

Chapter 2—Rules of Interpretation

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§2.010 General Interpretation of the Ordinance

In the interpretation and application of this Ordinance all provisions shall be liberally construed in favor of the objectives and purposes of the City and deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under State statutes.

§2.020 Responsibility for Interpretation

In the event that any question arises concerning the application of regulations, performance standards, definitions, development criteria, or any other provision of this Ordinance, the Building Official shall be responsible for interpretation and shall look to the Comprehensive Plan for guidance and intent. Responsibility for interpretation by the Building Official shall be limited to standards, regulations, and requirements of this code, but shall not be construed as overriding the responsibilities given to any commission, board, or official named within this Ordinance. In the absence of the Building Official, the Zoning Administrator, if not serving also as Planning Director, shall make such determinations in the same manner.

§2.030 Delegation of Authority

Whenever a provision appears requiring a head of a department or some other City Official or employee to do some act or perform some duty, it is to be construed to authorize delegation to professional-level subordinates to perform the required act or duty unless the terms of the provision specify otherwise.

§2.040 Interchange

Except as specifically defined herein, all words used in this ordinance have their customary dictionary definitions. For the purpose of this Ordinance, certain words or terms used herein are defined as follows:

Words used in the present tense include the future tense. Additionally, words used in the singular include the plural, and words used in the plural include the singular.

The word "shall" is always mandatory.

The word "person" includes a firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company or corporation as well as an individual.

The word "lot" includes the words "plot" or "parcel" and the word "building" includes the word "structure."

The word "used" or "occupied" as applied to any land or building, shall be construed to include the words "intended, arranged or designated to be used or occupied."

The word "map" or "zoning map" means the "Zoning Map of the City of Newnan, Georgia."