

**CHAPTER 1****GENERAL PROVISIONS****105. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS**

**Section 105.01. Definitions.** For purposes of this Code, the terms defined in this Section have the meanings ascribed to them, unless specific sections of the Code contain a different meaning, in which case the specific section of the Code shall govern.

**Subd. 1.** City means the Minnesota Municipal Corporation entitled the City of Medina and all of the territory lying within its corporate limits.

**Subd. 2.** Code, this Code, City Code, Medina City Code, means the Medina City Code adopted by ordinance in 1984 as organized, compiled and codified herein.

**Subd. 3.** Council means the City Council of the City of Medina.

**Subd. 4.** Clerk-Treasurer means the Medina City Clerk-Treasurer.

**Subd. 5.** Owner means, in the case of personal property, a person, other than a lien holder, having the property in or title to personal property. In the case of real property, the term means the fee owner of land, or the beneficial owner of land whose interest is primarily one of possession and enjoyment in contemplation of ultimate ownership. The term includes, but is not limited to, vendees under a contract for deed and mortgagors.

**Subd. 6.** Person means an individual, firm, partnership, association or corporation; the term may extend and be applied to bodies corporate and politic, and to partnerships and other unincorporated associations.

**Subd. 7.** Any reference to an elected or appointed City officer includes their duly authorized representative.

**Section 105.03. Definitions; Statutory.** For purposes of this Code, the terms defined in Minnesota Statutes Sections 645.44 and 645.45 have the meanings given them by those sections; and terms defined by statutes, rules or regulations, and ordinances adopted by reference have the meanings given them therein.

**Section 105.05. Definition; Internal.** Terms defined in other Sections of this Code have the meanings given them by those Sections.

**Section 105.07. Common Usage.** Words and phrases used in this Code shall be interpreted and understood in accordance with common and accepted usage but any technical words or phrases or such others as have acquired a specific or peculiar meaning shall be interpreted and understood in accordance with such meaning.

**Section 105.09. Statutory Rules.** It is the intent of the City Council that the rules and canons of construction, presumptions and miscellaneous provisions relating to statutory construction contained in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 645, apply to this Code and govern its interpretation, and that all questions of meaning, construction and interpretation of this Code be resolved by application of the rules contained in Chapter 645. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 645, are hereby adopted by reference and are as much a part of this Code as if fully set forth herein.

**Section 105.11. Equal Rights; Terminology.** Whenever the term "man," "men" or their related pronouns appear in this Code, either in words or parts of words, they have been used for grammatical, editorial, and literary purposes, and the terms are to be construed in their generic sense, that is, to include all humankind, both male and female.