

CHAPTER 3  
**DEFINITIONS**

SECTION:

- 1-3-1: Construction Of Words
- 1-3-2: Definitions, General
- 1-3-3: Catchlines

1-3-1: **CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS:**

- A. Whenever any word in any section of this town code importing the plural number is used in describing or referring to any matters, parties or persons, any single matter, party or person shall be deemed to be included, although distributive words may not have been used. When any subject matter, party or person is referred to in this town code by words importing the singular number only, or a particular gender, several matters, parties or persons and the opposite gender and bodies corporate shall be deemed to be included; provided, that these rules of construction shall not be applied to any section of this town code which contains any express provision excluding such construction or where the subject matter or context may be repugnant thereto.
- B. The word "ordinance" contained in the ordinances of the town has been changed in the content of this town code to "title", "chapter", "section" and/or "subsection" or words of like import for organizational and clarification purposes only. Such change to the town's ordinances is not meant to amend passage and effective dates of such original ordinances.
- C. Definitions found throughout this code in various chapters, articles or sections are specific to that chapter, article or section and not definitions applying to those terms found elsewhere in this town code. (2011 Code)

1-3-2:           **DEFINITIONS, GENERAL:** Whenever the following words or terms are used in this code, they shall have such meanings herein ascribed to them, unless the context makes such meaning repugnant thereto:

AGENT:	A person acting on behalf of another with authority conferred, either expressly or by implication.
CLERK:	The town clerk of the town of LaGrange.
CODE:	The municipal code of the town of LaGrange.
COMPUTATION OF TIME:	The time within which an act is to be done shall be computed by excluding the first and including the last day unless the last day is a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday, in which case the period shall run until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
COUNCIL:	Unless otherwise indicated, the mayor and town council of the town of LaGrange.
COUNTY:	Goshen County, in the state of Wyoming, in which the town of LaGrange is located.
EMPLOYEES:	Whenever reference is made in this code to a town employee by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words "of the town of LaGrange".
GENDER:	A word importing either the masculine or feminine gender only shall extend and be applied to the other gender and to persons.
GOVERNING BODY:	The elected legislative body of the municipality.
LICENSE:	The permission granted for the carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.
MAY:	Permissive.
MONTH:	A calendar month.

**MUNICIPALITY OR MUNICIPAL:**

The town of LaGrange.

**NUISANCE:**

Anything offensive to the sensibilities of reasonable persons, or any act or activity creating a hazard which threatens the health and welfare of inhabitants of the town, or any activity which by its perpetuation can reasonably be said to have a detrimental effect on the property of a person or persons within the community.

**OATH:**

Includes 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" are equivalent to the words "affirm" and "affirmed".

**OCCUPANT:**

As applied to a building or land, shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land whether alone or with others.

**OFFENSE:**

Any act forbidden by any provision of this code or the omission of any act required by the provisions of this code.

**OFFICERS:**

Whenever reference is made in this code to a town officer by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words "of the town of LaGrange".

**OPERATOR:**

The person who is in charge of any operation, business or profession.

**OWNER:**

When applied to a building or land, shall include not only the owner of the whole but also any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common or joint tenant of the whole or part of such building or land and shall include any agent of such owner; and where such owner is a body corporate, it shall include the managing agent or officer within the town of LaGrange.

PERSON:	Any natural person, firm, association, joint venture, joint stock company, partnership, organization, club, fraternal organization, company, corporation, business, trust, or their manager, lessee, agent, servant, officer, or employee or any of them.
PERSONAL PROPERTY:	Shall include every description of money, goods, chattels, effects, evidence of rights in action and all written instruments by which any pecuniary obligation, right or title to property is created, acknowledged, transferred, increased, defeated, discharged or diminished and every right or interest therein.
PRECEDING, FOLLOWING:	The next before and next after, respectively.
PROPERTY:	Includes both real and personal property.
RETAILER:	Unless otherwise specifically defined, shall be understood to relate to the sale of goods, merchandise, articles or things direct to the consumer.
RIGHT OF WAY:	The privilege of the immediate use of the roadway or other property.
SHALL:	Mandatory.
STATE:	The state of Wyoming.
STREET:	Means and includes public streets, avenues, boulevards, highways, roads, alleys, lanes, viaducts, bridges and the approaches thereto and all other public thoroughfares in the town of LaGrange.
TENANT; OCCUPANT:	As applied to a building or land, shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land, whether alone or with others.

**TOWN:** The town of LaGrange, county of Goshen, state of Wyoming.

**WHOLESALER:** The terms "wholesaler" and "wholesale dealer" as used in this code, unless otherwise specifically defined, shall be understood to relate to the sale of goods, merchandise, articles or things to persons who purchase for the purpose of resale.

**WRITTEN, IN WRITING:** Includes printing, lithographing or modes of representing words and letters; provided, that in all cases where the written signature of a person is required, the proper handwriting of such person, or his mark, shall be required.

**YEAR:** A calendar year. (2011 Code)

**1-3-3: CATCHLINES:** The catchlines of the several sections of the town code are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the content of the section and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such sections, nor be deemed to govern, limit, modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or intent of the provisions of any division or section hereof, nor unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of such sections, including the catchlines, are amended or reenacted. (2011 Code)