

Article 2 – Definitions

2.1 Rules of Use and Construction

This Chapter defines the words used in this Ordinance. The rules of construction applicable to the words used in this Ordinance are as follows:

- a. Words and phrases that are not defined in this chapter shall be defined in terms of their common or customary usage.
- b. Technical words and phrases that may have peculiar and appropriate meaning in the law shall be construed and understood according to such peculiar and appropriate meaning.
- c. The particular shall control the general.
- d. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not discretionary. The word “may” is permissive.
- e. When it is consistent with the context, words used in the present tense shall include the future. Words used in the singular form shall include the plural, and the plural form shall include the singular.
- f. The word “person” includes any individual, partnership, association, trust, corporation, or any other legal entity or combination of legal entities.
- g. The word “lot” includes the word “parcel”.
- h. Where a standard or regulation involves two or more conditions, provisions, or items that are connected by the conjunction “and” or “or”, then the conjunction shall be interpreted as follows:
 1. **“And”** means that all the connected conditions, provisions or items shall apply.
 2. **“Or”** means that the connected conditions, provisions or items may apply singly or in combination.