

Section 105 - Definition of Terms; Interpretation; Conflicts

105.01. Definitions; common terms. Subdivision 1. For purposes of this code, the terms defined in this subsection have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. "Charter" means the charter of the city.

Subd. 3. "City" means the city of Hopkins and the territory lying within its boundaries over which the city has jurisdiction.

Subd. 4. "Code", "this code", or "code of ordinances" means the Hopkins city code adopted by ordinance in 1986, as organized, compiled and codified herein.

Subd. 5. "Council" means the city council.

Subd. 6. "Clerk" means the city clerk.

Subd. 7. "Health authority" means the city health officer or the public health sanitarian.

Subd. 8. "Manager" or "city manager" means the city manager as the chief enforcement officer of the city and includes the appropriate department head or other officer or employee assigned responsibility for the enforcement of this code by the manager.

Subd. 9. "Minor" means a person under the age of 18 years, except where otherwise defined.

Subd. 10. "Owner" means, in the case of personal property, a person, other than a lienholder, having the property interest 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 its not limited to, vendees under a contract for deed and mortgagors.

Subd. 11. "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. 12. Reference to an elected or appointed city officer includes the duly authorized representative of that officer.

105.03. Definitions; statutory. For purposes of this code, the terms defined in Minnesota Statutes, sections 645.44 and 645.45 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. Definition; internal. Terms defined in other sections of this code have the meanings given them by those sections.

105.07. Interpretation; conflicts. Subdivision 1. 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.

Subd. 2. 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 adopted by reference.

105.09. Equal rights; terminology. Whenever the term "man", "men" or their related pronouns appear in this code, either in words or parts of words, they have been used for grammatical, editorial, and literary purposes, and the terms are to be construed in their generic sense, that is, to include all persons both male and female.