

#### **1.04.140 Definitions and interpretation of terms in the Santa Cruz County Code.**

- (A) “Across” includes along, in or upon.
- (B) “Assistant County Administrative Officer” means Assistant County Executive Officer wherever that position title is used in this code.
- (C) “Auditor” means the Santa Cruz County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector.
- (D) “Board” or “Board of Supervisors” means the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz.
- (E) “Code” means the Santa Cruz County Code.
- (F) “County” means the County of Santa Cruz.
- (G) “County Administrative Office” means County Executive Office wherever that department title is used in this code.
- (H) “County Administrative Officer” means County Executive Officer wherever that position title is used in this code.
- (I) “Deputy County Administrative Officer” means Deputy County Executive Officer wherever that position title is used in this code.
- (J) “Department of Planning” or “Planning Department” means the Department of Community Development and Infrastructure wherever those department titles are used in this code.
- (K) “Department of Public Works” or “Public Works Department” means the Department of Community Development and Infrastructure wherever those department titles are used in this code.
- (L) “Director of Public Works” or “Director of the Department of Public Works” means the Director of the Department of Community Development and Infrastructure wherever those position titles are used in this code.
- (M) “Director of the Planning Department” or “Planning Director” means the Director of the Department of Community Development and Infrastructure wherever those position titles are used in this code.
- (N) “Ex officio” means by virtue of office.
- (O) “Goods” means and includes wares and merchandise.

(P) “May” means “allowed to” or “able to” as distinguished from “shall.”

(Q) “Oath” includes affirmation.

(R) “Operate” or “engage in” means and includes carry on, keep, conduct, maintain, or cause to be kept or maintained.

(S) “Owner,” as applied to a building or land, means and includes any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, or joint tenant of the whole or part of such building or land.

(T) “Person,” unless it otherwise appears from the context as used, means and includes any person, firm, association, corporation, organization, partnership, business trust, company, public agency, school district, the State of California, and its political subdivisions or instrumentalities.

(U) “Personnel Director” or “Director of the Personnel Department” means the Human Resources Director, or their designee, wherever the position title “Personnel Director” or “Director of the Personnel Department” are used in this Code.

(V) “Personnel Department” means the Human Resources Department wherever the department title “Personnel Department” is used in this Code.

(W) “Risk Manager” refers to that specific person employed within the ~~Personnel~~Human Resources Department who supervises the County’s risk management activities.

~~(V) X~~ “Sale” means and includes any sale, exchange, barter, or offer for sale.

~~(W) Y~~ “SCCC” means Santa Cruz County Code.

~~(X) Z~~ “Shall” is mandatory except where it is used to direct a County or other public officer or employee to perform certain acts, in which case it is directory only.

~~(Y) AA~~ Singular and Plural. The singular number includes the plural, and the plural the singular.

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(BB) “State” means the State of California.

(AA) CC “Street” means and includes all streets, highways, public roads, County roads, avenues, lanes, alleys, courts, places, squares, curbs, sidewalks, parkways, or other public ways in the County which have been or may hereafter be dedicated and open to public use, or such other public property so designated in any law of this State.

~~(BB) DD~~ “Tenant” or “occupant,” as applied to a building or land, means and shall include any person who legally inhabits and or uses the whole or part of such building or land, whether alone or with others.

~~(CC) EE~~ Tense. The present tense includes the past and future tense, and the future, the present.

~~(DD)~~(FF) Titles of Officers and Departments. The use of the title of any officer, employee, office, commission, department or board shall mean such officer, employee, office, commission, department or board of the County of Santa Cruz.

~~(EE)~~(GG) “Writing” means handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostating, photographing, photocopying, transmitting by electronic mail or facsimile, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing, any form of communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combinations thereof, and any record thereby created, regardless of the manner in which the record has been stored. Whenever any notice, report, statement or record is required or authorized by any County ordinance or code provision, it shall be made in writing in the English language unless it is expressly provided otherwise.