

Chapter 18.060

INTERPRETATION OF CODE

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18.060.010 Purpose.

The purpose of this Chapter is to specify the authority and procedures for clarifying any ambiguity in the regulations of this Subdivision Code and to ensure consistent interpretation and application of this Code. (Ord. 6968 §1, 2007)

18.060.020 Applicability and Authority for Interpretations.

If ambiguity arises concerning the meaning or applicability of any provision of this Subdivision Code, the Zoning Administrator shall have the responsibility to review pertinent facts, determine the intent of the provision and to issue an administrative interpretation. (Ord. 6968 §1, 2007)

18.060.030 Rules and Interpretations.

A. Terminology.

When used in this Subdivision Code, the following rules apply to all provisions of the Subdivision Code:

Language. The words “shall,” “must,” “will,” “is to” and “are to” are always mandatory. “Should” is not mandatory but is strongly recommended and “may” is permissive.

Tense. The present tense includes the past and future tense and the future tense includes the present.

Number. The singular number includes the plural number and the plural the singular, unless the natural construction of the words indicates otherwise.

Conjunction. “And” indicates that all connected items or provisions shall apply. “Or” indicates that the connected items or provisions may apply singly or in any combination. “Either ...or” indicates that the connected items and provisions shall apply singly but not in combination. “Includes” and “including” shall mean “including but not limited to ...”.

Local Reference. “City” as used herein means the City of Riverside and all public officials, bodies and agencies referenced herein are those of the City unless otherwise stated.

B. Number of Days.

Whenever the number of days is specified in this Title, or in any permit, condition of approval, or notice issued or given as provided in this Title, the number of days

shall be construed as calendar days. When the last of the specified number of days falls on a weekend or City holiday, time limits shall extend to the end of the next working day.

C. Minimum Requirements.

In interpreting and applying the provisions of this Title, such provisions shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, comfort, convenience and general welfare. Where this Title imposes a greater restriction upon the use of buildings or land or requires larger open spaces than are imposed or required by this Code or other Codes, rules, regulations or by easements, covenants or agreements, the provisions of this Title shall control.

D. Intent.

Whenever there is any question regarding the interpretation of the provisions of this Title or their application to any specific case or situation, the Zoning Administrator shall interpret the intent of this Title. The Zoning Administrator shall have the authority to forward to the Planning Commission any question regarding interpretation. (Ord. 6968 §1, 2007)

18.060.040 Record of Interpretations.

- A. Once the Zoning Administrator has identified the ambiguity and considered relevant information, an official interpretation of this Title shall be established in writing and shall cite the provisions being interpreted, together with an explanation of the meaning or applicability of the provision(s) in the particular or general circumstances that caused the need for interpretation.
- B. Any provision determined by the Zoning Administrator to be ambiguous pursuant to this Chapter shall be clarified by amendment as soon as is practical.

18.060.050 Appeals of Interpretations.

Any aggrieved interested persons may appeal an interpretation of the regulations. Appeals shall be processed pursuant to [Chapter 18.170 Appeals](#). (Ord. 6968 §1, 2007)