Chapter 21

Construction and Enforcement of Code

Sec. 21.01   Title of Code.

These collected ordinances shall be known as the "Code of Ordinances" of the Town of Dunn, Dane County, Wisconsin.

Sec. 21.02   Principles of Construction.

The following principles shall be applied in the construction and enforcement of this Code, unless such application would be inconsistent with the Code's intent:

(1) **Acts by Agents.** When an ordinance requires a person to perform an act that may be legally performed by an authorized agent of that principal person, the requirement shall be construed to include all acts performed by such agent.

(2) **Code.** The word "Code" refers to this Code of Ordinances unless the context indicates otherwise.

(3) **General Rule.** All words and phrases shall be construed according to their plain meaning in common usage. However, words and phrases with a technical or special meaning shall be understood and construed according to that technical or special meaning if such is the intent of the Code.

(4) **Person.** The word "person" means any natural person, corporation, partnership, association, body politic, and all other entities that are capable of being sued.

(5) **Repeal.** When any ordinance having the effect of repealing a prior ordinance is itself repealed, such repeal shall not be construed to revive the prior ordinance or any part thereof, unless expressly so provided.

(6) **Singular and Plural.** Every word in this Code referring to the singular number only shall also be construed to apply to multiple persons or things, and every word in this Code referring to a plural number shall also be construed to apply to one person or thing.

(7) **Tense.** The use of any verb in the present tense shall not preclude the interpretation of the verb in the future tense where appropriate.

(8) **Time.** In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by this Code, and unless the Code provision states to the contrary, the day of the act or event from which the period of time begins to run shall not be included, but the last day of the period shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday. If the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than 7 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays shall be excluded in the computation. As used in this Section, "legal holiday" means any statewide legal holiday specified by state law.

(9) **Town.** The word "Town" means the Town of Dunn, Dane County, Wisconsin.

(10) **Wisconsin Administrative Code.** The term "Wisconsin Administrative Code" and its abbreviation "Wis. Adm. Code" mean the Wisconsin Administrative Code as it existed at the time the Code of Ordinances provision containing that term was adopted, as the Wisconsin Administrative Code is amended.

(11) **Wisconsin Statutes.** The term "Wisconsin Statutes" means the 1995-1996 Wisconsin Statutes, as amended.

Sec. 21.03   Conflict of Provisions.

(1) If the provisions of different chapters of this Code conflict with each other, the provisions of each individual chapter shall control all issues arising out of the events and persons intended to be governed by that chapter.

(2) If the provisions of different sections of the same chapter of this Code conflict with each other, the provision that is more specific in its application to the events or persons raising the conflict shall control over the more general provision.

Sec. 21.04   Severability of Provisions.

If any provision of this Code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by reason of any decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other provisions of this Code.