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FOREWORD

This Sample Code has been drafted as a working document for the cities and towns of Tennessee. It is prepared in a format which is readily adaptable to the conditions and requirements of any particular community. However, attention should be given to provisions that must conform to individual municipal charter requirements such as prescribed language for ordaining clauses; number of readings for ordinances, etc. The Sample Code may be used as a basis for drafting a complete code of ordinances or a single ordinance addressing a particular need. In connection with this latter use, the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) maintains a large collection of other ordinances addressing most subjects of municipal interest. MTAS consultants are also on call to advise and assist in drafting ordinances.

Each incorporated municipality will find it desirable to have an updated copy of its charter as a companion document to its code of ordinances. MTAS has current copies of the general mayor-aldermanic and city manager-commission charters readily available for cities incorporated under them. For those cities incorporated pursuant to private acts of the legislature it will be desirable to compile and codify the provisions of currently effective acts into a single document. An MTAS consultant will assist a requesting city or town in preparing this document.

Questions, comments, and suggestions on this Sample Code are invited and should be addressed to Don W. Ownby, Consultant, Ordinance Codification, the person primarily responsible for this volume.

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ORDINANCE NO._____

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE _____ OF ____________, TENNESSEE.

WHEREAS some of the ordinances of the _____ of ____________ are obsolete, and

WHEREAS some of the other ordinances of the _____ are inconsistent with each other or are otherwise inadequate, and

WHEREAS the __________________________ of the _____ of ____________, Tennessee, has caused its ordinances of a general, continuing, and permanent application or of a penal nature to be codified and revised and the same are embodied in a code of ordinances known as the "__________ Municipal Code," now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE __________________________ of the _____ of ____________, TENNESSEE, THAT:

Section 1. Ordinances codified. The ordinances of the _____ of a general, continuing, and permanent application or of a penal nature, as codified and revised in the following "titles," namely "titles" 1 to 13, both inclusive, are ordained and adopted as the "__________ Municipal Code," hereinafter referred to as the "Municipal Code."

Section 2. Ordinances repealed. All ordinances of a general, continuing, and permanent application or of a penal nature not contained in the Municipal Code are hereby
repealed from and after the effective date of said code, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 3. **Ordinances saved from repeal.** The repeal provided for in the preceding section of this ordinance shall not affect: Any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any contract or right established or accruing before the effective date of the Municipal Code; any ordinance or resolution promising or requiring the payment of money by or to the _____ or authorizing the issuance of any bonds or other evidence of said _____ indebtedness; any contract or obligation assumed by or in favor of said _____; any administrative ordinances or resolutions not in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of such code; the portion of any ordinance not in conflict with such code which regulates speed, direction of travel, passing, stopping, yielding, standing, or parking on any specifically named public street or way; any right or franchise granted by the ____; any ordinance dedicating, naming, establishing, locating, relocating, opening, paving, widening, vacating, etc., any street or public way; any ordinance establishing and prescribing the grade of any street; any ordinance providing for local improvements and special assessments therefor; any ordinance dedicating or accepting any plat or subdivision; any prosecution, suit, or other proceeding pending or any judgment rendered on or prior to the effective date of said code; nor shall such repeal affect any ordinance annexing territory to the ____ or amending its zoning map.
Section 4. **Continuation of existing provisions.**

Insofar as the provisions of the Municipal Code are the same as those of ordinances existing and in force on its effective date, said provisions shall be considered to be continuations thereof and not as new enactments.

Section 5. **Penalty clause.** Wherever in the Municipal Code, including the codes and ordinances adopted by reference, any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or wherever in the Municipal Code the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, the violation of any such provision of the Municipal Code shall be punishable by a penalty of not more than fifty dollars ($50.00) and costs for each separate violation; provided, however, that the imposition of a penalty under the provisions of this section shall not prevent the revocation of any permit or license or the taking of other punitive or remedial action where called for or permitted under the provisions of the Municipal Code or other applicable law.

When any person is fined for violating any provision of the Municipal Code and such person defaults on payment of such penalty, he may be required to perform hard labor, within or without the workhouse, to the extent that his physical condition shall permit, until such penalty is discharged by payment, or until such person, being credited with such sum as may be prescribed for each day's hard
labor, has fully discharged said penalty. 1

Each day any violation of the Municipal Code continues
shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 6. Code as evidence. Any printed copy of the
Municipal Code certified under the signature of the recorder
shall be held to be a true and correct copy of such codifica-
tion and may be read in evidence in any court without further
proof of the provisions contained therein.

Section 7. Severability clause. Each section,
subsection, paragraph, sentence, and clause of the Municipal
Code, including the codes and ordinances adopted by
reference, is hereby declared to be separable and severable.
The invalidity of any section, subsection, paragraph,
sentence, or clause in the Municipal Code shall not affect
the validity of any other portion of said code, and only any
portion declared to be invalid by a court of competent juris-
diction shall be deleted therefrom.

Section 8. Reproduction and amendment of code. The
Municipal Code shall be reproduced in loose-leaf form. The
governing body, by motion or resolution, shall fix, and
change from time to time as considered necessary, the prices
to be charged for copies of the Municipal Code and revisions
thereto. After adoption of the Municipal Code, each ordi-
nance affecting the code shall be adopted as amending,
adding, or deleting, by numbers, specific chapters or sec-

1For authority to allow deferred payment of fines, or
payment by installments, see the Tennessee Code Annotated,
sections 40-3201 et seq.
tions of said code. Periodically thereafter all affected pages of the Municipal Code shall be revised to reflect such amended, added, or deleted material and shall be distributed to city officers and employees having copies of said code and to other persons who have requested and paid for current revisions. Notes shall be inserted at the end of amended or new sections, referring to the numbers of ordinances making the amendments or adding the new provisions, and such references shall be cumulative if a section is amended more than once in order that the current copy of the Municipal Code will contain references to all ordinances responsible for current provisions. One copy of the Municipal Code as originally adopted and one copy of each amending ordinance thereafter adopted shall be furnished to the Municipal Technical Advisory Service immediately upon final passage and adoption.

Section 9. Construction of conflicting provisions. Where any provision of the Municipal Code is in conflict with any other provision in said code, the provision which establishes the higher standard for the promotion and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare shall prevail.

Section 10. Code available for public use. A copy of the Municipal Code shall be kept available in the recorder's office for public use and inspection at all reasonable times.

Section 11. Date of effect. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it, and the Municipal Code, including all the
codes and ordinances therein adopted by reference, shall be effective on and after that date.

Passed 1st reading __________________________, 19____
Passed 2nd reading __________________________, 19____
Passed 3rd reading __________________________, 19____

_________________________
Mayor

_________________________
Recorder
CHAPTER

1. GOVERNING BODY.
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CHAPTER 1

GOVERNING BODY

SECTION

1-101. Time and place of regular meetings.
1-102. Order of business.
1-103. General rules of order.

1-101. Time and place of regular meetings. The governing body shall hold regular monthly meetings at ____ p.m. on the second ______________ of each month at the _____.

For other provisions relating to administration, officers, and personnel, see the charter and/or the appropriate related title in this code. For example, for provisions relating to the building, plumbing, electrical, and gas inspectors, see title 4; for provisions relating to the organization of the fire department, see title 7; for provisions relating to the administration of utilities, see title 13.
1-102. Order of business. At each meeting of the governing body, the following regular order of business shall be observed unless dispensed with by a majority vote of the members present:

(1) Call to order by the mayor.
(2) Roll call by the recorder.
(3) Reading of minutes of the previous meeting by the recorder and approval or correction.
(4) Grievances from citizens.
(5) Communications from the mayor.
(6) Reports from committees, members of the governing body, and other officers.
(7) Old business.
(8) New business.
(9) Adjournment.

1-103. General rules of order. The rules of order and parliamentary procedure contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the transaction of business by and before the governing body at its meetings in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with provisions of the charter or this code.

CHAPTER 2
MAYOR
SECTION
1-201. Generally supervises municipality's affairs.
1-201. **Generally supervises municipality's affairs.** The mayor shall have general supervision of all municipal affairs and may require such reports from the officers and employees as he may reasonably deem necessary to carry out his executive responsibilities.

1-202. **Executes municipality's contracts.** The mayor shall execute all contracts as authorized by the governing body.

### CHAPTER 3

#### RECORDER

**SECTION**

1-301. To be bonded.

1-302. To keep minutes, etc.

1-303. To perform general administrative duties, etc.

1-301. **To be bonded.** The recorder shall be bonded in such sum as may be fixed by, and with such surety as may be acceptable to, the governing body.

1-302. **To keep minutes, etc.** The recorder shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the governing body and shall preserve the original copy of all ordinances in a separate ordinance book.

1-303. **To perform general administrative duties, etc.** The recorder shall perform all administrative duties for the governing body and for the municipality which are not assigned by the charter, this code, or the governing body to another corporate officer. He shall also have custody of and be responsible for maintaining all corporate bonds, records,
and papers in such fireproof vault or safe as the municipality shall provide.

CHAPTER 4

POLICE AND ARREST\(^1\)

SECTION

1-401. Policemen subject to chief's orders.

1-402. Policemen to preserve law and order, etc.

1-403. Policemen to wear uniforms and be armed.

1-404. When policemen to make arrests.

1-405. Policemen may require assistance.

1-406. Disposition of persons arrested.

1-407. Police department records.

1-401. **Policemen subject to chief's orders.** All policemen shall obey and comply with such orders and administrative rules and regulations as the police chief may officially issue.

1-402. **Policemen to preserve law and order, etc.** Policemen shall preserve law and order within the municipality. They shall patrol the municipality and shall assist the city court during the trial of cases. Policemen shall also promptly serve any legal process issued by the city court.

1-403. **Policemen to wear uniforms and be armed.** All policemen shall wear such uniform and badge as the governing body shall authorize and shall carry a service pistol and

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\(^1\)For provisions relating to traffic citations, etc., see title 9, chapter 6, in this code.
billy club at all times while on duty unless otherwise expressly directed by the chief for a special assignment.

1-404. When policemen to make arrests. Unless otherwise authorized or directed in this code or other applicable law, an arrest of the person shall be made by a policeman in the following cases:

(1) Whenever he is in possession of a warrant for the arrest of the person.

(2) Whenever an offense is committed or a breach of the peace is threatened in the officer's presence by the person.

(3) Whenever a felony has in fact been committed and the officer has reasonable cause to believe the person has committed it.

