

**CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS
CODE OF ORDINANCES**



**CHAPTER 4-10 - ZONING
ARTICLE IX. - DEFINITIONS AND
RULES OF INTERPRETATION
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ARTICLE IX. - DEFINITIONS & RULES OF INTERPRETATION

Sec. 4-10-305. - General rules of interpretation.

(a) For purposes of interpreting this Chapter, the following definitions of word use apply:

(1) Words used in the present tense include the future tense;

(2) Words used in the singular include the plural;

(3) Words used in the plural include the singular;

(4) Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter and firms, partnerships, and corporations;

(5) The words "shall" and "must" are mandatory;

(6) The words "may" and "should" are permissive;

(7) The word "building" includes the word "structure;" and

(8) The term "used for" includes "designed for," or "intended for," or "maintained for," and "occupied for."

(b) **Computation of time.**

(1) In accordance with [Section 1-2-2](#), whenever a notice is required to be given or an act to be done a certain length of time before any proceeding, the day on which such notice is given or such act is done shall not be counted in computing the time, but the day on which such proceeding is to be held shall be counted.

(2) Whenever a notice, petition, or other document is required to be filed within a specified time period, the notice, petition, or document must be filed with the appropriate City official or in the appropriate City office not later than 5:00 PM on the last day of the period as computed.

(c) Where a Zoning District provides examples of Permitted Uses, these do not supersede the Permitted Uses shown in [Sec. 4-10-82](#), *Schedule of Use*. If there is a conflict between the examples of Permitted Uses and the Schedule of Use, the Schedule of Use applies.

(d) This Chapter includes graphics to help the reader understand the text. If there is a conflict between a graphic and the text, the text applies.

SEC. 4-10-306 - INTERPRETATION OF ZONING MAP.

(e) Where this Chapter permits or requires an act on the part of an "owner" or "landowner," and a particular Lot or tract of land is owned by several persons, whether in joint tenancy, tenancy in common, partnership, joint venture, or other form of joint ownership, the act shall be taken on behalf of, and with the express consent of, all such persons.

(f) Any reference to a statute, provision of the Amarillo City Code, other law or regulation, reference document, technical manual, or other document refer to the most recent versions of those documents, including any amendments or updates.

Sec. 4-10-306. - Interpretation of Zoning Map.

(g) The District boundary lines shown on the Zoning Map are usually along Streets, Alleys, or Lot Lines, or extensions thereof. Where uncertainty exists as to the boundaries of Districts as shown on the official Zoning Map, the following rules shall apply:

(1) Boundaries indicated as approximately following the centerlines of Streets, highways, or Alleys shall be construed to follow such centerlines.

(2) Boundaries indicated as approximately following Platted Lot Lines shall be construed as following such Lot Lines.

(3) Boundaries indicated as approximately following City limits shall be construed as following City limits.

(4) Boundaries indicated as following railroad lines shall be construed to be the centerline of the Right-of-way or, if no centerline is established, the boundary shall be interpreted to be midway between the Right-of-way lines of such railroad.

(5) Boundaries indicated as following shorelines shall be construed to follow such shorelines; boundaries indicated as approximately following the centerlines of streams, drainageways or draws shall be construed to follow such centerlines.

(6) Boundaries indicated as parallel to or extensions of features indicated in paragraphs (a)(1) through (5) above shall be so construed. Distances not specifically indicated on the original Zoning Map shall be determined by the scale of the map.

(7) Whenever any Street, Alley, or other public way is vacated by official action of the City Council, the Zoning District adjoining each side of such Street, Alley, or other public way shall be automatically extended to the former centerline of such vacated Street, Alley, or public way.

(h) Where physical features on the ground differ from the information shown on the official Zoning District Maps or when there arises a question as to how or whether a Parcel of property is zoned and such question cannot be resolved by the application of paragraphs (a)(1) through (7), the property shall be considered to be classified as A, Agricultural District, in the same manner as provided for newly annexed territory, and the issuance of a Building Permit shall be in accordance with the provisions provided in **Sec. 4-10-13, Zoning of annexed land.**

SEC. 4-10-307 - CONFLICTING RULES.

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As specified in **Sec. 4-10-315**, *Relationship to other laws*, when two or more regulations are in conflict, the stricter regulation applies.

Sec. 4-10-308. - Definitions.

<See All Definitions.WORKING DRAFT 09-18-20.docx>

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