

CHAPTER 13 - CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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13.01 RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.

The following rules or meanings shall be applied in the construction and interpretation of Ordinances codified in this Municipal Code unless such application would be clearly inconsistent with the Code's plain meaning or intent of the Ordinances:

- (1) **Wisconsin Statutes.** All references to "Wisconsin Statutes" or "Wis. Stat." shall mean the Wisconsin Statutes as of the adoption of this Municipal Code, as amended or renumbered from time to time.
- (2) **Gender, Singular and Plural.** Every word in this Code referring to gender shall be gender neutral, and every word referring to the singular number only shall also be construed to apply to several persons or things.
- (3) **Person.** The word "person" extends and applies to natural persons, firms, corporations, associations, partnerships or other bodies politic and to all entities capable of being sued, unless plainly inapplicable.
- (4) **Acts of Agents.** When an ordinance requires an act to be done by a person which may be legally performed by an agent as by the principal, such requirement shall be construed to include all acts when done by an authorized agent.
- (5) **Municipal Code and Code.** The words, "Codes," "Code of Ordinances," and "Municipal Code" when used in any section of this Code shall refer to this Municipal Code of the Village of Ridgeway unless the content of the section clearly indicates otherwise.
- (6) **Village.** The term "Village" shall mean the Village of Ridgeway, Iowa County, Wisconsin.

13.02 CONFLICT AND SEPARABILITY.

- (1) **Conflict of Provisions.** If the provisions of the different chapters of this Code conflict with or contravene each other, the provisions of each individual chapter shall control as to all matters and questions arising out of the subject matter of that chapter. If the provisions of different sections of the same chapter conflict with each other, the provision which is more specific in its application to the events or persons raising the conflict shall control over the more general provision.
- (2) **Separability of Code Provisions.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by reason of any decision of any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase or portion of this Code.

13.03 TITLE; CITATION.

These ordinances shall be known as the "Municipal Code of the Village of Ridgeway." All references to the Municipal Code of the Village of Ridgeway shall be cited as follows: § 13.03, Municipal Code of the Village of Ridgeway.

13.04 KEEPING CODE CURRENT.

Whenever any standard code, rule, regulation, statute or other written or printed matter is adopted by reference, it shall be deemed incorporated in this Code as if fully set forth herein and the Clerk/Treasurer shall maintain in his/her office a copy of any such material as adopted and as amended from time to time. Materials on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office shall be considered public records open to reasonable examination by any person during the office hours of the Clerk/Treasurer subject to such restrictions on examination as the Clerk/Treasurer imposes for the preservation of the material.

13.05 EFFECTIVE DATE.

- (1) Municipal Code. The Municipal Code of the Village of Ridgeway shall take effect as provided by state law.

- (2) Subsequent Ordinances. All ordinances passed by the Village Board subsequent to the adoption of the Code of Ordinances, except when otherwise specifically provided, shall take effect from and after their publication.