

## ARTICLE 2.00

### CONSTRUCTION OF LANGUAGE

#### Section 2.01 Construction of Language

The following rules of construction apply to the text of this Ordinance, except when the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- A. The particular shall control the general.
- B. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not discretionary. The word "may" is permissive.
- C. Words used in the present tense shall include the future; and words used in the singular number shall include the plural number and the plural the singular.
- D. The masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter.
- E. All measurements shall be to the nearest integer, unless otherwise specified herein.
- F. A "building" or "structure" includes any part thereof. The word "building" includes "structure". The word "build" includes the words "erect" and "construct".
- G. The phrase "used for" includes "arranged for," "designed for," "intended for," "maintained for," and "occupied for."
- H. The word "person" includes an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an incorporated association, or any other similar entity.
- I. 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," "either...or," the conjunction shall be interpreted as follows:
  - 1) "And" indicates that all the connected items, conditions, provisions, or events shall apply.
  - 2) "Or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, or provisions, or events may apply singly or in any combination.
  - 3) "Either/or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, provisions or events shall apply singly but not in combination.
- J. Terms not herein defined shall have the meaning customarily assigned to them.
- K. Catch words and catch lines shall in no way by their presence or absence limit or affect the meaning of this Ordinance.
- L. Unless the context clearly indicates to the contrary, where an illustration accompanies any item within this Ordinance, the written text shall have precedence over said illustrations.