1-405. Policemen may require assistance. It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to refuse to aid a policeman in maintaining law and order or in making a lawful arrest when such person's assistance is requested by the policeman and is reasonably necessary.

1-406. Disposition of persons arrested. Unless otherwise authorized by law, when any person is arrested he shall be brought before the city court for immediate trial or allowed to post bond. When the city judge is not immediately available or the alleged offender does not post the required bond, he shall be confined.

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1For provisions relating to traffic citations, etc., see title 9, chapter 6, in this code.
1-407. **Police department records.** The police department shall keep a comprehensive and detailed daily record, in permanent form, showing:

1. All known or reported offenses and/or crimes committed within the corporate limits.
2. All arrests made by policemen.
3. All police investigations made, funerals convoyed, fire calls answered, and other miscellaneous activities of the police department.

**CHAPTER 5**

**CITY COURT**

**SECTION**

1-501. City judge.
1-503. Issuance of arrest warrants.
1-504. Issuance of summonses.
1-505. Issuance of subpoenas.
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1-508. Imposition of fines, penalties, and costs.
1-509. Appeals.
1-510. Bond amounts, conditions, and forms.
1-511. Disposition and report of fines, penalties, and costs.
1-512. Disturbance of proceedings.

1-501. **City judge.** The officer designated by the charter to handle judicial matters within the municipality
shall preside over the city court and shall be known as the city judge.

1-502. Maintenance of docket. The city judge shall keep a complete docket of all matters coming before him in his judicial capacity. The docket shall include for each defendant such information as his name; warrant and/or summons numbers; alleged offense; disposition; fines, penalties, and costs imposed and whether collected; whether committed to workhouse; and all other information which may be relevant.

1-503. Issuance of arrest warrants. The city judge shall have the power to issue warrants for the arrest of persons charged with violating municipal ordinances.

1-504. Issuance of summonses. When a complaint of an alleged ordinance violation is made to the city judge, the judge may in his discretion, in lieu of issuing an arrest warrant, issue a summons ordering the alleged offender personally to appear before the city court at a time specified therein to answer to the charges against him. The summons shall contain a brief description of the offense charged but need not set out verbatim the provisions of the ordinance alleged to have been violated. Upon failure of any person to appear before the city court as commanded in a summons lawfully served on him, the cause may be proceeded with ex parte, and the judgment of the court shall be valid and binding subject to the defendant's right of appeal.

1See the Tennessee Code Annotated, title 40, chapter 5, for authority to issue search warrants.
1-505. **Issuance of subpoenas.** The city judge may sub-
poena as witnesses all persons whose testimony he believes
will be relevant and material to matters coming before his
court, and it shall be unlawful for any person lawfully served
with such a subpoena to fail or neglect to comply therewith.

1-506. **Trial and disposition of cases.** Every person
charged with violating a municipal ordinance shall be entitled
to an immediate trial and disposition of his case, provided
the city court is in session or the city judge is reasonably
available. However, the provisions of this section shall not
apply when the alleged offender, by reason of drunkenness or
other incapacity, is not in a proper condition or is not able
to appear before the court.

1-507. **Appearance bonds authorized.** When the city judge
is not available or when an alleged offender requests and has
reasonable grounds for a delay in the trial of his case, he
may, in lieu of remaining in jail pending disposition of his
case, be allowed to post an appearance bond with the city
judge or, in the absence of the judge, with the ranking police
officer on duty at the time, provided such alleged offender is
not drunk or otherwise in need of protective custody.

1-508. **Imposition of fines, penalties, and costs.** All
fines, penalties, and costs shall be imposed and recorded by
the city judge on the city court docket in open court.

In all cases heard or determined by him, the city judge
shall tax in the bill of costs the same amounts and for the
same items allowed in courts of general sessions\(^1\) for similar work in state cases.

1-509. **Appeals.** Any defendant who is dissatisfied with any judgment of the city court against him may, within ten (10) days\(^2\) next after such judgment is rendered, appeal to the next term of the circuit court upon posting a proper appeal bond.

1-510. **Bond amounts, conditions, and forms.** An appearance bond in any case before the city court shall be in such amount as the city judge shall prescribe and shall be conditioned that the defendant shall appear for trial before the city court at the stated time and place. An appeal bond in any case shall be in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) and shall be conditioned that if the circuit court shall find against the appellant the fine or penalty and all costs of the trial and appeal shall be promptly paid by the defendant and/or his sureties. An appearance or appeal bond in any case may be made in the form of a cash deposit or by any corporate surety company authorized to do business in Tennessee or by two (2) private persons who individually own real property within the county. No other type bond shall be acceptable.

1-511. **Disposition and report of fines, penalties, and costs.** All funds coming into the hands of the city judge in the form of fines, penalties, costs, and forfeitures shall be

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\(^1\)See section 8-21-401, *Tennessee Code Annotated.*

recorded by him and paid over daily to the municipality. At the end of each month he shall submit to the governing body a report accounting for the collection or noncollection of all fines, penalties, and costs imposed by his court during the current month and to date for the current fiscal year.

1-512. **Disturbance of proceedings.** It shall be unlawful for any person to create any disturbance of any trial before the city court by making loud or unusual noises, by using indecorous, profane, or blasphemous language, or by any distracting conduct whatsoever.

CHAPTER 6

WORKHOUSE

SECTION

1-601. County workhouse to be used.

1-602. Inmates to be worked.

1-603. Compensation of inmates.

1-601. **County workhouse to be used.** The county workhouse is hereby designated as the municipal workhouse, subject to such contractual arrangement as may be worked out with the county.

1-602. **Inmates to be worked.** All persons committed to the workhouse, to the extent that their physical condition permits, shall be required to perform such public work or labor as may be lawfully prescribed for the county prisoners.
1-603. **Compensation of inmates.** Each workhouse inmate shall be allowed five dollars ($5.00) per day as credit toward payment of the fines assessed against him.¹

CHAPTER 7

SOCIAL SECURITY--CITY PERSONNEL

SECTION

1-701. Policy and purpose as to coverage.
1-702. Necessary agreements to be executed.
1-703. Withholdings from salaries or wages.
1-704. Appropriations for employer's contributions.
1-705. Records and reports.

1-701. **Policy and purpose as to coverage.** It is hereby declared to be the policy and purpose of this municipality to provide for all eligible employees and officials of the municipality, whether employed in connection with a governmental or proprietary function, the benefits of the system of federal old age and survivors insurance. In pursuance of said policy, and for that purpose, the municipality shall take such action as may be required by applicable state and federal laws or regulations.

1-702. **Necessary agreements to be executed.** The mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all the necessary agreements and amendments thereto with the state executive director of old age insurance, as agent or agency, to secure coverage of employees and officials as provided in the preceding section.

¹See section 40-3204, *Tennessee Code Annotated.*
1-703. **Withholdings from salaries or wages.** Withholdings from the salaries or wages of employees and officials for the purpose provided in the first section of this chapter are hereby authorized to be made in the amounts and at such times as may be required by applicable state or federal laws or regulations, and shall be paid over to the state or federal agency designated by said laws or regulations.

1-704. ** Appropriations for employer's contributions.** There shall be appropriated from available funds such amounts at such times as may be required by applicable state or federal laws or regulations for employer's contributions, and the same shall be paid over to the state or federal agency designated by said laws or regulations.

1-705. **Records and reports.** The recorder shall keep such records and make such reports as may be required by applicable state and federal laws or regulations.

CHAPTER 8

VACATIONS AND SICK LEAVE--CITY PERSONNEL

SECTION

1-801. **Applicability of chapter.**

1-802. Vacation leave.

1-803. Sick leave.

1-804. Leave records.

1-801. **Applicability of chapter.** This chapter shall apply to all full-time municipal officers and employees except those operating under the jurisdiction of a school, utility, or other separate board or commission.
1-802. **Vacation leave.** All officers and employees shall be allowed two (2) weeks of annual vacation leave with pay after one year of employment. Such vacation leave shall be taken at a time approved by the mayor or such other officer as he may designate. At no time shall a person's total credit for accrued vacation leave exceed four (4) weeks.

1-803. **Sick leave.** All officers and employees shall be given a credit of one (1) working day of sick leave with pay for each month of employment hereafter served. Sick leave shall be taken only when approved by the mayor or by such other officer as he may designate. Sick leave, up to the number of days accrued, shall be approved for all officers and employees whose absence from duty is due to illness, bodily injury, exposure to contagious disease, or death in the immediate family of the officer or employee. However, the mayor may, in his discretion, require doctors' certificates or other satisfactory evidence that absences are properly chargeable as sick leave. The maximum credit for accrued sick leave under the provisions of this section shall be ninety (90) days.

1-804. **Leave records.** The mayor shall cause to be kept, for each officer and employee, a record currently up to date at all times showing credits earned and leave taken under this chapter.
CHAPTER 9

MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS--CITY PERSONNEL

SECTION

1-901. Business dealings. 

1-902. Acceptance of gratuities. 

1-903. Outside employment. 

1-904. Political activity. 

1-905. Use of municipal time, facilities, etc. 

1-906. Use of position. 

1-907. Strikes and unions. 

1-901. Business dealings. Except for the receipt of such compensation as may be lawfully provided for the performance of his municipal duties, it shall be unlawful for any municipal officer or employee to be privately interested in, or to profit, directly or indirectly, from business dealings with the municipality.

1-902. Acceptance of gratuities. No municipal officer or employee shall accept any money or other consideration or favor from anyone other than the municipality for the performance of an act which he would be required or expected to perform in the regular course of his duties; nor shall any officer or employee accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, gratuity, or favor of any kind which might reasonably be interpreted as an attempt to influence his actions with respect to city business.

1-903. Outside employment. No full-time officer or employee of the municipality shall accept any outside employment without written authorization from the mayor. The
mayor shall not grant such authorization if the work is likely to interfere with the satisfactory performance of the officer's or employee's duties, or is incompatible with his municipal employment, or is likely to cast discredit upon or create embarrassment for the municipality.

1-904. Political activity. Municipal officers and employees may individually exercise their right to vote and privately express their political views as citizens. However, no municipal officer or employee shall solicit political campaign contributions or engage in or actively participate in any municipal political campaign. These restrictions shall not apply to elective officials.

