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#### § 10.01 TITLE OF CODE.

This codification of ordinances by and for the City of Fairbury, Nebraska, shall be designated as the Code of Fairbury and may be so cited.

#### § 10.02 INTERPRETATION.

Unless otherwise provided herein, or by law or implication required, the same rules of construction, definition, and application shall govern the interpretation of this code as those governing the interpretation of state law.

#### § 10.03 APPLICATION TO FUTURE ORDINANCES.

All provisions of Title I compatible with future legislation shall apply to ordinances hereaf-

ter adopted amending or supplementing this code unless otherwise specifically provided.

#### § 10.04 CAPTIONS.

Headings and captions used in this code other than the title, chapter, and section numbers are employed for reference purposes only and shall not be deemed a part of the text of any section.

#### § 10.05 DEFINITIONS.

(A) *General rule.* Words and phrases shall be taken in their plain, or ordinary and usual sense. However, technical words and phrases having a peculiar and appropriate meaning in law shall be understood according to their technical import.

(B) *Definitions.* For the purpose of this code, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**CITY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, or MUNICIPALITY.** The City of Fairbury, Nebraska.

**CITY COUNCIL, COUNCIL, or GOVERNING BODY.** The legislative body of the City of Fairbury.

**CODE, THIS CODE, or THIS CODE OF ORDINANCES.** This city code as modified by amendment, revision, and adoption of new titles, chapters, or sections.

**COUNTY.** Jefferson County, Nebraska.

**MAY.** The act referred to is permissive.

**MONTH.** A calendar month.

**OATH.** An affirmation in all cases in which, by law, an affirmation may be substituted for an oath, and in such cases the words **SWEAR** and **SWORN** shall be equivalent to the words **AFFIRM** and **AFFIRMED**.

**PERSON.** Includes bodies politic and corporate, societies, communities, the public generally, individuals, partnerships, limited liability companies, joint-stock companies, and associations. (Neb. RS 49-801(16))

**PRECEDING or FOLLOWING.** Next before or next after, respectively.

**SHALL.** The act referred to is mandatory.

**SIGNATURE or SUBSCRIPTION.** Includes a mark when the person cannot write.

**STATE.** The State of Nebraska.

**SUBCHAPTER.** A division of a chapter, designated in this code by a heading in the chapter analysis and a capitalized heading in the body of the chapter, setting apart a group of sections related by the subject matter of the heading. Not all chapters have subchapters.

**WRITTEN.** Any representation of words, letters, or figures, whether by printing or other-wise.

**YEAR.** A calendar year, unless otherwise expressed.

#### **§ 10.06 RULES OF INTERPRETATION.**

The construction of all ordinances of this city shall be by the following rules, unless that construction is plainly repugnant to the intent of the Mayor and City Council or of the context of the same ordinance.

(A) **AND** or **OR.** Either conjunction shall include the other as if written "and/or," if the sense requires it.

(B) *Acts by assistants.* When a statute or ordinance requires an act to be done which, by law, an agent or deputy as well may do as the principal, the requisition shall be satisfied by the performance of that act by an authorized agent or deputy.

(C) *Gender; singular and plural; tenses.* Words denoting the masculine gender shall be deem-ed to include the feminine and neuter genders; words in the singular shall include the plural, and words in the plural shall include the singular; the use of a verb in the present tense shall include the future, if applicable.

(D) *General term.* A general term following specific enumeration of terms is not to be limited to the class enumerated unless expressly so limited.

#### **§ 10.07 SEVERABILITY.**

If any provision of this code as now or later amended or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

#### **§ 10.08 REFERENCE TO OTHER SECTIONS.**

Whenever in one section reference is made to another section hereof, the reference shall extend and apply to the section referred to as subsequently amended, revised, recodified, or renumbered unless the subject matter is materially altered by the amendment or revision.

#### **§ 10.09 REFERENCE TO OFFICES.**

Reference to a public office or officer shall be deemed to apply to any office, officer, or employee of this city exercising the powers, duties, or functions contemplated in the provision, irrespective of any transfer of functions or change in the official title of the functionary.

