Code 101: Basic Concepts

New to codes? Here are some important land use terms you should know.

type of use a property can be used for.

Here are some general land use categories.

Residential Uses include a wide spectrum of building types and densities.

Single-Family Residential. Any property with only one residential unit on the lot, most commonly a detached house. Single-Family Residential is seen in a range of densities and building forms, including homes on small and large lots.



Multi-Family Residential. Any property with two or more units on a single lot, including apartments and condominiums, townhomes (where land isn't subdivided), and multiplexes.



Commercial Uses include uses such as retail, service, office, recreation, and entertainment.



Civic and Institutional Uses include uses such as hospitals, parks, schools, and libraries.



Industrial Uses include uses such as research and development, manufacturing, and storage and distribution.



Mixed Uses allow for diverse combinations of retail, office, and residential uses. Mixed uses are most common in Downtown Fargo.



Vertical Mixed Use.

This type of development combines different uses within the same building. Typically with retail on the ground floor and office or residential on upper floors.



Horizontal Mixed Use.

This type of development combines different uses within the same lot or district, allowing for a range of complementary, integrated land uses.