1-905. Use of municipal time, facilities, etc. No municipal officer or employee shall use or authorize the use of municipal time, facilities, equipment, or supplies for private gain or advantage to himself or any other private person or group. Provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply where the governing body has authorized the use of such time, facilities, equipment, or supplies, and the municipality is paid at such rates as are normally charged by private sources for comparable services.

1-906. Use of position. No municipal officer or employee shall make or attempt to make private purchases, for cash or otherwise, in the name of the municipality, nor shall he otherwise use or attempt to use his position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or others.
1-907. Strikes and unions. No municipal officer or employee shall participate in any strike against the municipality, nor shall he join, be a member of, or solicit any other municipal officer or employee to join any labor union which authorizes the use of strikes by government employees.
TITLE 2
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

CHAPTER
1. INTOXICATING LIQUORS.
2. BEER.

CHAPTER 1
INTOXICATING LIQUORS

SECTION

2-101. Prohibited generally. Except as authorized by applicable laws and/or ordinances, it shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, receive, possess, store, transport, sell, furnish, or solicit orders for, any intoxicating liquor within this municipality. "Intoxicating liquor" shall be defined to include whiskey, wine, "home brew," "moonshine," and all other intoxicating, spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors and beers which contain more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight.

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1For provisions prohibiting minors in beer places and prohibiting drinking beer, etc., on the streets, etc., see title 10 in this code.

For general provisions in the state law, see title 57 of the Tennessee Code Annotated.

2See particularly title 39, chapter 25, of the Tennessee Code Annotated.
CHAPTER 2

BEER

SECTION

2-201. Beer board established.
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2-212. Prohibited conduct or activities by beer permit holders.
2-213. Revocation of beer permits.

2-201. Beer board established. There is hereby established a beer board to be composed of five (5) members

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1For a leading case in Tennessee on a municipality's authority to regulate beer, see the 1947 Tennessee Supreme Court decision in Grubb et al. v. Mayor and Aldermen of Morristown et al., 185 Tenn. 114, 203 S.W.2d 593.

For general business regulations, see title 5 in this code; for applicable tax provisions, see title 6; for miscellaneous provisions prohibiting minors in beer places and prohibiting drinking beer on streets, etc., see title 10.
appointed by the governing body. All members of the beer board shall be citizens of the municipality. They shall be appointed for five (5) year terms except that the first members shall be appointed for staggered terms so that the term of one (1) member shall expire each year thereafter. A chairman shall be elected annually by the board from among its members. Members of the beer board shall serve without compensation.

2-202. **Meetings of the beer board.** All meetings of the beer board shall be open to the public. The board shall hold regular meetings in the city hall at such times as it shall prescribe. When there is business to come before the beer board, a special meeting may be called by the chairman provided he gives a reasonable notice thereof to each member. The board may adjourn a meeting at any time to another time and place.

2-203. **Record of beer board proceedings to be kept.** The recorder shall make a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the beer board. The record shall be a public record and shall contain at least the following: The date of each meeting; the names of the board members present and absent; the names of the members introducing and seconding motions and resolutions, etc., before the board; a copy of each such motion or resolution presented; the vote of each member thereon; and the provisions of each beer permit issued by the board.

2-204. **Requirements for beer board quorum and action.** The attendance of at least a majority of the members of the
beer board shall be required to constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business. Matters before the board shall be decided by a majority of the members present if a quorum is constituted. Any member present but not voting shall be deemed to have cast a "nay" vote.

2-205. Powers and duties of the beer board. The beer board shall have the power and it is hereby directed to regulate the selling, storing for sale, distributing for sale, and manufacturing of beer within this municipality in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

2-206. "Beer" defined. The term "beer" as used in this chapter shall mean and include all beers, ales, and other malt liquors having an alcoholic content of not more than five percent (5%) by weight.

2-207. Permit required for engaging in beer business. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, store for sale, distribute for sale, or manufacture beer without first making application to and obtaining a permit from the beer board. The application shall be made on such form as the board shall prescribe and/or furnish. Each applicant must be a person of good moral character and he must certify that he has read and is familiar with the provisions of this chapter.

2-208. Beer permits shall be restrictive. All beer permits shall be restrictive as to the type of beer business authorized under them. Separate permits shall be required for selling at retail, storing, distributing, and manufacturing. Beer permits for the retail sale of beer may be
further restricted by the beer board so as to authorize sales only for off premises consumption. It shall be unlawful for any beer permit holder to engage in any type or phase of the beer business not expressly authorized by his permit. It shall likewise be unlawful for him not to comply with any and all express restrictions or conditions which may be written into his permit by the beer board.

2-209. **Issuance of permits to aliens prohibited.** No permit to engage in the beer business shall be granted by the beer board to any person not a citizen of the United States nor to any syndicate or association unless all of the members thereof are citizens of the United States.

2-210. **Interference with public health, safety, and morals prohibited.** No permit authorizing the sale of beer will be issued when such business would cause congestion of traffic or would interfere with schools, churches, or other places of public gathering, or would otherwise interfere with the public health, safety, and morals. In no event will a permit be issued authorizing the storage, sale, or manufacture of beer at places within three hundred (300) feet of any school, church, or other such place of public gathering, measured along street rights of way.

2-211. **Issuance of permits to persons convicted of certain crimes prohibited.** No beer permit shall be issued to any person who has been convicted for the possession, sale, manufacture, or transportaion of intoxicating liquor, or any crime involving moral turpitude within the past ten (10) years.
2-212. Prohibited conduct or activities by beer permit holders. It shall be unlawful for any beer permit holder to:

(1) Employ any person convicted for the possession, sale, manufacture, or transportation of intoxicating liquor, or any crime involving moral turpitude within the past ten (10) years.

(2) Employ any person under eighteen (18) years of age in the sale, storage, distribution, or manufacture of beer. (This provision shall not apply to grocery stores selling beer for off-premises consumption only.)

(3) Make or allow any sale of beer between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. during any night of the week; at any time on Sunday; or on election days before and while the polls are lawfully open.

(4) Allow any loud, unusual, or obnoxious noises to emanate from his premises.

(5) Make or allow any sale of beer to a person under nineteen (19) years of age.

(6) Allow any person under nineteen (19) years of age to loiter in or about his place of business.

(7) Make or allow any sale of beer to any intoxicated person or to any feeble-minded, insane, or otherwise mentally incapacitated person.

(8) Allow drunk or disreputable persons to loiter about his premises.

(9) Serve, sell, or allow the consumption on his premises of any alcoholic beverage with an alcoholic content of more than five percent (5%) by weight.
(10) Allow gambling on his premises.
(11) Allow dancing on his premises.
(12) Allow pool or billiard playing in the same room where beer is sold and/or consumed.
(13) Fail to provide and maintain separate sanitary toilet facilities for men and women.

2-213. **Revocation of beer permits.** The beer board shall have the power to revoke any beer permit issued under the provisions of this chapter when the holder thereof is guilty of making a false statement or misrepresentation in his application or of violating any of the provisions of this chapter. However, no beer permit shall be revoked until a public hearing is held by the board after reasonable notice to all the known parties in interest. Revocation proceedings may be initiated by the police chief or by any member of the municipal governing body.
CHAPTER 1

IN GENERAL

3-101. Running at large prohibited.

3-102. Keeping near a residence or business restricted.

3-103. Pen or enclosure to be kept clean.

3-104. Adequate food, water, and shelter, etc., to be provided.

3-105. Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited.

3-106. Cruel treatment prohibited.

3-107. Seizure and disposition of animals.

3-108. Inspections of premises.

3-101. Running at large prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or being in charge of any cows, swine, sheep, horses, mules, goats, or any chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, or other domestic fowl, cattle, or livestock, knowingly or negligently to permit any of them to run at large in any street, alley, or unenclosed lot within the corporate limits.

3-102. Keeping near a residence or business restricted. No person shall keep any animal or fowl enumerated in the
preceding section within one thousand (1,000) feet of any residence, place of business, or public street without a permit from the health officer. The health officer shall issue a permit only when in his sound judgment the keeping of such an animal in a yard or building under the circumstances as set forth in the application for the permit will not injuriously affect the public health.

3-103. Pen or enclosure to be kept clean. When animals or fowl are kept within the corporate limits, the building, structure, corral, pen, or enclosure in which they are kept shall at all times be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

3-104. Adequate food, water, and shelter, etc., to be provided. No animal or fowl shall be kept or confined in any place where the food, water, shelter, and ventilation are not adequate and sufficient for the preservation of its health and safety.

All feed shall be stored and kept in a rat-proof and fly-tight building, box, or receptacle.

3-105. Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited. No animal or fowl shall be kept in such a place or condition as to become a nuisance because of either noise, odor, contagious disease, or other reason.

3-106. Cruel treatment prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to beat or otherwise abuse or injure any dumb animal or fowl.

3-107. Seizure and disposition of animals. Any animal or fowl found running at large or otherwise being kept in
violation of this chapter may be seized by the health officer or by any police officer and confined in a pound provided or designated by the governing body. If the owner is known he shall be given notice in person, by telephone, or by a postcard addressed to his last-known mailing address. If the owner is not known or cannot be located, a notice describing the impounded animal or fowl will be posted in at least three (3) public places within the corporate limits. In either case the notice shall state that the impounded animal or fowl must be claimed within five (5) days by paying the pound costs or the same will be humanely destroyed or sold. If not claimed by the owner, the animal or fowl shall be sold or humanely destroyed, or it may otherwise be disposed of as authorized by the governing body.

The pound keeper shall collect from each person claiming an impounded animal or fowl reasonable fees, in accordance with a schedule approved by the governing body, to cover the costs of impoundment and maintenance.

3-108. **Inspections of premises**. For the purpose of making inspections to insure compliance with the provisions of this chapter, the health officer, or his authorized representative, shall be authorized to enter, at any reasonable time, any premises where he has reasonable cause to believe an animal or fowl is being kept in violation of this chapter.
CHAPTER 2

DOGS

SECTION

3-201. Rabies vaccination and registration required.

3-202. Dogs to wear tags.

3-203. Running at large prohibited.

3-204. Vicious dogs to be securely restrained.

3-205. Noisy dogs prohibited.

3-206. Confinement of dogs suspected of being rabid.

3-207. Seizure and disposition of dogs.

3-201. Rabies vaccination and registration required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog without having the same duly vaccinated against rabies and registered in accordance with the provisions of the "Tennessee Anti-Rabies Law" (Sections 53-901 to 53-914, Tennessee Code Annotated) or other applicable law.

