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## 1.5 Language Rules

The following rules shall apply to the text of these volumes:

1. The particular shall control the general.
2. In the case of any difference in meaning or implication between the text of these regulations and the text of the Knox County Stormwater Management Ordinance or the Knox County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, the text of the ordinance shall control.
3. The words “shall” and “should” are always mandatory and not discretionary. The word “may” is permissive.
4. The word “permitted” or words “permitted as of right” mean permitted without meeting the requirements of these regulations.
5. Words used in the present tense include the future tense. The singular includes the plural, unless the context clearly indicates the contrary.
6. All public officials, bodies, and agencies to which reference is made are those of Knox County, Tennessee, unless otherwise indicated.
7. The term “County” or “Knox County” shall mean the area of jurisdiction of Knox County, Tennessee.
8. The term “Director” shall mean the Director of the Knox County Department of Engineering and Public Works.
9. Reference to “the ordinance” is to the Knox County Stormwater Management Ordinance O-YY-Y-YYY unless otherwise specified. This ordinance is included as a part of these regulations in Appendix A.
10. Unless specifically or otherwise noted the term “development” shall include “redevelopment” as defined in Appendix B. In general, redevelopment shall be required to follow the same stormwater management requirements as new developments.

In general, all words used in these regulations shall have their common dictionary definitions. Definitions for certain specific terms as applied to these regulations may be found in Appendix B of this volume.