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1A-04-010. Rules of Construction.

In the construction or interpretation of this Code, all ordinances of the City and any amendments thereto, the following rules of construction shall be observed when necessary or applicable, unless such construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the City Council or contrary to the context of the Ordinance.

1A-04-020. Common Usage.

All words and phrases shall be construed and understood according to the common use and understanding of the language, but technical words and phrases as may have acquired a particular meaning in the law shall be construed and understood according to such particular meaning.

1A-04-030. Use of Number.

Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, whenever any provision of this Code refers to the plural number in describing or referring to any matters, parties or persons, any single matter, party or person shall be deemed to be included, and vice versa.

1A-04-040. Use of Gender.

Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, whenever any provision of this Code refers to the masculine in describing or referring to any matters, parties or persons, the feminine shall be deemed to be included, and vice versa.

1A-04-050. Verb Tense.

Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, the use of any verb in the present tense shall be deemed to include the future and past tense of such verb, when applicable, and vice versa.

1A-04-060. Mandatory Language.

The term "shall" as used in this Code is mandatory and the terms "may" and "should" as used herein are merely permissive.

1A-04-070. Headings.

Title, chapter or section headings contained herein shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or intent of the provisions of any title, chapter or section of this Code.

1A-04-080. Computation of Time.

Unless otherwise provided, the time within which an act is required to be done shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last day. If the last day is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then the last day shall be the next following business day.

1A-04-090. Minimum Requirements.

In the interpretation and application of any provision of this Code, it shall be held to be the minimum requirement adopted for the promotion of the public health, safety and general welfare.

1A-04-100. Delegation of Authority.

Whenever a provision appears requiring the head of a department or some other City officer to do some act or perform some duty, it is to be construed to authorize the head of the department or other officer to designate, delegate and authorize subordinates to perform the required act or perform the duty unless the terms of the provision or section specify otherwise or such delegation is prohibited by law.