3-202. Dogs to wear tags. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog which does not wear a tag evidencing the vaccination and registration required by the preceding section.

3-203. Running at large prohibited.¹ It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to permit any dog owned by him or under his control to run at large within the corporate limits.

3-204. **Vicious dogs to be securely restrained.** It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog known to be vicious or dangerous unless such dog is so confined and/or otherwise securely restrained as to provide reasonably for the protection of other animals and persons.

3-205. **Noisy dogs prohibited.** No person shall own, keep, or harbor any dog which, by loud and frequent barking, whining, or howling, disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood.

3-206. **Confinement of dogs suspected of being rabid.** If any dog has bitten any person or is suspected of having bitten any person or is for any reason suspected of being infected with rabies, the health officer or chief of police may cause such dog to be confined or isolated for such time as he deems reasonably necessary to determine if such dog is rabid.

3-207. **Seizure and disposition of dogs.** Any dog found running at large may be seized by the health officer or any police officer and placed in a pound provided or designated by the governing body. If said dog is wearing a tag the owner shall be notified in person, by telephone, or by a postcard addressed to his last-known mailing address to appear within five (5) days and redeem his dog by paying a reasonable pound fee, in accordance with a schedule approved by the governing body, or the dog will be humanely destroyed or sold. If said dog is not wearing a tag it shall be humanely destroyed or sold unless legally claimed by the owner.
within two (2) days. No dog shall be released in any event from the pound unless or until such dog has been vaccinated and had a tag evidencing such vaccination placed on its collar.

When, because of its viciousness or apparent infection with rabies, a dog found running at large cannot be safely impounded it may be summarily destroyed by the health officer or any policeman.¹

¹For a Tennessee Supreme Court case upholding the summary destruction of dogs pursuant to appropriate legislation, see the 1927 case of Darnell v. Shapard, 156 Tenn. 544, 3 S.W.2d 661.
CHAPTER 1
BUILDING CODE

SECTION
4-102. Modifications.
4-103. Available in recorder's office.
4-104. Violations.

4-101. **Building code adopted.** Pursuant to authority granted by sections 6-54-501 through 6-54-506 of the Tennessee Code Annotated and for the purpose of regulating the construction, alteration, repair, use, occupancy, location, maintenance, removal, and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenance connected or attached to any building or structure, the

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1For related provisions in this code see title 7, "Fire Protection, Fireworks, and Explosives"; title 8, "Health and Sanitation"; title 11, "Planning and Zoning"; title 12, "Streets and Other Public Ways and Places"; and title 13, "Utilities and Services."
Standard Building Code,\(^1\) edition with amendments, as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the building code.

4-102. Modifications. Whenever the building code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority" or the "Chief Administrator," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the governing body of the municipality. When the "Building Official" or "Director of Public Works" is named it shall, for the purposes of the building code, mean such person as the municipal governing body shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the building code. The recommended schedule of permit fees set forth in Appendix "K" of the building code is amended so that the fees to be collected shall be exactly one-half of the sums therein recommended. Provided, however, that the minimum fee for an inspection shall be $5.00. Section 114 of the building code is hereby deleted.

4-103. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of section 6-54-502 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, three (3) copies of the building code have been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public.

\(^1\)Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
4-104. **Violations.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the building code as herein adopted by reference and modified.

**CHAPTER 2**

**PLUMBING CODE**

**SECTION**

4-201. Plumbing code adopted.

4-202. Modifications.

4-203. Available in recorder's office.

4-204. Violations.

4-201. Plumbing code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by sections 6-54-501 through 6-54-506 of the Tennessee Code Annotated and for the purpose of regulating plumbing installations, including alterations, repairs, equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings, and the appurtenances thereto, within or without the municipality, when such plumbing is or is to be connected with the municipal water or sewerage system, the *Standard Plumbing Code*, edition with amendments, as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the plumbing code.

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1 See also titles 8, 12, and 13 in this code for provisions relating to cross-connections, street excavations, water and sewer systems, etc.

2 Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
4-202. Modifications. Wherever the plumbing code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority," the "Administrative Authority," or the "Governing Authority," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the governing body of this municipality.

Wherever "City Engineer," "Engineering Department," "Plumbing Official," or "Inspector" is named or referred to, it shall mean the person appointed or designated by the municipal governing body to administer and enforce the provisions of the plumbing code. The schedule of permit fees as recommended in "Appendix H" of the plumbing code is hereby adopted. Section 110 of the plumbing code is hereby deleted.

4-203. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of section 6-54-502 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, three (3) copies of the plumbing code have been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public.

4-204. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the plumbing code as herein adopted by reference and modified.

CHAPTER 3

ELECTRICAL CODE

SECTION

4-301. Electrical code adopted.

4-302. Available in recorder's office.

1See also titles 7 and 13 in this code.
4-303. Permit required for doing electrical work.

4-304. Violations.

4-305. Enforcement.

4-306. Fees.

4-301. Electrical code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by sections 6-54-501 through 6-54-506 of the Tennessee Code Annotated and for the purpose of providing practical minimum standards for the safeguarding of persons and of buildings and their contents from hazards arising from the use of electricity for light, heat, power, radio, signaling, or for other purposes, the National Electrical Code,\(^1\) edition, as prepared by the National Fire Protection Association, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the electrical code.

4-302. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of section 6-54-502 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, three (3) copies of the electrical code have been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public.

4-303. Permit required for doing electrical work. No electrical work shall be done within this municipality until a permit therefor has been issued by the municipality. The term "electrical work" shall not be deemed to include minor repairs that do not involve the installation of new wire,

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\(^1\)Copies of this code may be purchased from the National Fire Protection Association, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02210.
conduits, machinery, apparatus, or other electrical devices generally requiring the services of an electrician.

4-304. **Violations.** It shall be unlawful for any person to do or authorize any electrical work or to use any electricity in such manner or under such circumstances as not to comply with this chapter and/or the requirements and standards prescribed by the electrical code.

4-305. **Enforcement.** The electrical inspector shall be such person as the municipal governing body shall appoint or designate. It shall be his duty to enforce compliance with this chapter and the electrical code as herein adopted by reference. He is authorized and directed to make such inspections of electrical equipment and wiring, etc., as are necessary to insure compliance with the applicable regulations, and may enter any premises or building at any reasonable time for the purpose of discharging his duties. He is authorized to refuse or discontinue electrical service to any person or place not complying with this chapter and/or the electrical code.

4-306. **Fees.** The electrical inspector shall collect the same fees as are authorized in section 53-2442, *Tennessee Code Annotated*, for electrical inspections by deputy inspectors of the state fire marshal.
SECTION

4-401. Title and definitions.
4-402. Purpose and scope.
4-403. Use of existing piping and appliances.
4-404. Bond and license.
4-405. Gas inspector and assistants.
4-406. Powers and duties of inspector.
4-407. Permits.
4-408. Inspections.
4-409. Certificates.
4-410. Fees.
4-411. Violations and penalties.
4-412. Nonliability.

4-401. Title and definitions. This chapter and the code herein adopted by reference shall be known as the gas code of the municipality and may be cited as such.

The following definitions are provided for the purpose of interpretation and administration of the gas code.

(1) "Inspector" means the person appointed as inspector, and shall include each assistant inspector, if any, from time to time acting as such under this chapter by appointment of the municipal governing body.

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1See also title 13 in this code.
(2) "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, corporation, or any other organized group of individuals.

(3) "Gas company" means any person distributing gas within the corporate limits or authorized and proposing to so engage.

(4) "Certificate of approval" means a document or tag issued and/or attached by the inspector to the inspected material, piping, or appliance installation, filled out, together with date, address of the premises, and signed by the inspector.

(5) "Certain appliances" means conversion burners, floor furnaces, central heating plants, vented wall furnaces, water heaters, and boilers.

4-402. Purpose and scope. The purpose of the gas code is to provide minimum standards, provisions, and requirements for safe installation of consumer's gas piping and gas appliances. All gas piping and gas appliances installed, replaced, maintained, or repaired within the corporate limits shall conform to the requirements of this chapter and to the Standard Gas Code,\(^1\) ______ edition with ______ amendments, which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this chapter as if fully set forth herein. Three (3) copies of the gas code shall be kept on file in the office of the city recorder for the use and inspection of the public.

\(^{1}\) Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
4-403. **Use of existing piping and appliances.** Notwithstanding any provision in the gas code to the contrary, consumer's piping installed prior to the adoption of the gas code or piping installed to supply other than natural gas may be converted to natural gas if the inspector finds, upon inspection and proper tests, that such piping will render reasonably satisfactory gas service to the consumer and will not in any way endanger life or property; otherwise, such piping shall be altered or replaced, in whole or in part, to conform with the requirements of the gas code.

4-404. **Bond and license.** (1) No person shall engage in or work at the installation, extension, or alteration of consumer's gas piping or certain gas appliances, until such person shall have secured a license as hereinafter provided, and shall have executed and delivered to the city recorder a good and sufficient bond in the penal sum of $10,000, with corporate surety, conditioned for the faithful performance of all such work, entered upon or contracted for, in strict accordance and compliance with the provisions of the gas code. The bond herein required shall expire on the first day of January next following its approval by the city recorder, and thereafter on the first day of January of each year a new bond, in form and substance as herein required, shall be given by such person to cover all such work as shall be done during such year.

(2) Upon approval of said bond, the person desiring to do such work shall secure from the city recorder a nontransferable license which shall run until the first day of January
next succeeding its issuance, unless sooner revoked. The person obtaining a license shall pay any applicable license fees to the city recorder.

(3) Nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting an individual from installing or repairing his own appliances or installing, extending, replacing, altering, or repairing consumer's piping on his own premises, or as requiring a license or a bond from an individual doing such work on his own premises; provided, however, all such work must be done in conformity with all other provisions of the gas code, including those relating to permits, inspections, and fees.

4-405. Gas inspector and assistants. To provide for the administration and enforcement of the gas code, the office of gas inspector is hereby created. The inspector, and such assistants as may be necessary in the proper performance of the duties of the office, shall be appointed or designated by the municipal governing body.

4-406. Powers and duties of inspector. (1) The inspector is authorized and directed to enforce all of the provisions of the gas code. Upon presentation of proper credentials, he may enter any building or premises at reasonable times for the purpose of making inspections or preventing violations of the gas code.

