

CHAPTER 3

DEFINITIONS

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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 matter, 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 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.

1-3-1: **DEFINITIONS:** 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: A person acting on behalf of another.

BOARD: Unless otherwise indicated, the Board of Trustees of the Village.

CODE: The Municipal Code of Dakota, and amendments thereto.

COUNTY: The County of Stephenson, State of Illinois.

EMPLOYEES: 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 Dakota".

FEE: A sum of money charged by the Village for the carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year of the Village shall be May 1 through April 30.

LICENSE: The permission granted for the carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

MAYOR: See Village President.

MISDEMEANOR: Any offense for which a sentence to a term of imprisonment in other than a penitentiary for less than one year may be imposed.

NUISANCE: 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: As applied to a building or land, this term shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land, whether alone or with others.

OFFENSE: 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 Dakota".

OPERATOR: The person who is in charge of any operation, business or profession.

OWNER: As applied to a building or land, this term 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: 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:

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:

Unless otherwise specifically defined, this term shall be understood to relate to the sale of goods, merchandise, articles or things in small quantities direct to the consumer.

STATE:

The State of Illinois.

STREET:

This term shall include alleys, lanes, courts, boulevards, public squares, public places and sidewalks.

TENANT:

As applied to a building or land, this term shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land, whether alone or with others.

VILLAGE:

The Village of Dakota, County of Stephenson, State of Illinois.

VILLAGE
PRESIDENT:

The President of the Village may be referred to as "Mayor" or "President" of the Village.

WHOLESALE &
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DEALER:

Unless otherwise specifically defined, such terms 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:

These terms 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.