**Section 454.50 Rules of Construction**

a) In these Rules unless the context requires otherwise:

1) Words imparting the singular include the plural;

2) Words imparting the plural include the singular;

3) Words imparting the masculine gender include the feminine.

b) In these Rules, the word:

1) "Shall" is used in an imperative sense;

2) "Must" is used in an imperative sense;

3) "Should" is used in a recommendatory sense;

4) "May" is used in a permissive sense to state authority or permission to do the act described and the words "no person may \*\*\* " or "a person may not \*\*\* " means that no person is required, authorized or permitted to do the act described; and

5) "Includes" is used as a word of inclusion not limitation.