.

**RALF - Right of Way Acquisition Loan Fund**

A revolving fund with the purpose of acquiring properties to expand highway infrastructure.

**Right-of-way Ramsey City Code (§9.50.01, subd. 2)**

The area on, below, or above any real property in which the City has an interest including, but not limited to, any street, road, highway, alley, sidewalk, parkway, park, skyway, or any other place, area, or real property owned by or under the control of the City, including other dedicated right-of-ways for travel purposes and utility easements.

**Schedule of Bills Paid**

A list of bills paid by the city that is considered routine expenses for city operations. The schedule is presented to council for review at each regular council meeting.

**Septic Tank**

A covered receptacle that is designed to receive the discharge of sewage from a building sewer system.

**Setback**

The minimum horizontal distance between a structure and the lot line, road, highway, high watermark, or another structure.

**Sketch Plan**

**(City Code §9.50.02, subd. 1)**

The first plan submitted in the subdivision process.

**Spot Zoning**

Rezoning of a small area for higher intensity use than the land surrounding it.

**Subdivision**

**(City Code §9.50.01, subd. 2)**

The division or re-division of a lot, tract, or parcel of land into two or more lots either by platting or metes and bounds description.

**Tax Increment Financing –TIF**

TIF is a development tool utilized by government agencies to encourage development that otherwise would not be financially feasible. TIF can be used for many purposes, but is most frequently used by the City of Ramsey to promote industrial development that increases tax revenues, and creates high quality jobs. The increased property tax capacity, and the additional property tax generated from the new development, is used to finance qualified improvements, or to write down development costs within each TIF district.

**Tax Increment Financing District**

A Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District is a geographical area defined by the City to promote development, or redevelopment, utilizing tax increment financing.

**Torrens Minnesota Statutes (chapter 508)**

A cadastre system that records titles to real property in the care of the Register of Titles, and reviewed by the Examiner of Titles, who is appointed by the District Court. Property ownership is conclusively established by a certificate of title guaranteed by the Examiner of Titles. Proof of ownership does not require the guarantee of an abstract company.

**Townhouses Ramsey City Code (§9.02)**

Structures designed for single household habitation, with outdoor and/or indoor areas commonly owned and maintained by a homeowners' association, and having at least one individual entrance/exit per unit. Townhouses may be attached or detached.

**Township**

1. A quadrangle approximately 6 miles on a side, bounded by meridians and parallels and containing thirty-six sections. (Kennedy, 2001)
2. A minor civil division of a Minnesota county.

**Transportation System Management - TSM**

Programs and methods which increase the capacity or efficiency of transportation infrastructure.

**Transportation Management Organization, Anoka - TMO**

A department of Anoka County which works to promote transportation alternatives.

**Travel Demand Management - TDM**

Programs and methods which reduce demand for transportation infrastructure.

**Truth in Taxation - TNT**

Notices and public hearings required by the State of Minnesota to: disclose how property taxes are determined, address any disputes to property valuation, explain City Budget appropriations, and encourage public participation in setting spending priorities.

**Vacation of Easement Ramsey City Code (§9.03.10)**

The removal of an easement from a property, generally in reference to a utility and drainage easement.

<b>Variance</b>	<b>Ramsey City Code (9.50.06)</b> The waiving by Board of Adjustments or Appeals of the literal provisions of the zoning chapter in instances where their strict enforcement would cause undue hardship because of circumstances unique to the individual property under consideration. Self-imposed-hardships are never eligible for variances.
<b>Watershed</b>	The area drained by the natural and artificial drainage system, bounded peripherally by a bridge or stretch of high land dividing drainage area.
<b>Water Table</b>	The upper surface of groundwater or that level below which the soil is saturated with water.
<b>Wetlands</b>	<b>Ramsey City Code (§9.21.03) (§9.02)</b> An area where water stands near, at or above the soil surface during a significant portion of most years, saturating the soil and supporting a predominantly aquatic form of vegetation. Wetlands generally contain unique soils and vegetation.
<b>Zoning Code</b>	A document, adopted by the city council, that defines zoning classifications within the city and prescribes the regulations associated with structural and architectural designs of the buildings and the use of those buildings within each zoning classification.

