

ORDINANCE NO. 803
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
ADOPTING DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION
FOR THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY CODE

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, Ordains as Follows:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS.

The following words & phrases, whenever used in the ordinances of the County of Riverside, shall be construed as defined in this section unless from the context a different meaning is intended or unless a different meaning is specifically defined and more particularly directed to the use of such words or phrases:

- "Board"** means the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside.
- "All Board Members"** means the total number of supervisors holding office.
- "County"** means the County of Riverside.
- "Law"** denotes applicable federal law, the Constitution & statutes of the state of California, the ordinances of the county, and when appropriate, any and all rules and regulations which may be promulgated thereunder.
- "May"** is permissive.
- "Month"** means a calendar month.
- "Must" and "shall"** are each mandatory.
- "Oath"** includes an affirmation or declaration in all cases in which, by law, an affirmation may be substituted for an oath, & in such cases the words "swear" & "sworn" shall be equivalent to the words "affirm" an "affirmed."
- "Owner"** applied to a building or land, means and includes any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, joint tenant, tenant by the entirety, of the whole or a part of such building or land.
- "Person"** means & includes a natural person, joint venture, joint stock company, partnership, association, club, company, corporation, business, trust, organization, or the manager, lessee, agent, servant, officer or employee of any of them.
- "Personal Property"** means & includes money goods, chattels, things in action & evidences of debt.
- "Preceding" and "following"** mean next before and next after respectively.
- "Property"** means and includes real and personal property.

"Real Property"	means and includes lands, tenements and herditaments.
"Sidewalk"	means that portion of a street between the curblin and the adjacent property line intended for the use of pedestrians.
"State"	means the State of California.
"Street"	means and include all streets highways, avenues, lanes, alleys, courts, places, squares, curbs, or other public way in the county, which have been or may hereafter by dedicated and open to public use, pr such other public property so designated in any law of this state.
"Tenant" and "Occupant"	applied to a building or land, mean and include any person who occupies the whole or a part of such building or land, whether alone or with others.
"Written"	means and includes printed. Typewritten, mimeographed, multigraphed, or otherwise reproduced in permanent visible form.
"Year"	means a calendar year.

Section2. INTERPRETATION OF LANGUAGE.

All words and phrases shall be construed according to the common and approved usage of the language, but technical words and phrases and such others as may have acquired a peculiar and appropriate meaning in the law shall be construed and understood according to such peculiar and appropriate meaning.

Section 3. GRAMMATICAL INTERPRETATION.

The following grammatical rules shall apply in the ordinance of the County unless it is apparent from the context that a different construction is intended:

- A. Gender, Each gender includes the masculine, feminine and neuter genders.
- B. Singular & Plural, The singular number includes the plural & plural includes the singular
- C. Tenses. Words used in the present tense include the past and the future tenses and vice versa, unless manifestly inapplicable.

Section 4 ACTS BY AGENTS.

When an act is required by an ordinance, the same being such that it may be done as well by an agent as by the principal, such requirement shall be construed to include all such acts performed by an authorized agent.

Section 5. PROHIBITED ACTS INCLUDE CAUSING AND PERMITTING.

Whenever in the ordinances of the county any act or omission is made unlawful, it shall include causing, allowing, permitting, aiding, abetting, suffering, or concealing the fact of such act or omission.

Section 6. COMPUTATION OF TIME.

Except when otherwise provided, the time within which an act is required to be done shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last day, unless the last day is Sunday or a holiday, in which case it shall also be excluded.

Section 7. CONSTRUCTION.

The provisions of the ordinances of the County and all proceedings under them, are to be construed with a view to effect their objects and to promote justice.

Section 8. REPEAL SHALL NOT REVIVE ANY ORDINANCE.

The repeal of an ordinance shall not repeal the repealing clause of an ordinance or revive any ordinance, which has been repealed thereby.

Section 9.

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of its adoption.

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