

CITY COUNCIL

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Subject: **Ordinance 1150 concerning Amending Chapter 1 General Provisions to Add Article V Definitions and Rules of Construction (Public Hearing)**

Date: **4/16/2024**

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- Purpose:
- FYI
 - Read and Comment as Needed**
 - Action Required by May 6, 2024**
 - In Confidential File Drawer

Approve:

Johnny Boker Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Casi Boyer Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Vicki Jones Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Jim Ringsaker Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Jason Robertson Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Tammy Lynn Schneegas Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Note: N/A

CITY COUNCIL
OF
HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 1150

Introduced by Council President Ringsaker

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND SECTIONS 33 AND 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER TO AMEND CITY CODE CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS TO ADD NEW ARTICLE V DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION

On: April 15, 2024
at: 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing is scheduled for May 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

30 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace desire to amend City Code Chapter
31 1, General Provisions to add New Article V Definitions and Rules of Construction.

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33 **NOW THEREFORE**, it is determined, decided, and ordained by the City Council that City Code
34 Chapter 1, General Provisions be amended by adding new Article V as follows:
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36 **Article V Definitions and rules of construction:**
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38 § 1-29 In interpreting and construing this Code, the following rules of construction and definitions
39 shall be observed unless they are inconsistent with definitions specifically enumerated in another
40 Chapter or section, inconsistent with the Council's manifest intent, or the context and usage clearly
41 require otherwise.
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43 §1-30 As used in this Code, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated.

44 A. And/or. "And/or" means "and" and may read "or/and" or may be read "and," if the sense
45 requires it.

46 B. Designee. The person identified by a City official or employee as the agent or
47 representative of such official or employee.

48 C. Gender. Words in any section referencing the masculine gender shall include the feminine
49 and neuter as well as the masculine and words referencing the feminine shall include the
50 masculine and neuter as well as the feminine.

51 D. May. The word "may" is permissive and discretionary.

52 E. Number. Words used in the singular include the plural, and the plural includes the singular.

53 F. Shall; must. The word "shall" or "must" is mandatory.

54 G. Tense. Words used in the past or present tense include the future, past and present where
55 applicable, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

56 H. Time of performance or reference to span of time. Time of performance or any reference
57 to span of time, when computed in days, is not intended to include Saturdays, Sundays or
58 holidays of the state or nation. The words "calendar days" are used in those instances where
59 the span of time is intended to include Saturdays, Sundays or holidays of the state or nation.
60 Reference to a span of time is not intended to include the day the event occurs but shall
61 include the last day of a period so computed, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday or legal
62 holiday, in which event the period runs until the end of the day which is neither a Saturday,
63 Sunday or legal holiday.
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65 §1-31 Words and phrases not defined.
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67 Words and phrases not defined in this Code shall be construed according to the common and
68 approved usage of the language, but technical words and phrases and others that have acquired
69 peculiar and appropriate meanings in the law shall be construed and understood according to such
70 meanings.

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72 ADOPTED by the City Council of Havre de Grace, Maryland this __ day of _____, 2024.

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74 SIGNED by the Mayor and attested by the Director of Administration this ____ day of _____,
75 2024.

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78 ATTEST: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
79 OF HAVRE DE GRACE

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82 Christopher Ricci
83 Director of Administration

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85 _____
86 William T. Martin
87 Mayor

88 Introduced/First Reading: 4/15/2024
89 Public Hearing:
90 Second Reading/Adopted:
Effective Date:

