

SECTION 105 DEFINITION OF TERMS; INTERPRETATION; CONFLICTS

105.01 DEFINITIONS; COMMON TERMS.

For purposes of this Code, the terms defined in this Section have the meanings given them:

Subd. 1. "Charter" means the Charter of the City of Wabasha.

Subd. 2. "City" means the City of Wabasha and all the territory lying within its boundaries over which it has jurisdiction.

Subd. 3. "Code", "this Code" or "Code of Ordinances" means the Wabasha City Code adopted by ordinance in 1974, as organized, compiled and codified herein.

Subd. 4. "Council" means the City Council of the City of Wabasha.

Subd. 5. "Mayor" means the Wabasha City Mayor.

Subd. 6. "Clerk" means the Wabasha City Clerk.

Subd. 7. "Owner" means, in the case of personal property, a person, other than a lienholder, having the property in or title to personal property. In the case of real property, the term means the fee owner of land, or the beneficial owner of land whose interest is primarily one of possession and enjoyment in contemplation of ultimate ownership. The term includes, but is not limited to, vendees under a contract for deed and mortgagors.

Subd. 8. "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, association or corporation; the term may extend and be applied to bodies corporate and politic, and to partnerships and other unincorporated associations.

Subd. 9. "Health Authority" means the Health Officer.

Subd. 10. "Utilities Commission" means the Water, Light and Power Commission.

Subd. 11. Any reference to an elected or appointed City officer includes their duly authorized representative.

105.03 DEFINITIONS; STATUTORY.

For purposes of this Code, the terms defined in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 645.44 and 745.45 have the meanings given them by those sections; and terms defined by statutes, rules or regulations, and ordinances adopted by reference have the meanings given them therein.

105.05 DEFINITIONS; INTERNAL.

Terms defined in other Sections of this Code have the meanings given them by those Sections.

105.07 INTERPRETATION; CONFLICTS.

Common Usage. Words and phrases used in this Code shall be interpreted and understood in accordance with common and accepted usage, but any technical words or phrases or such others as have acquired a specific or peculiar meaning shall be interpreted and understood in accordance with such meaning.

105.09 STATUTORY RULES.

It is the intent of the City Council that the rules and canons of construction, presumptions and miscellaneous provisions relating to statutory construction contained in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 645, apply to this Code and govern its interpretation, and that all questions of meaning, construction and interpretation of this Code be resolved by application of the rules contained in Chapter 645. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 645, are hereby adopted by reference and are as much a part of this Code as if fully set forth herein.