

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE CODE

The provisions in the following chapters and sections shall constitute and be designated "THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF HARMONY" and may be cited.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Aldermen that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this code are severable, and the declaration by a court of competent jurisdiction that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase is unconstitutional shall not affect any remaining section, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases.

The repeal of an ordinance, or its expiration, shall not affect any right accrued, any offence committed, any penalty or punishment or any proceeding commenced before the repeal took effect or the ordinance expired.

Whenever in this code or in any ordinances of the Town, any act is prohibited or made or declared to be unlawful, where no specific penalty is provided therefore, the violation of the provision of the code shall be punished by a fine, not to exceed one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each separate violation. Each day any violation of the code or of any ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

CHAPTER 1 - THE CODE

ARTICLE 1 - USE OF THE CODE

Section 1.1 - Definition and Rules of Construction

In the construction of this Code and of all ordinances, the following definitions and rules of construction shall be observed unless inconsistent with the manifest intent of the Board or the context clearly requires otherwise.

BOARD. The words "the board" shall mean the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Harmony.

COMPUTATION OF TIME. The time within which an act is to be done shall be computed by excluding the first and including the last day; and if the last day is Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, that day shall be excluded.

COUNTY. The word "county" shall mean the County of Iredell in the State of North Carolina, except as otherwise provided.

MAYOR. The words "the Mayor" shall mean the Mayor of the Town of Harmony.

MONTH. The word "month" shall mean a calendar month.

NUMBER. Words used in the singular include the plural and words used in the plural include the singular number.

OATH. The word "oath" shall be construed to include an affirmation in all cases in which, by law, an affirmation may be substituted for an oath, and in such cases the words "swear" and "sworn" shall be equivalent to the words "affirm" and "affirmed."

OWNER. The word "owner," applied to a building or land shall include any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, joint tenant or tenant by the entirety, of the whole or a part of such building or land.

PERSON. The word "person" shall include a corporation, firm, partnership, association, organization and any other group acting as a unit as well as an individual.

PERSONAL PROPERTY. The words "personal property" includes every species of property except real property as herein defined.

PRECEDING, FOLLOWING. The words "preceding" and "following" shall mean next before and next after respectively.

PROPERTY. The word "property" shall include real and personal property.

REAL PROPERTY. The words "real property" shall include land, tenements, and hereditaments.

SIDEWALKS. The word “sidewalk” shall mean any portion of a street between the curb line and the adjacent property line intended for the use of pedestrians.

SIGNATURE. The words “signature” or “subscription” include a mark when the person cannot write.

STATE. The word “state” shall be construed to mean the State of North Carolina, except as otherwise provided.

STREET. The word “street” shall mean and include any public way, road, highway, street, avenue, boulevard, parkway, alley, lane, or bridge and the approaches thereto within the Town.

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

TIME. Words used in the past or present tense include the future as well as the past and present.

TOWN. The words “the town” shall mean the Town of Harmony in Iredell County, North Carolina, except as otherwise provided.

WRITING. The words “writing” and “written” shall include printing and any other made to represent words and letters.

YEAR. The word “year” shall mean a calendar year.

SECTION 1.2 - Section Designations

The headings of the several sections of this Code are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the contents of the section and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such sections nor as any part of the section, nor, unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of such sections, including the catchlines, are amended or reenacted.

SECTION 1.3 - Damaging Ordinances Prohibited

No person shall tear or deface any of the Town ordinances.

SECTION 1.4 - Repeal or Ordainment of Chapters, Articles, or Section

Whenever a chapter, article or section of the Code is repealed, the Town Clerk shall make a notation of such repeal in the official copy of the Code. Whenever a new or amended chapter, article or section of this Code is ordained, the clerk shall make a notation of such new or amended ordinances in the official copy of this Code. Within a reasonable time after the enactment of all ordinances, such ordinances shall be printed in the format of this Code and inserted in the appropriate places herein.