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1-3-1. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.

The following rules of construction and definitions shall apply to these Policies and to all ordinances and resolutions adopted by the Township Board unless the context requires otherwise:

- A. When provisions conflict, the specific shall prevail over the general and the more stringent provision shall prevail over the less stringent.
- B. All provisions, terms, phrases, and expressions shall be reasonably construed in order that the legislative intent and meaning of the Township Board may be fully carried out.
- C. All provisions shall be construed according to the common and approved usage of the English language, but technical words, technical phrases and words and phrases that have acquired peculiar or specialized meanings in law shall be construed according to such meanings.
- D. In the event any provision in this Code conflicts with any Illinois statute, the statutory provision shall prevail. (2015 Code)

1-3-2. DEFINITIONS.

The following definitions and rules of construction shall apply to this Code, except where otherwise stated:

Assessor. The term "Assessor" means the Palos Township Assessor.

Board or Township Board. The term "Board" or "Township Board" means the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Palos Township, Illinois.

Business Hours. The official business hours as set by the Township Board.

Clerk. The term "Clerk" means the Township Clerk.

Computation of time. Except as expressly provided to the contrary, the time within which any act provided by policy is to be done shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last, unless the last day is Saturday or Sunday or is a holiday as defined or fixed in any statute or Township Ordinance or Resolution now or hereafter in force in this State, in which case it shall be excluded. If the day succeeding such Saturday, Sunday or holiday is also a holiday or a Saturday or Sunday then such succeeding day shall also be excluded.

County. The term "County" means Cook County, Illinois.

Gender. Words of one gender include the other gender.

Highway Commissioner. The Term "Highway Commissioner" means the Palos Township Highway Commissioner.

Month. The term "month" means a calendar month.

Number. Words importing the singular number may extend and be applied to several persons or things and words importing the plural number may include the singular.

Owner. The term "owner," as applied to property, includes any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, tenant in partnership, joint tenant or tenant by the entirety of the whole or part of such property.

Person. The term "person" means any individual, corporation, limited liability corporation, organization, government, governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, association and any other legal entity, unless the ordinance or context indicates otherwise.

Personal property. The term "personal property" means any property other than real property.

Premises. The term "premises," as applied to real property, includes land and structures.

Property. The term "property" means real property.

Real property. The term "real property" includes lands, tenements and hereditaments.

Shall. The term "shall" is to be construed as being mandatory.

State. The term "State" means the State of Illinois.

Street. The word "street" shall be construed to embrace streets, avenues, boulevards, roads, alleys, lanes, viaducts and all other public ways in the Township and shall include all areas thereof embraced between property lines and dedicated to the public use.

Supervisor or supervisor. The Term "Supervisor" when capitalized means the Elected Township Supervisor and the term "supervisor" when not capitalized means a supervisory employee of the township.

Trustee. The term "Trustee" means a Palos Township Trustee.

Week. The term "week" means a period of seven consecutive days.

Year. The term "year" means a period of 12 consecutive months. (2015 Code)

1-3-3. SECTION TITLES.

Section Titles this code are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the content of the section and shall not alone be the basis of construction the section. (2015 Code)