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Section 25.01. CONSTRUCTION. Every word in any ordinance importing the masculine gender shall extend to and be applied to females as well as males. Every word importing the singular number only shall extend and be applied to several persons or things as well as to one person or thing. Every word importing the plural number only shall extend and be applied to one person or thing as well as to several persons or things. The word "person" shall extend and be applied to a partnership or corporation as well as an individual. Provided, however, these rules of construction shall not be applied to any ordinance which shall contain any express provision excluding such construction, or in the event the subject matter or context of such ordinance may be repugnant thereto.

Section 25.02. REASONABLE TIME OR NOTICE. In all cases where any ordinance shall require any act to be done in a reasonable time or reasonable notice to be given, such reasonable time or notice shall be deemed to mean such time only as may be necessary for the prompt performance of such duty or compliance with such notice.

Section 25.03. ORDINANCES - ADOPTION, POSTING AND PUBLISHING. All ordinances shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Clerk of the Village; and copies of all ordinances shall be posted in at least three public places in the Village, and proof thereof filed and recorded by the Clerk before the same shall take effect. If any forfeiture is imposed by an ordinance, a copy of the ordinance shall be published as a Class 1 Notice in a newspaper having general circulation in the Village. Any ordinance imposing a forfeiture shall not become effective until the day after its publication.

Section 25.04. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of these ordinances are severable. If any provision of these ordinances is invalid or if the application of any ordinance to any person or circumstance is invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of these ordinances which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

Section 25.05. GENERAL PENALTIES.

(1) Forfeiture Penalty. Any person, firm or corporation found guilty of the violation of the provisions of any ordinance of the Village of River Hills, other than nonmoving traffic violations, shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars nor more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, the penalty assessment imposed by Section 165.87 Wis. Stats., and the jail assessment imposed by Section 53.46(1) Wis. Stats., together with the costs of prosecution; and in

default of the payment thereof, may be imprisoned in the County Jail or House of Correction until such forfeiture, penalty assessment, jail assessment and costs, together with subsequent costs, are paid but not to exceed ninety (90) days.

(2) Penalty Assessments. Whenever a court imposes a forfeiture for violation of a Village Ordinance other than nonmoving traffic violations, there shall also be imposed in addition a penalty assessment in the amount required by state statute. All penalty assessments paid to the Village shall be paid over to the State Treasurer by the Village Treasurer on or before the 1st day of the next succeeding month after receipt by the Village Treasurer.

(3) Jail Assessments. Whenever a court imposes a forfeiture for violation of a Village Ordinance other than nonmoving traffic violations, there shall also be imposed a jail assessment in an amount of one (1) percent of the forfeiture imposed or Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, whichever is greater. All jail assessments paid to the Village under a municipal court judgment shall be paid to the County Treasurer within seven (7) days after receipt of the money by the Clerk of Court.

(4) Municipal Court Fees. Whenever a court imposes a forfeiture for violation of a Village Ordinance other than nonmoving traffic violations, the court shall also have the authority to impose in addition thereto the court fees up to the maximum authorized by state law.