

Title 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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CODE ADOPTION

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1.01.010 Adoption.

There is adopted the "Grays Harbor County Code" as compiled, edited and published by Matthew Bender & Company, Inc. (Ord. 302 § 1, 2003)

1.01.020 Title--Citation--Reference.

This code shall be known as the "Grays Harbor County Code" and it shall be sufficient to refer to said code as the "Grays Harbor County Code" in any prosecution for the violation of any provision thereof or in any proceeding at law or equity. It shall be sufficient to designate any ordinance adding to, amending, correcting or repealing all or any part or portion thereof as an addition to, amendment to, correction or repeal of the "Grays Harbor County Code." References may be made to the titles, chapters, sections and subsections of the "Grays Harbor County Code" and such references shall apply to those titles, chapters, sections or subsections as they appear in the code. (Ord. 302 § 2, 2003)

1.01.030 Reference applies to all amendments.

Whenever a reference is made to this code as the "Grays Harbor County Code" or to any portion thereof, or to any ordinance of the county codified herein, the reference shall apply to all amendment, corrections and additions heretofore, now or hereafter made. (Ord. 302 § 3, 2003)

1.01.040 Title, chapter and section headings.

Title, chapter and section headings contained herein shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or intent of the provisions of any title, chapter or section hereof. (Ord. 302 § 4, 2003)

1.01.050 Ordinances passed prior to adoption of the code.

The last ordinance included in this code is Ordinance No. 292, passed December 17, 2001. The following ordinances, passed subsequent to Ordinance No. 292, but prior to adoption of this code, are hereby adopted and made a part of this code: Ordinance Nos. 293 through 301, inclusive. (Ord. 302 § 5, 2003)

1.01.060 Effect of code on past actions and obligations.

The adoption of this code does not affect prosecutions for ordinance violations committed prior to the effective date of this code, does not waive any fee or penalty due and unpaid on the effective date of this code, and does not affect the validity of any bond or cash deposit posted, filed or deposited pursuant to the requirements of any ordinance. (Ord. 302 § 6, 2003)

1.01.070 Constitutionality.

If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this code. (Ord. 302 § 7, 2003)

## Chapter 1.04

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#### 1.04.010 Definitions.

The following words and phrases, whenever used in the ordinances of the county of Grays Harbor, shall be construed as defined in this section unless from the context a different meaning is in-

tended or unless a different meaning is specifically defined and more particularly directed to the use of such words or phrases:

“County” means the county of Grays Harbor.

“Law” denotes applicable federal law, the Constitution and statutes of the state of Washington, the ordinances of the county, and when appropriate, any and all rules and regulations which may be promulgated thereunder.

“May” is permissive.

“Month” means a calendar month.

“Must” and “shall” are each mandatory.

“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.”

“Owner,” applied to a building or land, means and 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.

“Person” means and 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.

“Personal property” means and includes money, goods, chattels, things in action and evidences of debt.

“Preceding” and “following” mean next before and next after, respectively.

“Property” means and includes real and personal property.

“Real property” means and includes lands, tenements and hereditaments.

“Sidewalk” means that portion of a street between the curblin and the adjacent property line intended for the use of pedestrians.

“State” means the state of Washington.

“Street” means and includes all streets, highways, roads, avenues, lanes, alleys, courts, places, squares, curbs, or other public ways in the county which have been or may hereafter be dedicated and open to public use, or such other public property so designated in any law of this state.

“Tenant” and “occupant,” applied to a building or land, mean and include any person who occupies the whole or a part of such building or land, whether alone or with others.

“Written” means and includes printed, typewritten, mimeographed, multigraphed, or otherwise reproduced in permanent visible form.

“Year” means a calendar year.

(Ord. 284 § 1, 2001)

#### 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. 284 § 2, 2001)

#### 1.04.030 Grammatical interpretation.

The following grammatical rules shall apply in the ordinances of the county unless it is apparent from the context that a different construction is intended:

A. Gender. Each gender includes the masculine, feminine and neuter genders.

B. Singular and Plural. The singular number includes the plural and the plural includes the singular.

C. Tenses. Words used in the present tense include the past and the future tenses and vice versa, unless manifestly inapplicable. (Ord. 284 § 3, 2001)

#### 1.04.040 Acts by agents.

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. (Ord. 284 § 4, 2001)

#### 1.04.050 Prohibited acts include causing and permitting.

Whenever in the ordinances of the county any act or omission is made unlawful, it shall include causing, allowing, permitting, aiding, abetting, suffering, or concealing the fact of such act or omission. (Ord. 284 § 5, 2001)

#### 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. 284 § 6, 2001)

#### 1.04.070 Construction.

The provisions of the ordinances of the county, and all proceedings under them, are to be construed with a view to effect their objects and to promote justice. (Ord. 284 § 7, 2001)

#### 1.04.080 Repeal shall not revive any ordinances.

The repeal of an ordinance shall not repeal the repealing clause of an ordinance or revive any ordinance which has been repealed thereby. (Ord. 284 § 8, 2001)

### Chapter 1.08

#### GENERAL PENALTY

(Reserved)

