Selected Definitions

Taken From HUD Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards (Title 24 CFR, Part 3280)

“Manufactured Home” Amended August 11, 1982
Means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which in the traveling mode, is eight body feet or more in width or forty body feet or more in length, or when erected on site is three hundred twenty or more square feet, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein. Calculations used to determine the number of square feet in a structure will be based on the structure’s exterior dimensions measured at the largest horizontal projections when erected on site. These dimensions will include all expandable rooms, cabinets, and other projections containing interior space, but do not include bay windows. This term includes all structures which meet the above requirements except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification pursuant to 3282.13 and complies with the standards set forth in part 3280. Nothing in this subsection should be interpreted to mean that a “manufactured home” necessarily meets the requirements of HUD’s Minimum Property Standards (HUD Handbook 4900.1) or that it is automatically eligible for financing under 12 U.S.C. 1709(b).

“Width of a Manufactured Home” Amended August 11, 1982
Means its largest overall width in the traveling mode including cabinets and other projections which contain interior space. Width does not include bay windows, roof projections, overhangs, or eaves under which there is no interior space.

“Length of a Manufactured Home” Amended August 11, 1982
Means its largest overall length in the traveling mode including cabinets and other projections which contain interior space. Length does not include bay windows, roof projections, overhangs, or eaves under which there is no interior space, nor does it include drawbars, couplings or hitches.

“Dwelling Unit”
Means one or more habitable rooms, which are designed to be occupied by one family with facilities for living, sleeping, cooking and eating.

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Part 3282.8 Applicability
(g) Recreational Vehicles: Recreational Vehicles are not subject to this part, Part 3280, or Part 3283. A recreational vehicle is a vehicle which is: (1) built on a single chassis; (2) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projections; (3) self propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and (4) designed primarily not to be used as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use.

It should be noted that HUD has the ability to revise these regulations.