#### **§ 10.10 ERRORS AND OMISSIONS.**

If a manifest error is discovered, consisting of the misspelling of any words; the omission of any word or words necessary to express the intention of the provisions affected; the use of a word or words to which no meaning can be attached; or the use of a word or words when another

word or words was clearly intended to express the intent, the spelling shall be corrected and the word or words supplied, omitted, or substituted as will conform with the manifest intention, and the provisions shall have the same effect as though the correct words were contained in the text as originally published. No alteration shall be made or permitted if any question exists regarding the nature or extent of the error.

#### **§ 10.11 OFFICIAL TIME.**

The official time, as established by applicable state and federal laws, shall be the official time within this city for the transaction of all city business.

#### **§ 10.12 REASONABLE TIME.**

(A) In all cases where an ordinance requires an act to be done in a reasonable time or requires reasonable notice to be given, reasonable time or notice shall be deemed to mean the time which is necessary for a prompt performance of the act or the giving of the notice.

(B) The time within which an act is to be done, as herein provided, shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last. If the last day is Sunday, it shall be excluded.

#### **§ 10.13 ORDINANCES REPEALED.**

This code contains all of the provisions of a general nature pertaining to the subjects enumerated and embraced in this code. All prior ordinances pertaining to the subjects treated by this code are repealed, except that nothing shall affect any rights acquired under, actions involving, or fines, penalties, forfeitures, or liabilities incurred pursuant to those ordinances prior to repeal.

#### **§ 10.14 ORDINANCES UNAFFECTED.**

All ordinances of a temporary or special nature and all other ordinances pertaining to subjects not embraced in this code, including ordinances specified in this section, shall remain in full force and effect unless repealed expressly or by necessary implication:

- (A) Vacating or setting the boundaries of streets, alleys, or other public places;
- (B) Annexing or detaching territory;
- (C) Granting or accepting easements, plats, or dedication of land to public use;
- (D) Providing for the acquisition or conveyance of real or personal property;
- (E) Authorizing or directing public improvements to be made;
- (F) Levying taxes or special assessments;
- (G) Appropriating money;
- (H) Granting franchises or special licenses; and
- (I) Providing for the issuance of bonds or other instruments of indebtedness.

#### **§ 10.15 REPEAL OR MODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE.**

(A) Whenever any ordinance or part of an ordinance shall be repealed or modified by a subsequent ordinance, the ordinance or part of an ordinance thus repealed or modified shall continue in force until the publication of the ordinance repealing or modifying it to give effect thereto.

(B) No suit, proceedings, right, liability, fine, forfeiture, or penalty instituted, created,

given, secured, or accrued under any ordinance previous to its repeal shall in any way be affected, released, or discharged, but may be prosecuted, enjoyed, and recovered as fully as if the ordinance had continued in force, unless it is otherwise expressly provided.

(C) When any ordinance repealing a former ordinance, clause, or provision is itself repealed, the repeal shall not be construed to revive the former ordinance, clause, or provision, unless it is expressly provided.

#### **§ 10.16 SECTION HISTORIES.**

As histories for the code sections, the specific number and passage date of the original ordinance, and the amending ordinances, if any, are listed following the text of the code section. Example: (Ord. 101, 5-13-60) (Am. Ord. 150, 1-1-70; 207, 1-1-80; 253, 1-1-85)

#### **§ 10.99 GENERAL PENALTY.**

(A) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this municipal code, unless otherwise specifically provided herein, shall be deemed guilty of an offense and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$500. A new violation shall be deemed to have been committed every 24 hours of failure to comply with the provisions of this code.

(B) (1) Whenever a nuisance exists as defined in § 92.20, the municipality may proceed by a suit in equity to enjoin and abate the same, in the manner provided by law.

(2) Whenever, in any action, it is established that a nuisance exists, the court may, together with the fine or penalty imposed, enter an order of abatement as a part of the judgment in the case.

### **CHAPTER 11: CITY STANDARDS**

#### Section

##### 11.01 Official corporate seal

#### **§ 11.01 OFFICIAL CORPORATE SEAL.**

(A) There shall be owned by the city and kept in the office the City Clerk a common seal of the corporation having engraved thereon the words "Corporate Seal, City of Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska; Founded 1869."

(B) The City Clerk shall affix an impression of the official seal to all warrants, licenses, ordinances, and other papers issued by order of the Mayor and City Council to be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Clerk.