

ADOPTION OF CODE  
Chapter 2

2. Definitions and Rules of Construction

- 2.010 Definitions. The following definitions shall be observed, unless it shall be otherwise expressly provided, or unless such definition should be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the provision, or unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
- (1) Code. The words "The City Code" or "Code," unless it shall be otherwise expressly provided, shall mean the City Code of Vadnais Heights, Minnesota, as hereby adopted.
  - (2) Council. The word "Council" or the words "City Council" shall mean the City Council of the City of Vadnais Heights, Minnesota.
  - (3) Occupant. The word "occupant" shall mean any person who occupies the whole or any part of a building or land, either alone or with others.
  - (4) Or, And. The word "or" may be read "and," and the word "and" may be read "or" as the sense requires.
  - (5) Owner of Building or Land. The words "owner of building or land" shall include any sole owner, part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, joint tenant, or tenant by the entirety.
  - (6) Person. The word "person" shall include a corporation, firm, partnership, association, organization, and any other group acting as a unit as well as individuals. It shall also include an executor, administrator, trustee, receiver or other representative appointed according to law. Whenever a violation of any section of the City Code is punishable by a penalty or fine, and whenever the word "person" is used in such section for which a penalty is imposed for such violation, "person" shall include partners or members of partnerships or associations, and as to corporations, shall include the officers, agents, or members thereof who are responsible for any violation of said section.
  - (7) Property. The word "property" shall include tangible or intangible, real, personal, or mixed property.
  - (8) Public Way. The words "public way" shall include any street, alley, boulevard, parkway, highway, sidewalk, or other public thoroughfare.
  - (9) Sidewalk. The word "sidewalk" shall mean that portion of the street between the curb line and the adjacent property line intended for the use of pedestrians.
  - (10) State. The word "State" shall mean the State of Minnesota.
  - (11) Street. The word "street" shall include any public way, highway, street, avenue, boulevard, parkway, alley, or other public thoroughfare. Each of said words shall include the others, and, if the context permits, shall also include "sidewalks."
  - (12) Tenant. The word "tenant" shall mean any person who occupies the whole or any part of a building or land, either alone or with others.
  - (13) City. The word "City" shall mean the City of Vadnais Heights, Minnesota.
- 2.020 Catch Lines of Sections. The catch lines of the several sections of the City Code are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the approximate contents of the section and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such section nor as any part of the section, nor, unless expressly so provided, shall they be so determined when any of such sections, including the catch lines, are amended or reenacted.
- 2.030 Severability of Parts of City Code. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of the City Code are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of the Code shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall

not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of the Code, since the same would have been enacted by the Council without the incorporation in the Code of any such unconstitutional phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections.