

Chapter 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec.1-1 How Code designated and cited.

The Ordinances embraced in this and the following Chapters and Sections shall constitute and be designated the "Code of Ordinances City of South Padre Island, Texas", and may be so cited. State law reference--Authority of city to adopt Code of Ordinances, Chapter 53, Local Government Code and Section 2.16(b) of Home Rule Charter for South Padre Island which was adopted in November 2009.

Sec.1-2 Prior Ordinances referenced.

Many Sections within this Code may contain a reference, in parenthesis after the last sentence, to a previous Ordinance which was the source of the contents of the Section.

Sec.1-3 Definitions and rules of construction.

In the construction of this Code, and of all Ordinances and Resolutions passed by the City Council, the following definitions and rules shall be observed, unless such construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the City Council and after Jan 1, 2010 the City Council per Home Rule Charter.

Board. Whenever the term "Board" or "the Board" is used, it shall mean the City Council of the City of South Padre Island, Texas unless designated otherwise within a particular Chapter and post Jan 1, 2010 the City Council per Home Rule Charter.

Building Inspector. The term "Building Inspector" shall include the official Building Inspectors of the City as well as the City Manager or any other person vested with the authority of Building Inspector by the City Council (and post Jan 1, 2010 the City Council per Home Rule Charter).

City Manager. The City Manager is the Chief Administrative Officer of the City. See Home Rule Charter For Appointment, Powers And Duties.

Code. The term "Code" or "this Code" shall mean the Code of Ordinances, City of South Padre Island, Texas, as designated in Section 1-1.

Computation of Time. Whenever a notice is required to be given, or an act to be done, or a certain length of time before any proceeding shall be had, the day on which such notice is given or such act is done shall be counted in computing the time, but the day on which such proceeding is to be had shall not be counted.

County, the county. The term "county" or "the county" shall mean Cameron County, Texas.

Gender. A word importing the masculine gender only shall extend and be applied to females and to firms, partnerships and corporations as well as to males.

Month. The word "month" shall mean a calendar month.

Newspaper. The word "newspaper" or "the newspaper", shall mean the official newspaper as designated in Chapter 2, Sec. 2-4 of the Code.

Number. Any word importing the singular number shall include the plural and any word importing the plural number shall include the singular.

Officers, board, etc. Whenever reference is made to any officer, board or commission, the same shall be construed as if followed by the words "of the City of South Padre Island". Reference to any specific officer shall also be deemed to include his duly authorized deputies, assistants and representatives.

Or, and. "Or" may be read "and", and "and" may be read "or" if the sense requires it.

Owner. The word "owner" applied to a building or land, shall include any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, tenant in partnership, joint tenant, or tenant by the entirety of the whole or of a part of such building or land.

Person. The word "person" shall extend and be applied to associations, corporations, firms, partnerships, receivers, trustees, and bodies politic, and corporate as well as to individuals.

State. The words "the state" shall be construed to mean the State of Texas.

Street. The term "street" shall include any highway, alley, street, avenue or public place or square, bridge, viaduct, underpass, overpass, tunnel or causeway in the City dedicated or devoted to public use.

Tense. Words used in the past or present tense include the future as well as the past and present.

City. The term "the City" or "City" or "Town" shall mean the City of South Padre Island in the County of Cameron and State of Texas.

Written or in writing. The term "written" or "in writing" shall be construed to include any representation of words, letters or figures, whether by printing or otherwise.

Year. The word "year" shall mean a calendar year.

Sec.1-4 Catchlines of Sections.

The catchlines of the numerous Sections of this Code, printed in boldface type, are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the contents of the Sections and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such Sections, nor as any part of the Sections, nor, unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of such Sections, including the catchlines, are amended or reenacted.