## ARTICLE XXII

## SEVERANCE CLAUSE

## SECTION 22.00 - SEVERANCE CLAUSE

Sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable, should any section, paragraph, or provision thereof be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

## **SECTION 22.01 - RULE OF CONSTRUCTION**

The rule that a penalty statute is to be strictly construed shall not apply to this Ordinance or any of the provisions thereof. All provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed according to the fair import of their terms, to promote justice and to effect the objects of this Ordinance.