(2) The inspector is authorized to disconnect any gas piping or fixture or appliance for which a certificate of approval is required but has not been issued with respect to same, or which, upon inspection, shall be found defective or
in such condition as to endanger life or property. In all cases where such a disconnection is made, a notice shall be attached to the piping, fixture, or appliance disconnected by the inspector, which notice shall state that the same has been disconnected by the inspector, together with the reason or reasons therefor, and it shall be unlawful for any person to remove said notice or reconnect said gas piping or fixture or appliance without authorization by the inspector and such gas piping or fixture or appliance shall not be put in service or used until the inspector has attached his certificate of approval in lieu of his prior disconnection notice.

(3) It shall be the duty of the inspector to confer from time to time with representatives of the local health department, the local fire department, and the gas company, and otherwise obtain from proper sources all helpful information and advice, presenting same to the appropriate officials from time to time for their consideration.

4-407. Permits. (1) No person shall install a gas conversion burner, floor furnace, central heating plant, vented wall furnace, water heater, boiler, consumer's gas piping, or convert existing piping to utilize natural gas without first obtaining a permit to do such work from the city recorder; however, permits will not be required for setting or connecting other gas appliances, or for the repair of leaks in house piping.

(2) When only temporary use of gas is desired, the recorder may issue a permit for such use, for a period of not
to exceed sixty (60) days, provided the consumer's gas piping to be used is given a test equal to that required for a final piping inspection.

(3) Except when work in a public street or other public way is involved the gas company shall not be required to obtain permits to set meters, or to extend, relocate, remove, or repair its service lines, mains, or other facilities, or for work having to do with its own gas system.

4-408. Inspections. (1) A rough piping inspection shall be made after all new piping authorized by the permit has been installed, and before any such piping has been covered or concealed or any fixtures or gas appliances have been attached thereto.

(2) A final piping inspection shall be made after all piping authorized by the permit has been installed and after all portions thereof which are to be concealed by plastering or otherwise have been so concealed, and before any fixtures or gas appliances have been attached thereto. This inspection shall include a pressure test, at which time the piping shall stand an air pressure equal to not less than the pressure of a column of mercury six (6) inches in height, and the piping shall hold this air pressure for a period of at least ten (10) minutes without any perceptible drop. A mercury column gauge shall be used for the test. All tools, apparatus, labor, and assistance necessary for the test shall be furnished by the installer of such piping.

4-409. Certificates. The inspector shall issue a certificate of approval at the completion of the work for which
a permit for consumer piping has been issued if after inspection it is found that such work complies with the provisions of the gas code. A duplicate of each certificate issued covering consumer's gas piping shall be delivered to the gas company and used as its authority to render gas service.

4-410. Fees. The permit fee schedule as recommended in Appendix "C" of the gas code is hereby adopted.

4-411. Violations and penalties. Section 114 of the gas code is hereby deleted. Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of the gas code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined under the general penalty clause for this code of ordinances, or the license of such person may be revoked, or both fine and revocation of license may be imposed.

4-412. Nonliability. This chapter shall not be construed as imposing upon the municipality any liability or responsibility for damages to any person injured by any defect in any gas piping or appliance mentioned herein, or by installation thereof, nor shall the municipality, or any official or employee thereof, be held as assuming any such liability or responsibility by reason of the inspection authorized hereunder or the certificate of approval issued by the inspector.
CHAPTER 5
HOUSING CODE

SECTION
4-501. Housing code adopted.
4-502. Modifications.
4-503. Available in recorder's office.
4-504. Violations.

4-501. Housing code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by sections 6-54-501 through 6-54-506 of the Tennessee Code Annotated and for the purpose of securing the public safety, health, and general welfare through structural strength, stability, sanitation, adequate light, and ventilation in dwellings, apartment houses, rooming houses, and buildings, structures, or premises used as such, the Standard Housing Code,1 edition with amendments, as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the housing code.

4-502. Modifications. Wherever the housing code refers to the "Building Official" it shall mean the person appointed or designated by the municipal governing body to administer and enforce the provisions of the housing code. Wherever the "Department of Law" is referred to it shall mean the city

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1Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
attorney. Wherever the "Chief Appointing Authority" is referred to it shall mean the municipal governing body. Section 108 of the housing code is deleted.

4-503. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of section 6-54-502 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, three (3) copies of the housing code have been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public.

4-504. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the housing code as herein adopted by reference and modified.
CHAPTER 1
MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION
5-101. Certain business prohibited on Sunday.
5-102. "Going out of business" sales.

5-101. Certain business prohibited on Sunday. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or association operating a general merchandise store; department store; hardware, jewelry, furniture, or grocery store; supermarket; meat market; or other similar establishment in the municipality, to open such place or business on Sunday; or to

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1For beer business regulations in this code, see title 2, chapter 2; for regulations relating to building, plumbing, and wiring, etc., see title 4; for privilege tax provisions, etc., see title 6; for health and sanitation regulations with respect to certain businesses such as junk yards, etc., see title 8; for restrictions on posting notices or advertisements and making noise to attract attention, see title 10; and, for zoning provisions, see title 11.

2The constitutionality of an ordinance containing provisions identical to those in this section was upheld by the Tennessee Supreme Court in the 1957 Chattanooga case of J. W. Kirk et al. v. P. R. Olgiati et al., 203 Tenn. 1, 308 S. W.2d 471.
sell or offer for sale, give away, or deliver any merchandise, groceries, hardware, jewelry, furniture, meat, produce, or other similar commodities or articles on Sunday.

5-102. "Going out of business" sales. It shall be unlawful for any person falsely to represent a sale as being a "going out of business" sale. A "going out of business" sale, for the purposes of this section, shall be a "fire sale," "bankrupt sale," "loss of lease sale," or any other sale made in anticipation of the termination of a business at its present location. When any person after advertising a "going out of business" sale adds to his stock or fails to go out of business within ninety (90) days he shall prima facie be deemed to have violated this section.

CHAPTER 2
PEDDLERS, ETC. ¹

SECTION
5-201. Permit required.
5-203. Application for permit.
5-204. Issuance or refusal of permit.
5-205. Appeal.
5-206. Bond.
5-207. Loud noises and speaking devices.
5-208. Use of streets.

¹For privilege tax provisions, etc., see title 6 in this code.
5-209. Exhibition of permit.

5-210. Policemen to enforce.

5-211. Revocation or suspension of permit.

5-212. Reapplication.

5-213. Expiration and renewal of permit.

5-201. Permit required. It shall be unlawful for any peddler, canvasser, solicitor, or transient merchant to ply his trade within the corporate limits without first obtaining a permit therefor in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. No permit shall be used at any time by any person other than the one to whom it is issued.

5-202. Exemptions. The terms of this chapter shall not be applicable to persons selling at wholesale to dealers, nor to newsboys, nor to bona fide merchants who merely deliver goods in the regular course of business, nor to bona fide charitable, religious, patriotic, or philanthropic organizations.

5-203. Application for permit. Applicants for a permit under this chapter must file with the city recorder a sworn written application containing the following:

(1) Name and physical description of applicant.

(2) Complete permanent home address and local address of the applicant and, in the case of transient merchants, the local address from which proposed sales will be made.

(3) A brief description of the nature of the business and the goods to be sold.
(4) If employed, the name and address of the employer, together with credentials therefrom establishing the exact relationship.

(5) The length of time for which the right to do business is desired.

(6) A recent clear photograph approximately two (2) inches square showing the head and shoulders of the applicant.

(7) The names of at least two (2) reputable local property owners who will certify as to the applicant's good moral reputation and business responsibility, or in lieu of the names of references, such other available evidence as will enable an investigator to evaluate the applicant's moral reputation and business responsibility.

(8) A statement as to whether or not the applicant has been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor or for violating any municipal ordinance and, if so, the nature of the offense and the punishment or penalty assessed therefor.

(9) The last three (3) cities or towns, if that many, where applicant carried on business immediately preceding the date of application and, in the case of transient merchants, the addresses from which such business was conducted in those municipalities.

(10) At the time of filing the application, a fee of five dollars ($5.00) shall be paid to the municipality to help defray the cost of investigating the facts stated therein.

5-204. Issuance or refusal of permit. (1) Each application shall be referred to the chief of police for
investigation. The chief shall report his findings to the
city recorder within seventy-two (72) hours.

(2) If as a result of such investigation the chief
reports the applicant's moral reputation and/or business
responsible to be unsatisfactory the city recorder shall
notify the applicant that his application is disapproved and
that no permit will be issued.

(3) If, on the other hand, the chief's report indicates
that the moral reputation and business responsibility of the
applicant are satisfactory the city recorder shall issue a
permit upon the payment of all applicable privilege taxes and
the filing of the bond required by section 5-206. The city
recorder shall keep a permanent record of all permits issued.

5-205. Appeal. Any person aggrieved by the action of
the chief of police and/or the city recorder in the denial
of a permit shall have the right to appeal to the governing
body. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the mayor,
within fourteen (14) days after notice of the action
complained of, a written statement setting forth fully the
grounds for the appeal. The mayor shall set a time and
place for a hearing on such appeal and notice of the time
and place of such hearing shall be given to the appellant.
The notice shall be in writing and shall be mailed, postage
prepaid, to the applicant at his last known address at least
five (5) days prior to the date set for hearing, or shall be
delivered by a police officer in the same manner as a sum-
mons at least three (3) days prior to the date set for
hearing.
5-206. **Bond.** Every permittee shall file with the city recorder a surety bond running to the municipality in the amount of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00). The bond shall be conditioned that the permittee shall comply fully with all the provisions of the ordinances of this municipality and the statutes of the state regulating peddlers, canvassers, solicitors, transient merchants, itinerant merchants, or itinerant vendors, as the case may be, and shall guarantee to any citizen of the municipality that all money paid as a down payment will be accounted for and applied according to the representations of the permittee, and further guaranteeing to any citizen of the municipality doing business with said permittee that the property purchased will be delivered according to the representations of the permittee. Action on such bond may be brought by any person aggrieved and for whose benefit, among others, the bond is given. The surety may be relieved without costs of all further liability by paying, pursuant to order of the court, the face amount of the bond to the clerk of the court in which the suit is commenced.

