MARIPOSA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 468

GENERAL PROVISIONS ORDINANCE

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California, do hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION I: DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases, whenever used in the ordinances of the County of Mariposa, shall be construed as defined in this Section unless from the context a different meaning is intended or unless a different meaning is specifically defined and more particularly directed to the use of such words or phrases:

A. **County** means the County of Mariposa.

B. **Board** means the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa.

C. **Law** denotes applicable federal law, the Constitution and Statutes of the State of California, the ordinances of the County of Mariposa, and, when appropriate, any and all rules and regulations which may be promulgated thereunder.

D. **May** is permissive.

E. **Month** means a calendar month.

F. **Must** and **shall** are each mandatory.

G. **Oath** includes an affirmation of declaration 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".

H. **Owner**, when applied to a building or land, includes any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, joint tenant, tenant by entirety, of the whole or a part of such building or land.

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I. Person includes a natural person, joint venture, joint stock company, partnership, association, club, company, corporation, business, trust, organization, or the manager, lessee, agent, servant, officer, or employee of any of them.

J. Personal property includes money, goods, chattels, things in action, and evidences of debt.

K. Preceding and following mean next before and next after, respectively.

L. Property includes real and personal property.

M. Real property includes lands, tenements, and hereditaments.

N. Sidewalk means that portion of a street between the curbline and the adjacent property line intended for the use of pedestrians.

O. State means the State of California.

P. Street includes all streets, highways, avenues, lanes, alleys, courts, places, squares, curbs, or other public ways in this 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.

Q. Tenant and occupant, applied to a building or land, include any person who occupies the whole or a part of such building or land, whether alone or with others.

R. Written includes printed, typewritten, mimeographed, multigraphed, or otherwise reproduced in permanent visible form.

S. Year means calendar year.

SECTION II: TITLE OF OFFICE

Use of the title of any officer, employee, department,
board, or commission means that officer, employee, department, 
board, or commission of the County.

SECTION III: INTERPRETATION OF LANGUAGE

All words and phrases shall be construed according to the 
common and approved usage of the language, but technical words and 
phrases and such others as may have acquired a peculiar and appro-
riate meaning in the law shall be construed and understood accord-
ing to such peculiar and appropriate meaning.

SECTION IV: GRAMMATICAL INTERPRETATION

The following grammatical rules shall apply in the ordi-
nances of the County of Mariposa, unless it is apparent from the 
context that a different construction is intended:

A. Gender. Each gender includes the masculine, feminine, 
and neuter genders.

B. Singular and plural. The singular number includes 
the plural and the plural includes the singular.

C. Tenses. Words used in the present tense include the 
past and the future tenses and vice versa, unless manifestly 
inapplicable.

SECTION V: ACTS BY AGENTS

When an act is required by an ordinance, the same being 
such that it may be done as well by an agent as by the principal, 
such requirement shall be construed to include all such acts per-
formed by an authorized agent.

SECTION VI: PROHIBITED ACTS INCLUDE CAUSING AND

PERMITTING

Whenever in the ordinances of the County of Mariposa, any 
act or omission is made unlawful, it shall include causing,
allowing, permitting, aiding, abetting, suffering, or concealing
the fact of such act or omission.

SECTION VII: COMPUTATION OF TIME

Except when otherwise provided, the time within which an
act is required to be done shall be computed by excluding the first
day and including the last day, unless the last day is a Sunday or
a holiday, in which case it shall also be excluded.

SECTION VIII: CONSTRUCTION

The provisions of the ordinances of the County of
Mariposa, and all proceedings under them are to be construed with a
view to effect their objectives and to promote justice.

SECTION IX: REPEAL SHALL NOT REVIVE ANY ORDINANCE.

The repeal of an ordinance shall not repeal the repealing
clause of an ordinance or revive any ordinance which has been re-
pealed thereby.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Mariposa this 8th day of November by the following vote:
AYES: Clark, Owings, Dalton, Long
NOES: None
NOT VOTING: None
ABSENT: None

FRANK L. LONG, JR., CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

ELLEN BRONSON, COUNTY CLERK AND
EX OFFICIO CLERK OF THE BOARD