

CHAPTER 2

20.00 RULES OF CONSTRUCTION

20.01 **General.** Words and phrases shall be construed in their plain, ordinary and usual sense, except that technical words and phrases having a peculiar appropriate meaning in law shall be understood according to their technical import.

20.02 **Masculine, Feminine or Neuter.** Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the use of either masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall include the other genders.

20.03 **Singular or Plural.** Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the use of either singular or plural number shall include the other number.

20.04 **Past, Present or Future.** Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the use of either past, present or future tense shall include the other tenses.

20.05 **Joint Authority.** Words importing joint authority to three or more persons shall be construed as authority to a majority of such persons.

20.06 **Computation of Time.** The time within which an act shall be done shall be computed by excluding the first and including the last day. If the last day is a Sunday or legal holiday, such day shall be excluded.

20.07 **Deputies.** Whenever the Municipal Code requires an act to be done, which act may be legally be done by an agent or employee, as well as the principal, such requirement shall be satisfied by the performance of such act by an authorized agent or employee.

20.08 **Conjunctions.** The words "or" and "and" may be read interchangeably in situations where the context requires it.

20.09 **Catch Lines.** The catch lines of the various sections of the Municipal Code printed in bold face type are intended to indicate the context of the section for the convenience of the reader and shall not be construed as a part of the section.

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