

**CHAPTER 3**  
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1-3-1 CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS

Whenever any word in any section of this Village Code importing the plural number is used in describing or referring to any matters, parties or persons, any single matter, party or person shall be deemed to be included, although distributive words may not have been used.

When any subject, party or person is referred to in this Village Code by words importing the singular number only, or the masculine gender, several matters, parties or persons and females as well as males and bodies corporate shall be deemed to be included; provided, that these rules of construction shall not be applied to any section of this Village Code which contains any express provision excluding such construction or where the subject matter or content may be repugnant thereto.

The word “ordinance” contained in the ordinances of the Village has been changed in the content of this Village Code to “Title,” “Chapter,” “Section” and/or “subsection” or words of like import for organizational and clarification purposes only. Such change to the Village’s ordinances is not meant to amend the passage and effective dates of such original ordinances.

1-3-2 DEFINITIONS *Amended, Ord. 04-05-737*

Whenever the following words or terms are used in this Code they shall have the meanings herein ascribed to them, unless the context makes such meaning repugnant thereto:

AGENT: The word “agent” as used in this Code shall mean a person acting on behalf of another.

BOARD: The word “Board,” unless otherwise indicated, shall mean the Board of Trustees of the Village.

CODE: The word “Code” shall mean the Municipal Code of Hebron and amendments thereto.

COUNTY: The word “County” shall mean County of McHenry, State of Illinois.

EMPLOYEEES: Whenever reference is made in this Code to a Village employee by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words, “of the Village of Hebron.”

FEE: The word “fee” as used in this Code shall mean a sum of money charged by the Village for the carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

**LICENSE:** The word “license” as used in this Code shall mean the permission granted for the carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

**NUISANCE:** The word “nuisance” shall mean anything offensive or obnoxious to the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village; or any act or thing repugnant to, or creating a hazard to, or having a detrimental effect on the property of another person or to the community.

**OCCUPANT:** The word “occupant,” applied to a building or land, shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land whether alone or with others.

**OFFENSE:** The word “offense” shall mean any act forbidden by any provision of this Code or the omission of any act required by the provisions of this Code.

**OFFICERS:** Whenever reference is made in this Code to a Village officer by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words “of the Village of Hebron.”

**OPERATOR:** The word “operator” as used in this Code shall mean the person who is in charge of any operation, business or profession.

**OWNER:** The word “owner” applied to a building or land shall include any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, joint tenant or lessee of the whole or of a part of such building or land.

**PERSON:** The word “person” shall mean any public or private corporation, firm, partnership, association, organization, government or any other group acting as a unit, as well as a natural person.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY:** The term “personal property” shall include every description of money, goods, chattels, effects, evidence of rights in action and all written instruments by which any pecuniary obligation, right or title to property is created, acknowledged, transferred, increased, defeated, discharged or diminished and every right or interest therein.

**RETAILER:** The word “retailer” as used in this Code, unless otherwise specifically defined, shall be understood to relate to the sale of goods, merchandise, articles or things in small quantities direct to the consumer.

**SECTION:** Wherever “Section” appears within a particular section number of this Code, it means that particular section. For example, if “Section” appears within Section 1-3-2 of this Code, Section means Section 1-3-2. When a number is included with the word “Section,” it shall mean that section number of this Code.

**STATE:** The word “State,” unless otherwise indicated, shall mean the State of Illinois.

**STREET:** The word “street” shall include alleys, lanes, courts, boulevards, public squares, public places and sidewalks.

TENANT: The word “tenant” applied to a building or land shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land whether alone or with others.

VILLAGE: The word “Village” shall mean the Village of Hebron, County of McHenry, State of Illinois.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT: The President of the Village may be referred to as “President” of the Village.

WHOLESALER: The words “wholesaler” and “wholesale dealer,” as used in this Code, unless otherwise specifically defined, shall be understood to relate to the sale of goods, merchandise, articles or things in quantity to persons who purchase for the purpose of resale.

WRITTEN, IN WRITING: The terms “written” or “in writing” may include printing and any other mode of representing words and letters, but when the written signature of any person is required by law to any official or public writing or bond required by law, it shall be in the proper handwriting of such person, or in case he is unable to write, by his proper mark.

1-3-3:           CATCHLINES

The catchlines of the several sections of this Village Code are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the content of the section and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such sections, nor be deemed to govern, limit, modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or intent of the provisions of any division or section hereof, nor unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of such sections, including the catchlines, are amended or re-enacted. *(1978 Code)*