

**ARTICLE 2.00
RULES OF CONSTRUCTION**

Section 2.01 CONSTRUCTION OF LANGUAGE

The following rules of construction shall apply to the text of this Ordinance:

Section 2.01.1 COMMON AND APPROVED USAGE OF THE LANGUAGE

All words and phrases shall be constructed and understood according to the common and approved usage of the language; but technical words and phrases and such, as may have acquired a peculiar and appropriate meaning in the law or the fields of Planning or Engineering, shall be constructed and understood according to such peculiar and appropriate meaning.

Section 2.01.2 PARTICULAR / GENERAL

The particular shall control the general.

Section 2.01.3 TEXT SHALL CONTROL

In case of any difference of meaning or implication between the text of this Ordinance and any caption or illustration, the text shall control.

Section 2.01.4 WORD "SHALL" / WORD "MAY"

The word "shall" is always mandatory and not discretionary. The word "may" is permissive.

Section 2.01.5 PRESENT TENSE

Words used in the present tense shall include the future.

Section 2.01.6 SINGULAR / PLURAL

Words used in the singular number shall include the plural, and the plural shall include the singular, unless the context clearly indicates the contrary.

Section 2.01.7 GENDER

Each gender includes the opposite and neuter.

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Section 2.01.8 NEAREST INTEGER (WHOLE NUMBER)

All measurements shall be to the nearest integer (whole number), unless otherwise specified herein.

Section 2.01.9 PHRASE "USED FOR"

The phrase "used for" includes "arranged for," "designed for," "intended for," "occupied for," and "maintained for."

Section 2.01.10 WORD "BUILDING" /WORD "BUILD"

The word "building" includes the word "structure." The word "build" includes the words "erect" and "construct." A "building" or "structure" includes any part thereof.

Section 2.01.11 WORD "PERSON"

The word "person" includes an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an incorporated association, or any similar entity.

Section 2.01.12 DEFINITION OF WORDS

Whenever a word or term defined hereinafter appears in the text of this Ordinance, its meaning shall be constructed as defined herein. Words or terms not herein defined shall have the meaning customarily assigned to them.

Section 2.01.13 WORD "DWELLING" / WORD "LOT"

The word "dwelling" includes the word "residence," and the word "lot" includes the words "plot" or "parcel."

Section 2.01.14 CONJUNCTIONS

Unless the context clearly indicates the contrary, where a regulation involves two or more items, conditions, provisions, or events connected by the conjunction "and," "or," or "either/or," the conjunction shall be interpreted as follows:

- "And" indicates that all the connected items, conditions, provisions, or events shall apply.
- "Or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, provisions, or events may apply singly or in any combination.

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- "Either/or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, provisions, or events shall apply singly but not in combination.

Section 2.01.15 CATCH WORDS

Catch words and catch lines shall in no way by their presence or absence limit or affect the meaning of this Ordinance.

Section 2.01.16 THE WORDS "WRITTEN" AND "IN WRITING"

The words "written" and "in writing" may be constructed to include printing, engraving and lithographing; except that, in all cases where the written signature of any person is required, it shall always be the proper hand-writing of such person; or in case the person is unable to write, their proper mark.

Section 2.01.17 WORD "TO"

Whenever a reference is made to several sections and the section numbers are connected by the word "to," the reference includes both sections whose numbers are given and all intervening sections.

Section 2.01.18 COMPUTING A PERIOD OF DAYS

In computing a period of days, the first day is excluded and the last day is included. If the last day of any period is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the period is extended to include the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.