5-207. **Loud noises and speaking devices.** No permittee, nor any person in his behalf, shall shout, cry out, blow a horn, ring a bell, or use any sound amplifying device upon any of the sidewalks, streets, alleys, parks, or other public places of the municipality or upon private premises where sound of sufficient volume is emitted or produced therefrom to be capable of being plainly heard upon the adjacent sidewalks, streets, alleys, parks, or other public places, for the
purpose of attracting attention to any goods, wares, or merchandise which such permittee proposes to sell.

5-208. Use of streets. No permittee shall have any exclusive right to any location in the public streets, nor shall any be permitted a stationary location thereon, nor shall any be permitted to operate in a congested area where such operation might impede or inconvenience the public use of such streets. For the purpose of this chapter, the judgment of a police officer, exercised in good faith, shall be deemed conclusive as to whether the area is congested and the public impeded or inconvenienced.

5-209. Exhibition of permit. Permittees are required to exhibit their permits at the request of any policeman or citizen.

5-210. Policemen to enforce. It shall be the duty of all policemen to see that the provisions of this chapter are enforced.

5-211. Revocation or suspension of permit. (1) Permits issued under the provisions of this chapter may be revoked by the governing body, after notice and hearing, for any of the following causes:

(a) Fraud, misrepresentation, or incorrect statement contained in the application for permit or made in the course of carrying on the business of solicitor, canvasser, peddler, transient merchant, itinerant merchant, or itinerant vendor.

(b) Any violation of this chapter.

(c) Conviction of any crime or misdemeanor.
(d) Conducting the business of peddler, canvasser, solicitor, transient merchant, itinerant merchant, or itinerant vendor, as the case may be, in an unlawful manner or in such a manner as to constitute a breach of the peace or to constitute a menace to the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.

(2) Notice of the hearing for revocation of a permit shall be given by the city recorder in writing, setting forth specifically the grounds of complaint and the time and place of hearing. Such notice shall be mailed to the permittee at his last known address at least five (5) days prior to the date set for hearing or it shall be delivered by a police officer in the same manner as a summons at least three (3) days prior to the date set for hearing.

(3) The mayor may suspend a permit pending the revocation hearing when reasonably necessary in the public interest.

5-212. Reapplication. No permittee whose permit has been revoked shall make further application until a period of at least six (6) months has elapsed since the last revocation.

5-213. Expiration and renewal of permit. Permits issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire on the same date that the permittee's privilege license expires and shall be renewed without cost if the permittee applies for and obtains a new privilege license within thirty (30) days thereafter. Permits issued to permittees who are not subject to a privilege tax shall be issued for one (1) year.
An application for a renewal shall be made substantially in
the same form as an original application. However, only so
much of the application shall be completed as is necessary
to reflect conditions which have changed since the last
application was filed.

CHAPTER 3
CHARITABLE SOLICITORS

SECTION
5-301. Permit required.
5-302. Prerequisites for a permit.
5-303. Denial of a permit.
5-304. Exhibition of permit.

5-301. Permit **required**. No person shall solicit contribu-
tions or anything else of value for any real or alleged
charitable or religious purpose without a permit from the city
recorder authorizing such solicitation. Provided, however,
that this section shall not apply to any locally established
organization or church operated exclusively for charitable or
religious purposes if the solicitations are conducted exclu-
sively among the members thereof, voluntarily and without
remuneration for making such solicitations, or if the solici-
tations are in the form of collections or contributions at the
regular assemblies of any such established organization or
church.

5-302. Prerequisites for a **permit**. The recorder shall,
upon application, issue a permit authorizing charitable or
religious solicitations when, after a reasonable investigation, he finds the following facts to exist:

(1) The applicant has a good character and reputation for honesty and integrity or, if the applicant is not an individual person, that every member, managing officer, or agent of the applicant has a good character or reputation for honesty and integrity.

(2) The control and supervision of the solicitation will be under responsible and reliable persons.

(3) The applicant has not engaged in any fraudulent transaction or enterprise.

(4) The solicitation will not be a fraud on the public but will be for a bona fide charitable or religious purpose.

(5) The solicitation is prompted solely by a desire to finance the charitable cause described by the applicant.

5-303. Denial of a permit. Any applicant for a permit to make charitable or religious solicitations may appeal to the governing body if he has not been granted a permit within fifteen (15) days after he makes application therefor.

5-304. Exhibition of permit. Any solicitor required by this chapter to have a permit shall exhibit such permit at the request of any policeman or person solicited.
SECTION

5-401. Taxicab franchise and privilege license required.

5-402. Requirements as to application and hearing.

5-403. Liability insurance or bond required.

5-404. Revocation or suspension of franchise.

5-405. Mechanical condition of vehicles.

5-406. Cleanliness of vehicles.

5-407. Inspection of vehicles.

5-408. License and permit required for drivers.

5-409. Qualifications for driver's permit.

5-410. Revocation or suspension of driver's permit.

5-411. Drivers not to solicit business.

5-412. Parking restricted.

5-413. Drivers to use direct routes.

5-414. Taxicabs not to be used for illegal purposes.

5-415. Miscellaneous prohibited conduct by drivers.

5-416. Transportation of more than one passenger at the same time.

5-417. Fares.

5-401. Taxicab franchise and privilege license required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the taxicab business unless he has first obtained a taxicab franchise from the municipality and has a currently effective privilege license.

\[1\]For privilege tax provisions, etc., see title 6 in this code.
5-402. Requirements as to application and hearing. No person shall be eligible for a taxicab franchise if he has a bad character or has been convicted of a felony within the last ten (10) years. Applications for taxicab franchises shall be made under oath and in writing to the chief of police. The application shall state the name and address of the applicant, the name and address of the proposed place of business, the number of cabs the applicant desires to operate, the makes and models of said cabs, and such other pertinent information as the chief of police may require. The application shall be accompanied by at least two (2) affidavits of reputable local citizens attesting to the good character and reputation of the applicant. Within ten (10) days after receipt of an application, the chief of police shall make a thorough investigation of the applicant; determine if there is a public need for additional taxicab service; present the application to the governing body; and make a recommendation either to grant or refuse a franchise to the applicant. The governing body shall thereupon hold a public hearing at which time witnesses for and against the granting of the franchise shall be heard. In deciding whether or not to grant the franchise, the governing body shall consider the public need for additional service, the increased traffic congestion, parking space requirements, and whether or not the safe use of the streets by the public, both vehicular and pedestrian, will be preserved by the granting of such an additional taxicab franchise. Those persons already operating taxicabs when this
code is adopted shall not be required to make applications under this section but shall be required to comply with all of the other provisions hereof.

5-403. Liability insurance or bond required. No taxi-cab franchise shall be issued or continued in operation unless there is in full force and effect a liability insurance policy or bond for each vehicle authorized in an amount equal to that required by the state's financial responsibility law as set out in title 55, chapter 12, Tennessee Code Annotated. The insurance policy or bond required by this section shall contain a provision that it shall not be cancelled except after at least twenty (20) days' written notice is given by the insurer to both the insured and the recorder of the municipality.

5-404. Revocation or suspension of franchise. The governing body, after a public hearing, may revoke or suspend any taxicab franchise for misrepresentations or false statements made in the application therefor or for traffic violations or violations of this chapter by the taxicab owner or any driver.

5-405. Mechanical condition of vehicles. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any taxicab in the municipality unless such taxicab is equipped with four (4) wheel brakes, front and rear lights, safe tires, horn, muffler, windshield wipers, and rear view mirror, all of which shall conform to the requirements of the state motor vehicle law. Each taxicab shall be equipped with a handle or latch or other opening device attached to each door of the passenger
compartment so that such doors may be operated by the passenger from the inside of the taxicab without the intervention or assistance of the driver. The motor and all mechanical parts shall be kept in such condition or repair as may be reasonably necessary to provide for the safety of the public and the continuous satisfactory operation of the taxicab.

5-406. Cleanliness of vehicles. All taxicabs operated in the municipality shall, at all times, be kept in a reasonably clean and sanitary condition. They shall be thoroughly swept and dusted at least once each day. At least once every week they shall be thoroughly washed and the interior cleaned with a suitable antiseptic solution.

5-407. Inspection of vehicles. All taxicabs shall be inspected at least semiannually by the chief of police to insure that they comply with the requirements of this chapter with respect to mechanical condition, cleanliness, etc.

5-408. License and permit required for drivers. No person shall drive a taxicab unless he is in possession of a state special chauffeur's license and a taxicab driver's permit issued by the chief of police.

5-409. Qualifications for driver's permit. No person shall be issued a taxicab driver's permit unless he complies with the following to the satisfaction of the chief of police:

(1) Makes written application to the chief of police.

(2) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age and holds a state special chauffeur's license.
(3) Undergoes an examination by a physician and is found to be of sound physique, with good eyesight and hearing, and not subject to epilepsy, vertigo, heart trouble, or any other infirmity of body or mind which might render him unfit for the safe operation of a public vehicle.

(4) Is clean in dress and person and is not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor or drugs.

(5) Produces affidavits of good character from two (2) reputable citizens of the municipality who have known him personally and have observed his conduct for at least two (2) years next preceding the date of his application.

(6) Has not been convicted of a felony, drunk driving, driving under the influence of an intoxicant or drug, or of frequent traffic offenses.

(7) Is familiar with the state and local traffic laws.

5-410. Revocation or suspension of driver's permit. The governing body, after a public hearing, may revoke or suspend any taxicab driver's permit for violation of traffic regulations, for violation of this chapter, or when the driver ceases to possess the qualifications as prescribed in section 5-409.

5-411. Drivers not to solicit business. All taxicab drivers are expressly prohibited from indiscriminately soliciting passengers or from cruising upon the streets of the municipality for the purpose of obtaining patronage for their cabs.

5-412. Parking restricted. It shall be unlawful to park any taxicab on any street except in such places as have been
specifically designated and marked by the municipality for the use of taxicabs. It is provided, however, that taxicabs may stop upon any street for the purpose of picking up or discharging passengers if such stops are made in such manner as not to interfere unreasonably with or obstruct other traffic and provided the passenger loading or discharging is promptly accomplished.

5-413. **Drivers to use direct routes.** Taxicab drivers shall always deliver their passengers to their destinations by the most direct available route.

5-414. **Taxicabs not to be used for illegal purposes.** No taxicab shall be used for or in the commission of any illegal act, business, or purpose.

