

CORNER RECORDATION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 74 of 1970

54.202 Definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Accessory", means any exclusively identifiable physical object whose spatial relationship to the corner is recorded on a land corner recordation certificate that has been filed under this act.

(b) "Corner" means an original public land survey corner, a protracted public land survey corner, a property controlling corner, a witness monument, or a property corner.

(c) "County representative" means the individual performing the duties of county representative under section 9 of the state survey and remonumentation act, 1990 PA 345, MCL 54.269.

(d) "Department" means the department of licensing and regulatory affairs.

(e) "Land corner recordation certificate" means a written record for a corner in the form prescribed under section 5 that is to be filed as provided by this act.

(f) "Monument" means a marker that occupies the position of a corner and that possesses or is made to possess a magnetic field.

(g) "Original public land survey corner" means a corner established and monumented pursuant to orders and instructions issued by the United States government for the purposes of delineating the United States public lands and private lands or subdividing the public lands for conveyance.

(h) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, governmental entity, or other legal entity.

(i) "Property controlling corner" means either of the following:

(i) A position misidentified as and used as an original public land survey corner or as a protracted public land survey corner that serves to control property.

(ii) A corner that does not lie on a property line of a property but that controls the location of 1 or more of the property corners of the property.

(j) "Property corner" means a geographic point on the surface of the earth that is on, is a part of, and controls a property line.

(k) "Protracted public land survey corner" means any of the following:

(i) A closing quarter section position along a township or range line or a center quarter section position that was not actually monumented on the ground in the field notes of the original federal government survey, but that serves to complete the nominal half-mile grid of government corners.

(ii) A monumented position that is not an original public land survey corner, that lies on a section line or quarter line near a body of water, and that serves to define the section line or quarter line in lieu of a submerged government position or an omitted meander position.

(iii) A section or quarter section corner that appears by the field notes and plats of the United States survey of this state, on file in the state archives, to have been omitted and not properly established or monumented.

(l) "Reference monument" means an accessory that is employed if the site of a corner is such that a monument cannot be set or is liable to destruction or if occupation of the site provides for unsafe conditions.

(m) "Surveyor" means a professional surveyor who is licensed to practice professional surveying under article 20 of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.2001 to 339.2014.

(n) "Witness monument" is an accessory that is a monumented point near a corner. A witness monument is established only if it is impracticable to occupy the site of a corner with a monument. A witness monument is a witness to the true corner point. If the true point for a corner falls at an inaccessible place, such as on a precipitous slope or cliff where the corner cannot be monumented, a witness monument is established at a suitable point where the monument may be permanently constructed.

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