

25.01 RULES OF CONSTRUCTION. In the construction of this Code of general ordinances, the following rules shall be observed, unless such construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the ordinances:

(1) WISCONSIN STATUTES. The term "Wisconsin Statutes" or "Wis. Stats.," wherever used in this Code, shall mean the Wisconsin Statutes for the current year and shall include amendments not yet printed in statute form.

(2) GENDER: SINGULAR AND PLURAL. Every word in this Code and in any ordinance importing the masculine gender may extend and be applied to females as well as males, and every word importing the singular number only may extend and be applied to several persons or things as well as to one person or thing; provided that these rules of construction shall not be applied to any provisions which shall contain any express language excluding such construction or when the subject matter or context of such provisions may be repugnant thereto.

(3) PERSON. The word "person" extends and applies to natural persons, firms, corporations, associations, partnerships or other bodies politic and all entities of any kind capable of being sued unless plainly inapplicable.

(4) ACTS BY AGENTS. When a provision requires an act to be done which may by law as well be done by an agent as by the principal, such requisition shall be construed to include all such acts when done by an authorized agent.