5-415. **Miscellaneous prohibited conduct by drivers.** It shall be unlawful for any taxicab driver, while on duty, to be under the influence of, or to drink any intoxicating beverage or beer; to use profane or obscene language; to shout or call to prospective passengers; to blow the automobile horn unnecessarily; or otherwise to disturb unreasonably the peace, quiet, and tranquility of the municipality in any way.

5-416. **Transportation of more than one passenger at the same time.** No person shall be admitted to a taxicab already occupied by a passenger without the consent of such other passenger.

5-417. **Fares.** A flat rate of _________ shall be the charge for transporting one passenger from any one place to any other place within the corporate limits. If more than one passenger is carried on the same trip there may be an
additional charge not to exceed ________ for each such additional passenger. If the place of origin or the destination is outside the corporate limits the fare shall be the flat rate plus ________ for each mile or fraction thereof the taxicab is required to travel outside the corporate limits. No extra charge shall be made for baggage or parcels.

CHAPTER 5

POOL ROOMS

SECTION

5-501. Prohibited in residential areas.
5-502. Hours of operation regulated.
5-503. Minors to be kept out; exception.
5-504. Gambling, etc., not to be allowed.

5-501. Prohibited in residential areas. It shall be unlawful for any person to open, maintain, conduct, or operate any place where pool tables or billiard tables are kept for public use or hire on any premises located in any block where fifty percent (50%) or more of the land is used or zoned for residential purposes.

5-502. Hours of operation regulated. It shall be unlawful for any person to open, maintain, conduct, or operate any place where pool tables or billiard tables are kept for public use or hire at any time on Sunday or between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on other days.

1For privilege tax provisions, etc., see title 6 in this code.
5-503. Minors to be kept out; exception. It shall be unlawful for any person engaged regularly, or otherwise, in keeping billiard, bagatelle, or pool rooms or tables, or for their employees, agents, servants, or other persons for them, knowingly to permit any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to play on said tables at any game of billiards, bagatelle, pool, or other games requiring the use of cue and balls, without first having obtained the written consent of the parents of such minor, if living; if the parents are dead, then the guardian, or other person having legal control of such minor; or if the minor be in attendance as a student at some literary institution, then the written consent of the principal or person in charge of such school; provided that this section shall not apply to the use of billiards, bagatelle, and pool tables in private residences.

5-504. Gambling, etc., not to be allowed. It shall be unlawful for any person operating, conducting, or maintaining any place where pool tables or billiard tables are kept for public use or hire to permit any gambling or other unlawful or immoral conduct on such premises.
CHAPTER 1

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION


6-101. **Official depository for city funds.** The Bank of , Tennessee, is hereby designated as the official depository for all municipal funds.

CHAPTER 2

REAL PROPERTY TAXES

SECTION

6-201. When due and payable.

6-202. When delinquent--penalty and interest.

6-201. **When due and payable.** Taxes levied by the municipality against real property shall become due and payable annually on the first Monday of October of the year for which levied.

6-202. **When delinquent--penalty and interest.** All real property taxes shall become delinquent on and after the first
day of March next after they become due and payable and shall thereupon be subject to such penalty and interest as is authorized and prescribed by the state law for delinquent county real property taxes.

CHAPTER 3

PRIVILEGE TAXES

SECTION

6-301. Tax levied.

6-302. License required.

6-301. Tax levied. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this code, there is hereby levied on all vocations, occupations, and businesses declared by the general laws of the state to be privileges taxable by municipalities, an annual privilege tax in the maximum amount allowed by said state laws. The taxes provided for in the state's "Business Tax Act" (title 67, chapter 58, Tennessee Code Annotated) are hereby expressly enacted, ordained, and levied on the businesses, business activities, vocations, and occupations carried on within the municipality at the rates and in the manner prescribed by the said act.

6-302. License required. No person shall exercise any such privilege within the municipality without a currently effective privilege license, which shall be issued by the recorder to each applicant therefor upon such applicant's payment of the appropriate privilege tax.
SECTION

6-401. To be collected.

6-401. To be collected. The recorder is hereby directed to take appropriate action to assure payment to the municipality of the wholesale beer tax levied by the "Wholesale Beer Tax Act," as set out in chapter 6 of title 57, Tennessee Code Annotated.
CHAPTER 1
MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION

7-101. *Fire limits described.*

7-101. *Fire limits described.* The corporate fire limits shall be as follows: (Add description here)
CHAPTER 2

FIRE CODE¹

SECTION

7-201. Fire code adopted.
7-203. Definition of "municipality."
7-204. Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc.
7-205. Gasoline trucks.
7-206. Variances.
7-207. Violations.

7-201. Fire code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by sections 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, Tennessee Code Annotated, and for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, the Fire Prevention Code,² edition with revisions, as recommended by the American Insurance Association, is hereby adopted by reference and included as a part of this code. Pursuant to the requirement of section 6-54-502 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, three (3) copies of said fire prevention code have been filed with the city recorder and are available for public use and inspection. Said fire prevention code is adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein and shall be controlling within the corporate limits.

¹See title 4 in this code for the building, utility, and housing codes.

²Copies of this code are available from the American Insurance Association, Engineering and Safety Service, 85 John Street, New York, New York 10038.
7-202. **Enforcement.** The fire prevention code herein adopted by reference shall be enforced by the chief of the fire department. He shall have the same powers as the state fire marshal.

7-203. **Definition of "municipality."** Whenever the word "municipality" is used in the fire prevention code herein adopted, it shall be held to mean the _____ of_______, Tennessee.

7-204. **Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc.** The limits referred to in section 12.5b of the fire prevention code, in which storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, are hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in section 7-101 of this code.

   The limits referred to in section 16.22a of the fire prevention code, in which storage of flammable liquids in outside above ground tanks is prohibited, are hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in section 7-101 of this code.

   The limits referred to in section 16.61 of the fire prevention code, in which new bulk plants for flammable or combustible liquids are prohibited, are hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in section 7-101 of this code.

   The limits referred to in section 21.6a of the fire prevention code, in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted, are hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in section 7-101 of this code.

7-205. **Gasoline trucks.** No person shall operate or park any gasoline tank truck within the central business
district or within any residential area at any time except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious delivery of gasoline.

7-206. Variances. The chief of the fire department may recommend to the governing body variances from the provisions of the fire prevention code upon application in writing by any property owner or lessee, or the duly authorized agent of either, when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the code, provided that the spirit of the code shall be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done. The particulars of such variances when granted or allowed shall be contained in a resolution of the governing body.

7-207. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or the fire prevention code hereby adopted, or fail to comply therewith, or violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder; or build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken; or fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the governing body of the municipality or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein. The application of a penalty under the general penalty clause for the municipal code shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.
7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership. There is hereby established a fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the governing body of the municipality. All apparatus, equipment, and supplies shall be purchased by or through the municipality and shall be and remain the property of the municipality. The fire department shall be composed of a chief appointed by the governing body and such number of physically-fit subordinate officers and firemen as the chief shall appoint.

7-302. Objectives. The fire department shall have as its objectives:

(1) To prevent uncontrolled fires from starting.

(2) To prevent the loss of life and property because of fires.

1For special privileges with respect to traffic, see title 9, chapter 1, in this code.
(3) To confine fires to their places of origin.
(4) To extinguish uncontrolled fires.
(5) To prevent loss of life from asphyxiation or drowning.
(6) To perform such rescue work as its equipment and/or the training of its personnel makes practicable.

7-303. Organization, rules, and regulations. The chief of the fire department shall set up the organization of the department, make definite assignments to individuals, and shall formulate and enforce such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the fire department.

7-304. Records and reports. The chief of the fire department shall keep adequate records of all fires, inspections, apparatus, equipment, personnel, and work of the department. He shall submit a written report on such matters to the mayor once each month, and at the end of the year a detailed annual report shall be made.

7-305. Tenure and compensation of members. The chief shall hold office so long as his conduct and efficiency are satisfactory to the governing body. However, so that adequate discipline may be maintained, the chief shall have the authority to suspend or discharge any other member of the fire department when he deems such action to be necessary for the good of the department. The chief may be suspended up to thirty (30) days by the mayor but may be dismissed only by the governing body.
All personnel of the fire department shall receive such compensation for their services as the governing body may from time to time prescribe.

7-306. **Chief responsible for training and maintenance.** The chief of the fire department shall be fully responsible for the training of the firemen and for maintenance of all property and equipment of the fire department. The minimum training shall consist of having the personnel take the fire apparatus out for practice operations not less than once a month.

7-307. **Equipment to be used only within corporate limits generally.** No equipment of the fire department shall be used for fighting any fire outside the corporate limits unless such fire is on city owned property or, in the opinion of the chief of the fire department, is in such hazardous proximity to property owned by or located within the city as to endanger such city property or unless expressly authorized in writing by the municipal governing body.

7-308. **Chief to be assistant to state officer.** Pursuant to requirements of section 53-2408 of the *Tennessee Code Annotated*, the chief of the fire department is designated as an assistant to the state commissioner of insurance and is subject to all the duties and obligations imposed by chapter 24 of title 53 of said *Tennessee Code Annotated*, and shall be subject to the directions of the commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof.
TITLE 8
HEALTH AND SANITATION

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MISCELLANEOUS

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For specific health and sanitation provisions elsewhere in this code with respect to the following, see the references indicated:
(1) Animals and fowls, title 3.
(2) Littering streets, etc., section 12-107.
(3) Taxicabs, section 5-406.
(4) Toilet facilities in beer places, section 2-212(13).
8-101. Health officer. The "health officer" shall be such municipal, county, or state officer as the governing body shall appoint or designate to administer and enforce health and sanitation regulations within the municipality.

8-102. Adulterated food, drugs, and cosmetics. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this section for any person to violate within this municipality any provisions of the state food, drug, and cosmetic laws.

8-103. Communicable diseases. When there exists or is suspected to exist in any household a communicable disease other than a venereal disease or a common childhood disease, it shall be the duty of any attending physician and the head or other responsible person in such household possessing knowledge of the facts to notify immediately the health officer. The health officer shall thereupon make such investigation and issue such quarantine orders as may reasonably be necessary to protect the public health. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any such orders of the health officer.

8-104. House trailers. It shall be unlawful for any person to park, locate, or occupy any house trailer or portable building unless it complies with all plumbing, electrical, sanitary, and building provisions applicable to stationary structures and the proposed location conforms to the zoning provisions of the municipality and unless a permit therefor shall have been first duly issued by the building official, as provided for in the building code.
8-105. Smoke, soot, cinders, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or cause the escape of such quantities of dense smoke, soot, cinders, noxious acids, fumes, dust, or gases as to be detrimental to or to endanger the health, comfort, and safety of the public or so as to cause or have a tendency to cause injury or damage to property or business.

