

CHAPTER 3

DEFINITIONS

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1-3-1: CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS: Whenever any word in any Section of this Village Code importing the plural number is used in describing or referring to any matters, parties or persons, any single matter, party or person shall be deemed to be included, although distributive words may not have been used.

When any subject matter, party or person is referred to in this Village Code by words importing the singular number only, or the masculine gender, several matters, parties or persons and females as well as males and bodies corporate shall be deemed to be included; provided, that these rules of construction shall not be applied to any Section of this Village Code which contains any express provision excluding such construction or where the subject matter or content may be repugnant thereto.

1-3-2: DEFINITIONS: Whenever the following words or terms are used in this Code they shall have the meanings herein ascribed to them, unless the context makes such meaning repugnant thereto:

AGENT: The word "agent" as used in this Code shall mean a person acting on behalf of another.

BOARD: The word "Board", unless otherwise indicated, shall mean the Board of Trustees of the Village.

CODE: The word "Code" shall mean the Municipal Code of Arthur and amendments thereto.

EMPLOYEES: Whenever reference is made in this Code to a Village employee by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words "of the Village of Arthur".

FEE: The word "fee" as used in this Code shall mean a sum of money charged by the Village for the carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

KNOWINGLY: The word "knowingly" imports only a knowledge that the facts exist which bring the act or omission within the provisions of this Code. It does not require any knowledge of the unlawfulness of such act or omission.

LICENSE: The word "license" as used in this Code shall mean the permission granted for the carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

MISDEMEANOR: The word "misdemeanor" shall mean any offense deemed a violation of the provisions of this Code which is a lesser offense than a felony as defined by State law.

NEGLIGENT: The word "negligent", as well as "neglect", "negligence" and "negligently" imports a want of such attention to the nature of probable consequences of the act or omission as a prudent man ordinarily bestows in acting in his own concerns.

NUISANCE: The word "nuisance" shall mean anything offensive physically to the senses and thereby making life uncomfortable to the inhabitants of the Village; or are such as result from the violation of public rights, and will exclude intangible injuries from all public exhibitions the natural tendency of which is to pander to vicious tastes, and to draw together the vicious and disorderly members of society.

OCCUPANT: The word "occupant" applied to a building or land shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land whether alone or with others.

OFFENSE: The word "offense" shall mean any act forbidden by any provisions of this Code or the omission of any act required by the provisions of this Code.

OFFICERS: Whenever reference is made in this Code to a Village officer by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words "of the Village of Arthur".

OPERATOR: The word "operator" as used in this Code shall mean the person who is in charge of any operation, business or profession.

OWNER: The word "owner" applied to a building or land shall include any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, joint tenant or lessee of the whole or of a part of such building or land.

PERSON: The word "person" shall mean any natural individual, firm, trust, partnership, association or corporation in his or its own capacity or as administrator, conservator, executor, trustee, receiver or other representative appointed by the court. Whenever the word "person" is used in any Section of this Code prescribing a penalty or fine as applied to partnerships or associations, the word, subject to State law, shall include the partners or members thereof, and such word as applied to corporations shall include the officers, agents or employees thereof who are responsible for any violation of said Section.

PERSONAL PROPERTY: The term "personal property" shall include every description of money, goods, chattels, effects, evidence of rights in action and all written instruments by which any pecuniary obligation, right or title to property is created, acknowledged, transferred, increased, defeated, discharged or diminished and every right or interest therein.

RETAILER: The word "retailer" as used in this Code, unless otherwise specifically defined shall be understood to relate to the sale of goods, merchandise, articles or things in small quantities direct to the consumer.

STATE: The word "State", unless otherwise indicated, shall mean the State of Illinois.

STREET: The word "street" shall include alleys, boulevards, highways, public ways and sidewalks.

TENANT: The word "tenant" applied to a building or land shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land whether alone or with others under arrangement with the owner or owners.

VILLAGE: The word "Village" shall mean the Village of Arthur, Counties of Douglas and Moultrie, State of Illinois.

WILLFULLY: The word "willfully" when applied to the intent with which an act is done or omitted, implies, subject to State law, simply a purpose or willingness to commit the act or make the omission referred to. It does not require any intent to violate law, or to injure another, or to acquire an advantage.

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WRITTEN, IN WRITING: The terms "written" or "in writing" may include printing and any other mode of representing words and letters, but when the written signature of any person is required by law to any official or public writing or bond required by law, it shall be in the proper handwriting of such person, or in case he is unable to write, by his proper mark.

1-3-3: CATCHLINES: The catchlines of the several Sections of this Village Code are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the content of the Section and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such Sections, nor as any part of the Section, nor unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of such Sections, including the catchlines, are amended or re-enacted.