

**Article II
Interpretation of Words and Terms**

For the purpose of interpreting this ordinance, certain words and terms used are herein defined. Except as defined herein, all other words used in this ordinance shall have their customary dictionary definition.

Section 1. Word and Term Interpretations

Words used in the present tense include the future tense, and words used in the future tense include the present tense.

Words used in the singular number include the plural and words used in the plural number include the singular.

The word “person” includes a firm, association, organization, partnership, corporation, trust and company as well as an individual.

The word “lot” includes the word “plot,” “parcel,” or tract.”

The word “building” includes the word “structure.”

The word “shall” is always mandatory.

The word “may” is permissive.

The words “used” or “occupied” as applied to any land or building shall be construed to include the words “intended, arranged or designed to be used or occupied.”

The term “zoning map” shall mean the official zoning map(s) of Town of Ramseur, North Carolina.