

TITLE 1  
CHAPTER 3

**DEFINITIONS**

SECTION:

- 1-3-1: Construction of Words
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**1-3-1: CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS:** Whenever any word in any section of this City 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. Whenever any subject matter, party or person is referred to in this City 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 City Code which contains any express provision excluding such construction or where the subject matter or context may be repugnant thereto.

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

**1-3-2: DEFINITIONS, GENERAL:** Whenever the following words or terms are used in this Code, they shall have such meanings herein ascribed to them, unless the context makes such meaning repugnant thereto:

AGENT	A person acting on behalf of another
CITY	The City of Florence, County of Lane, State of Oregon.
EMPLOYEES	Whenever reference is made in this Code to a City employee by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words "of the City of Florence".
FEE	A sum of money charged by the City for the carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.
LICENSE	The permission granted for the carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.
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. <sup>1</sup>
NUISANCE	Anything offensive or obnoxious to the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the City; 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. <sup>2</sup>
OCCUPANT	As 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.

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<sup>1</sup>ORS.161.545

OFFENSE	Any act forbidden by any provision of this Code or the omission of any act required by the provisions of this Code. <sup>3</sup>
OFFICERS	Whenever reference is made in this Code to a City officer by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words "of the City of Florence".
OPERATOR	The person who is in charge of any operation, business or profession.
OWNER	As 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	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	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. (1981Code)
PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY	That area dedicated to public use, being the full width of a street, alley or pedestrian way, as platted.(Ord. 696, 8-2-83).
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.
RIGHT OF WAY	The privilege of the immediate use of the roadway or other property.
STREET	Shall include alleys, lanes, courts, boulevards, public ways, public squares, public places and sidewalks.
TENANT	As applied to a building or land, shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such buildings or land whether alone or with others.
WHOLESALER	The terms "wholesaler" and "wholesale dealer", 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	May include printing and 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 the City 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. (1981 Code)

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<sup>3</sup> ORS 161.505