

(2) In case of any difference of meaning or implication between the text of these regulations and any caption, illustration, summary table, or illustrative table, the text shall control.

(3) The words "shall, should and will" are always mandatory and not discretionary. The word "may" is permissive.

(4) Words used in the present tense shall include the future; and words used in the singular number shall include the plural; and the plural, the singular, unless the context clearly indicates the contrary.

(5) A "building" or "structure" includes any part thereof.

(6) The phrase "used for" includes "arranged for", "designed for", "intended for", "maintained for", or "occupied for".

(7) The word "person" includes an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an incorporated association, or any other similar entity.

(8) Unless the context clearly indicates the contrary, where a regulation involves two or more items, conditions, provisions, or events connected by the conjunction "and", "or", or "either. . . or", the conjunction shall be interpreted as follows:

(a) "And" indicates that all the connected items, conditions, provisions, or events shall apply.

(b) "Or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, provisions, or events may apply separately or in any combination.

(c) "Either . . . or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, provisions, or events shall apply separately but not in combination.

(9) The word "includes" shall not limit a term to the specified examples, but is intended to extend its meaning to all other instances or circumstances of like kind or character.

(10) All terms defined under various sections of the County Zoning Ordinance and the County Building Code, where occurring in this Ordinance, shall have the meanings specified in the Zoning Ordinance, except where specifically defined in this Ordinance.

(11) The word "county" means Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Inc. The word "state" means the State of Maryland. The term "County boundary" means any exterior boundary of the County or any boundary of an incorporated territory within the County.

(12) The terms "County Council", "County Executive", "Board of Appeals", "Planning and Zoning Officer", "Planning Advisory Board", "Zoning Hearings Officer", "County Solicitor", "Director of Public Works", "Director of Inspections and Permits", "Fire Administrator", "Director of Recreation and Parks", "Department of Education", and "County Health Officer" mean the respective council, boards and officers of the County.

(13) Throughout this Ordinance, all words, other than the terms specifically defined above and below, shall have the meaning implied by their context in this Ordinance or their ordinarily accepted definitions as set forth in *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary 1967 Edition*.