**Zoning Districts**

**R-1 MUSA** **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.11)**  
A zoning district within the Metropolitan Urban Services Area established to accommodate single family residential uses at a maximum net density of three (3) units per acre.

**R-1 Rural Developing** **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.11)**  
A zoning district established to accommodate single family residential uses outside of the Metropolitan Urban Service Area at a maximum gross density of one (1) per ten (10) acres.

**R-1 Rural Central Rural Reserve** **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.11)**  
A zoning district established to preserve single family residential uses on (1 to 3 acre) lots with single family residential homes, and individual septic systems. Metropolitan sewage infrastructure is not allowed in this district. (2001 Comprehensive Plan)

**R-1 Rural Preserve** **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.11)**  
A zoning district established to accommodate single family residential uses at a maximum gross density of one (1) unit per (10) acres. The purpose of this district is to preserve it's undeveloped nature to save large open tracts for the future development of the City.

## Zoning Districts (continued)

### **R-2 Residential**

#### **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.12)**

A zoning district established to accommodate medium density residential uses such as duplexes, townhomes, or multi-family units at a maximum density of seven (7) units per acre.

### **R-3 Residential**

#### **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.13)**

A zoning district established to accommodate high density residential uses such as townhomes or apartments, not to exceed a density of fifteen (15) units per acre and a minimum density of seven (7) units per acre.

### **B-1 General Business**

#### **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.21)**

A zoning district established to accommodate the sale and exchange of goods and services.

### **B-2 Highway Business**

#### **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.22)**

A zoning district established to accommodate automobile oriented and high-intensity, commercial land-uses, located near major roadways.

### **H-1 Highway 10 Business**

#### **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.27)**

A zoning district established to preserve land needed for US Highway 10 expansion, and to allow business uses that minimize traffic and vehicular access points, until US Highway 10 is expanded.

### **E-1 Employment**

#### **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.24)**

A zoning district established to accommodate low-intensity general industrial and warehousing activities.

### **E-2 Employment**

#### **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.23)**

A zoning district established to accommodate high-intensity general industrial and warehousing activities.

### **MU-PUD, Mixed Use Planned Unit Development**

#### **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.27)**

A mixed-use zoning district established to create flexibility in land-use, and performance standards, to promote a range of retail, service, commercial, office, and residential uses. These standards are negotiated between a developer and the City, and are recorded in associated development agreements.

### **PUD, Planned Unit Development**

#### **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.31)**

A residential zoning district established to create flexibility in performance standards, to promote affordable housing, and desirable land-use patterns. These standards are negotiated between a developer and the City, and are recorded in associated development agreements.

### **Public/Quasi Public**

#### **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.29)**

A zoning district established to regulate open spaces, government buildings, golf courses, schools, utility substations, and any other public or quasi public use.

## Zoning Districts (continued)

### **TC-1, Mixed-use core**

### **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.25)**

A sub-district within the Town Center Zone established to provide vertically integrated mixed uses within easy walking distance of a transit station.

### **TC-2, Commercial**

### **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.25)**

A sub-district within the Town Center Zone established to accommodate larger scale automobile oriented commercial uses with high architectural design standards, and pedestrian accessibility.

### **TC3, Workplace**

### **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.25)**

A sub-district within the Town Center Zone established to accommodate workplaces and schools, having a high concentration of employees, students, and visitors.

### **TC4, Neighborhood**

### **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.25)**

A sub-district within the Town Center Zone established to accommodate a full-range of housing types in pedestrian oriented neighborhoods.

### **TC5, Park and Open Space**

### **Ramsey City Code (§9.20.25)**

A sub-district within the Town Center Zone established to preserve environmental features and open space, and to create focal points and gathering places with pedestrian linkages to other town center sub-districts.

**Zoning Map** A map depicting the zoning classification designated to land within the City.

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