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- 1.04.010 Definitions: The following words and phrases, whenever used in this code, 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 Moses Lake, Washington or the area within the territorial limits of the City of Moses Lake, 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 Moses Lake. "All its members" or "all Councilmen" means the total number of Councilmen holding office.
 - C. "County" means the County of Grant.
 - D. "Law" denotes applicable federal law, the Constitution and statutes of the State of Washington, the ordinances of the city, 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" 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" 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" includes money, goods, chattels, things in action and evidences of debt.
 - L. "Preceding" and "following" mean next before and next after, respectively.
 - M. "Property" includes real and personal property.
 - N. "Real property" includes lands, tenements and hereditaments.
 - O. "Sidewalk" means that portion of a street between the curblin and the adjacent property line intended for the use of pedestrians.
 - P. "State" means the State of Washington.

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- Q. "Street" 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. "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.
 - T. "Written" includes printed, typewritten, mimeographed, multigraphed, or otherwise reproduced in permanent visible form.
 - U. "Year" means a calendar year. (Ord. 820, 1977)
- 1.04.020 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. 820, 1977)
- 1.04.030 Grammatical Interpretation: The following grammatical rules shall apply in this code unless it is apparent from the context that a different construction is intended:
- A. Each gender includes the masculine, feminine, and neuter genders.
 - B. The singular number includes the plural and the plural includes the singular.
 - C. Words used in the present tense include the past and the future tenses and vice versa, unless manifestly inapplicable. (Ord. 820, 1977)
- 1.04.040 Act by Agent Deemed Act by Principal: 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, unless otherwise specified. (Ord. 820, 1977)
- 1.04.050 Prohibited Acts Include Causing and Permitting: Whenever in the ordinances of the city, any act or omissions made unlawful, it includes causing, allowing, permitting, aiding, or abetting the fact of such act or omission. (Ord. 820, 1977)
- 1.04.060 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. 820, 1977)
- 1.04.070 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. 820, 1977)
- 1.04.080 Repeal Not to Revive Any Ordinances: The repeal of an ordinance shall not repeal the repealing of an ordinance or revive any ordinance which has been repealed thereby. (Ord. 820, 1977)