Fire Code Definitions

- **Fire Area:** The aggregate floor area enclosed and bounded by fire walls, fire barriers, exterior walls or fire-resistance-rated horizontal assemblies of a building.

- **Fire Barrier:** A fire-resistance-rated wall assembly of materials designed to restrict the spread of fire in which continuity is maintained.

- **Fire Partition:** A vertical assembly of materials designed to restrict the spread of fire in which openings are protected.

- **Fire Wall:** A fire-resistance rated wall having protected openings, which restricts the spread of fire and extends continuously from the foundation to or through the roof, with sufficient structural stability under fire conditions to allow collapse of construction on either side without collapse of the wall.