

19-4708. Definitions. As used in this act:

(a) "Accused person" means a person, corporation or other legal entity accused by a complaint of the violation of a county code or resolution.

(b) "Arraignment" means the formal act of calling the person accused of violating a county code or resolution before the district court to inform the person of the offense with which the person is charged, to ask the person whether the person is guilty or not guilty and, if guilty, to impose fines and penalties.

(c) "Arrest" means the taking of a person into custody. The giving of a notice to appear is not an arrest.

(d) "Code enforcement officer" means any person who is appointed to administer or enforce county codes or resolutions adopted by the board of county commissioners and who are designated by resolution of such board as responsible code enforcement officials.

(e) "Complaint" means a sworn written statement, or a written statement by a law enforcement officer or code enforcement officer, of the essential facts constituting a violation of a county code or resolution.

(f) "County counselor" is the county counselor as appointed by the board of county commissioners or the county counselor's designee, or for the purposes of this act, such attorney as the board of county commissioners shall specifically designate.

(g) "Law enforcement officer" means any person who by virtue of office or public employment is vested by law with a duty to maintain public order and to make arrests for violation of the laws of the state of Kansas or resolutions of any county thereof, except such term shall not include code enforcement officers.

(h) "Notice to appear" is a written notice to a person accused by a complaint of having violated a county code or resolution to appear at a stated time and place to answer to the charge of the complaint.

(i) "Subpoena" is a process issued by the court to cause a witness to appear and give testimony at a time and place therein specified.

(j) "Traffic offense" is a violation of a county code or resolution that proscribes or requires the same behavior as that proscribed or required by the uniform act regulating traffic on highways, except such term shall not include any violation concerning parking in a prohibited area, abandonment of a motor vehicle or operation of a motor vehicle on property owned by the county.

(k) "Warrant" is a written order made by a judge directed to any law enforcement officer, commanding the officer to arrest the person named or described in it.

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