

Chapter 1.04

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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1.04.010 Definitions

The following words and phrases, whenever used in the ordinances of the city, shall be construed as defined in this section unless from the context a different meaning is intended or unless a different meaning is specifically defined and more particularly directed to the use of such words or phrases:

- A.** "City" and "town" each mean the city of Ripon, California, or the area within the territorial limits of the city of Ripon, and such territory outside the city over which the city has jurisdiction or control by virtue of any constitutional or statutory provision.
- B.** "Council" means the city council of the city of Ripon. "All its members" or "all councilmen" means the total number of councilmen holding office.
- C.** "County" means the county of San Joaquin.
- D.** "Law" denotes applicable federal law, the Constitution and statutes of the state of California, the ordinances of the city of Ripon, and when appropriate, any and all rules and regulations which may be promulgated thereunder.
- E.** "May" is permissive.
- F.** "Month" means a calendar month.
- G.** "Must" and "shall" are each mandatory.
- H.** "Oath" means and includes an affirmation or declaration in all cases in which, by law, an

affirmation may be substituted for an oath, and in such cases the words "swear" and "sworn" shall be equivalent to the words "affirm" and "affirmed."

I. "Owner," applied to a building or land, includes any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, joint tenant, tenant by the entirety, of the whole or a part of such building or land.

J. "Person" means and includes a natural person, joint venture, joint stock company, partnership, association, club, company, corporation, business, trust, organization, or the manager, lessee, agent, servant, officer or employee of any of them.

K. "Personal property" means and includes money, goods, chattels, things in action and evidences of debt.

L. "Preceding" and "following" means next before and next after, respectively.

M. "Property" means and includes real and personal property.

N. "Real property" means and includes lands, tenements and hereditaments.

O. "Sidewalk" means that portion of a street between the curb line and the adjacent property line intended for the use of pedestrians.

P. "State" means the state of California.

Q. "Street" means and includes all streets, highways, avenues, lanes, alleys, courts, places, squares, curbs or other public ways in the city which have been or may hereafter be dedicated and open to public use, or such other public property so designated in any law of the state.

R. "Tenant" and "occupant," applied to a building or land, include any person who occupies the whole or a part of such building or land, whether alone or with others.

S. "Written" means and includes printed, typewritten, mimeographed, multigraphed or otherwise reproduced in permanent visible form.

T. "Year" means a calendar year. (Ord. 356 §1, 1986)

1.04.020 Title of office

Use of the title of any officer, employee, department, board or commission means that

officer, employee, department, board or commission of the city (Ord. 356 §2, 1986)

1.04.030 Interpretation of language

All words and phrases shall be construed according to the common and approved usage of the language, but technical words and phrases and such others as may have acquired a peculiar and appropriate meaning in the law shall be construed and understood according to such peculiar and appropriate meaning. (Ord. 356 §3, 1986)

1.04.040 Grammatical interpretation.

The following grammatical rules shall apply in the ordinances of the city, unless it is apparent from the context that a different construction is intended:

- A. Gender. Each gender includes the masculine, feminine and neuter genders.
- B. Singular and Plural. The singular number includes the plural and the plural includes the singular.
- C. Tenses. Words used in the present tense include the past and the future tenses and vice versa, unless manifestly inapplicable. (Ord. 356 §4, 1986)

1.04.050 Acts by agents

When an act is required by an ordinance, the same being such that it may be done as well by an agent as by the principal, such requirement shall be construed to include all such acts performed by an authorized agent. (Ord. 356 §5, 1986)

1.04.060 Prohibited acts include causing and permitting

Whenever in the ordinances of the city, any act or omission is made unlawful, it shall include causing, allowing, permitting, aiding, abetting, suffering or concealing the fact of such act or commission. (Ord. 356 §6, 1986)

1.04.070 Computation of time

Except when 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, unless the last day is

Sunday or a holiday, in which case it shall also be excluded. (Ord. 356 §7, 1986)

1.04.080 Construction

The provisions of the ordinances of the city, and all proceedings under them are to be construed with a view to effect their objects and to promote justice. (Ord. 356 §8, 1986)

1.04.090 Repeal shall not revive any, ordinances

The repeal of an ordinance shall not repeal the repealing clause of an ordinance or revive any ordinance which has been repealed thereby. (Ord. 356 §9, 1986)

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