

CHAPTER 1
General Provisions

- 1.1 Title and Citation. This code, which represents a revision and codification of the ordinances of the City of Bertha, Minnesota, shall be known as the "Bertha City Code" and may be referred to by that name for all proceedings and purposes.
- 1.2 Enactment. All ordinances shall be enacted consistent with the procedures set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 412, and as provided in this Code.
- 1.3 Construction. In constructing this Code the following rules of interpretation shall govern, unless application of the rule would involve a meaning inconsistent with the manifest intent of the city council, or be contrary to the context of the relevant provisions of the code:
 - (A) Words and phrases shall be construed according to rules of grammar and according to their common and approved usage; except that, technical words or phrases, or such others which have acquired a special meaning, or are defined in this code, shall be construed according to such special meaning or definition.
 - (B) Singular includes the plural and plural includes the singular.
 - (C) Words used in the past or present tense include the future tense.
 - (D) The words "or" and "and" may be read interchangeably in situations where the context requires it.
 - (E) The term "shall" is mandatory and "may" is permissive.
 - (F) Any masculine term shall include the feminine.
- 1.4 Definitions. Except as specifically defined otherwise in this Code or another intention clearly appears, the following words and terms shall be defined as follows:
 - (A) Administrator: The duly appointed Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Bertha, Minnesota.
 - (B) Agent: A person acting on behalf of another with either express or implied authority.
 - (C) City: The City of Bertha, Todd County, Minnesota.

- (D) Code: The Bertha City Code, together with any amendments or additions thereto.
- (E) Council: The City Council of the City of Bertha, Minnesota.
- (F) License: The formal permission granted to carry on a business or engage in a profession or occupation.
- (G) Minnesota Statutes: Any statutorily enacted law or rule by the State of Minnesota.
- (H) Occupant: A person who occupies a building or land, in whole or in part with others.
- (I) Offense: Any violation of this Code.
- (J) Officer, Employee, Department, Board or Commission: Unless the context is otherwise, these terms shall be construed as if followed by the words “of the City of Bertha.”
- (K) Owner: A person who owns a building or land, in whole or in part with others.
- (L) Person: A natural person of either sex, partnership, corporation, association, organization, government, group, or an agent or manager thereof.
- (M) Personal Property: Includes all types of money, goods, chattels, effects, together with all documents or written instruments related thereto.
- (N) Public Property or Public Place: Any place or property owned by the City or dedicated to public use whether express or implied.

1.5 Severability. Every part of this Code shall be severable. If any part is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or void, the remaining parts shall remain valid unless incapable of doing so. In that event, that part of the Code shall be construed consistent with the intent of the Council.

1.6 Amendments. Amendments shall be incorporated into the Code as of their date of adoption and shall be given the same force and effect as the original provisions of this Code.