8-106. Stagnant water. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to allow any pool of stagnant water to accumulate and stand on his property without treating it so as effectively to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

8-107. Weeds. Every owner or tenant of property shall periodically cut the grass and other vegetation commonly recognized as weeds on his property, and it shall be unlawful for any person to fail to comply with an order by the city recorder or chief of police to cut such vegetation when it has reached a height of over one (1) foot.

8-108. Dead animals. Any person owning or having possession of any dead animal not intended for use as food shall promptly bury the same or notify the health officer and dispose of such animal in such manner as the health officer shall direct.

8-109. Health and sanitation nuisances. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any premises owned, occupied, or controlled by him to become or remain in a filthy condition, or permit the use or occupation of same in such a manner as to create noxious or offensive smells and odors in connection therewith, or to allow the accumulation
or creation of unwholesome and offensive matter or the breeding of flies, rodents, or other vermin on the premises to the menace of the public health or the annoyance of people residing within the vicinity.

8-110. Spitting on streets, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to spit upon any public street or sidewalk or upon the floors or walks of any public place.

8-111. Junk yards. All junk yards within the corporate limits shall be operated and maintained subject to the following regulations:

(1) All junk stored or kept in such yards shall be so kept that it will not catch and hold water in which mosquitoes may breed and so that it will not constitute a place or places in which rats, mice, or other vermin may be harbored, reared, or propagated.

(2) All such junk yards shall be enclosed within close fitting plank or metal solid fences touching the ground on the bottom and being not less than six (6) feet in height, such fence to be built so that it will be impossible for stray cats and/or stray dogs to have access to such junk yards.

(3) Such yards shall be so maintained as to be in a sanitary condition and so as not to be a menace to the public health or safety.

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1 The provisions of this section were taken substantially from the Bristol ordinance upheld by the Tennessee Court of Appeals as being a reasonable and valid exercise of the police power in the 1961 case of Hagaman v. Slaughter, 49 Tenn. App. 338, 354 S.W.2d 818.
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8-201. Refuse defined. Refuse shall mean and include garbage, rubbish, leaves, brush, and refuse as those terms are generally defined except that dead animals and fowls, body wastes, hot ashes, rocks, concrete, bricks, and similar materials are expressly excluded therefrom and shall not be stored therewith.

8-202. Premises to be kept clean. All persons within the municipality are required to keep their premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from accumulations of refuse except when stored as provided in this chapter.

8-203. Storage. Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within this municipality where refuse accumulates or is likely to accumulate, shall provide and keep covered an adequate number of refuse containers. The refuse containers shall be strong, durable, and rodent and insect proof. They shall each have a capacity of not less than twenty (20) nor
more than thirty-two (32) gallons, except that this maximum capacity shall not apply to larger containers which the municipality handles mechanically. Furthermore, except for containers which the municipality handles mechanically, the combined weight of any refuse container and its contents shall not exceed seventy-five (75) pounds. No refuse shall be placed in a refuse container until such refuse has been drained of all free liquids. Tree trimmings, hedge clippings, and similar materials shall be cut to a length not to exceed four (4) feet and shall be securely tied in individual bundles weighing not more than seventy-five (75) pounds each and being not more than two (2) feet thick before being deposited for collection.

8-204. Location of containers. Where alleys are used by the municipal refuse collectors, containers shall be placed on or within six (6) feet of the alley line in such a position as not to intrude upon the traveled portion of the alley. Where streets are used by the municipal refuse collectors, containers shall be placed adjacent to and back of the curb, or adjacent to and back of the ditch or street line if there be no curb, at such times as shall be scheduled by the municipality for the collection of refuse therefrom. As soon as practicable after such containers have been emptied they shall be removed by the owner to within, or to the rear of, his premises and away from the street line until the next scheduled time for collection.

8-205. Disturbing containers. No unauthorized person shall uncover, rifle, pilfer, dig into, turn over, or in any
other manner disturb or use any refuse container belonging to another. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the use of public refuse containers for their intended purpose.

8-206. Collection. All refuse accumulated within the corporate limits shall be collected, conveyed, and disposed of under the supervision of such officer as the governing body shall designate. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule.

8-207. Collection vehicles. The collection of refuse shall be by means of vehicles with beds constructed of impervious materials which are easily cleanable and so constructed that there will be no leakage of liquids draining from the refuse onto the streets and alleys. Furthermore, all refuse collection vehicles shall utilize closed beds or such coverings as will effectively prevent the scattering of refuse over the streets or alleys.

8-208. Disposal. The disposal of refuse in any quantity by any person in any place, public or private, other than at the site or sites designated for refuse disposal by the governing body is expressly prohibited.
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SEWAGE AND HUMAN EXCRETA DISPOSAL

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8-301. Definitions. The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation of this chapter.

(1) Accessible sewer. A public sanitary sewer located in a street or alley abutting on the property in question or

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See title 4 of this code for plumbing regulations and title 13 for other provisions relating to the administration and operation of the sewer system.
otherwise within two hundred (200) feet of any boundary of said property measured along the shortest available right-of-way.

(2) Health officer. The person duly appointed to such position having jurisdiction, or any person or persons authorized to act as his agent.

(3) Human excreta. The bowel and kidney discharges of human beings.

(4) Sewage. All water-carried human and household wastes from residences, buildings, or industrial establishments.

(5) Approved septic tank system. A watertight covered receptacle of monolithic concrete, either precast or cast in place, constructed according to plans approved by the health officer. Such tanks shall have a capacity of not less than 750 gallons and in the case of homes with more than two (2) bedrooms the capacity of the tank shall be in accordance with the recommendations of the Tennessee Department of Public Health as provided for in its 1967 bulletin entitled "Recommended Guide for Location, Design, and Construction of Septic Tanks and Disposal Fields." A minimum liquid depth of four (4) feet should be provided with a minimum depth of air space above the liquid of one (1) foot. The septic tank dimensions should be such that the length from inlet to outlet is at least twice but not more than three (3) times the width. The liquid depth should not exceed five (5) feet. The discharge from the septic tank shall be disposed of in such a manner that it may not create a nuisance on the
surface of the ground or pollute the underground water supply, and such disposal shall be in accordance with recommendations of the health officer as determined by acceptable soil percolation data.

(6) **Sanitary pit privy.** A privy having a fly-tight floor and seat over an excavation in earth, located and constructed in such a manner that flies and animals will be excluded, surface water may not enter the pit, and danger of pollution of the surface of the ground or the underground water supply will be prevented.

(7) **Other approved method of sewage disposal.** Any privy, chemical toilet, or other toilet device (other than a sanitary sewer, septic tank, or sanitary pit privy as described above) the type, location, and construction of which have been approved by the health officer.

(8) **Watercourse.** Any natural or artificial drain which conveys water either continuously or intermittently.

8-302. **Places required to have sanitary disposal methods.** Every residence, building, or place where human beings reside, assemble, or are employed within the corporate limits shall be required to have a sanitary method for disposal of sewage and human excreta.

8-303. **When a connection to the public sewer is required.** Wherever an accessible sewer exists and water under pressure is available, approved plumbing facilities shall be provided and the wastes from such facilities shall be discharged through a connection to said sewer made in
compliance with the requirements of the official responsible for the public sewerage system. On any lot or premise accessible to the sewer no other method of sewage disposal shall be employed.

8-304. **When a septic tank shall be used.** Wherever water-carried sewage facilities are installed and their use is permitted by the health officer, and an accessible sewer does not exist, the wastes from such facilities shall be discharged into an approved septic tank system.

No septic tank or other water-carried sewage disposal system except a connection to a public sewer shall be installed without the approval of the health officer or his duly appointed representative. The design, layout, and construction of such systems shall be in accordance with specifications approved by the health officer and the installation shall be under the general supervision of the department of health.

8-305. **Registration and records of septic tank cleaners, etc.** Every person, firm, or corporation who operates equipment for the purpose of removing digested sludge from septic tanks, cesspools, privies, and other sewage disposal installations on private or public property must register with the health officer and furnish such records of work done within the corporate limits as may be deemed necessary by the health officer.

8-306. **Use of pit privy or other method of disposal.** Wherever a sanitary method of human excreta disposal is required under section 8-302 and water-carried sewage facili-
ties are not used, a sanitary pit privy or other approved method of disposal shall be provided.

8-307. Approval and permit required for septic tanks, privies, etc. Any person, firm, or corporation proposing to construct a septic tank system, privy, or other sewage disposal facility, requiring the approval of the health officer under this chapter, shall before the initiation of construction obtain the approval of the health officer for the design and location of the system and secure a permit from the health officer for such system.

8-308. Owner to provide disposal facilities. It shall be the duty of the owner of any property upon which facilities for sanitary sewage or human excreta disposal are required by section 8-302, or the agent of the owner, to provide such facilities.

8-309. Occupant to maintain disposal facilities. It shall be the duty of the occupant, tenant, lessee, or other person in charge to maintain the facilities for sewage disposal in a clean and sanitary condition at all times, and no refuse or other material which may unduly fill up, clog, or otherwise interfere with the operation of such facilities shall be deposited therein.

8-310. Only specified methods of disposal to be used. No sewage or human excreta shall be thrown out, deposited, buried, or otherwise disposed of except by a sanitary method of disposal as specified in this chapter.

8-311. Discharge into watercourses restricted. No sewage or excreta shall be discharged or deposited into any
lake or watercourse except under conditions specified by the
health officer and specifically authorized by the Tennessee
Stream Pollution Control Board.

8-312. Pollution of ground water prohibited. No sewage
effluent from a septic tank, sewage treatment plant, or
discharges from any plumbing facility shall empty into any
well, cistern, sinkhole, crevice, ditch, or other opening,
either natural or artificial, in any formation which may
permit the pollution of ground water.

8-313. Enforcement of chapter. It shall be the duty of
the health officer to make an inspection of the methods of
disposal of sewage and human excreta as often as is con-
sidered necessary to insure full compliance with the terms
of this chapter. Written notification of any violation
shall be given by the health officer to the person or per-
sons responsible for the correction of the condition, and
correction shall be made within forty-five (45) days after
notification. If the health officer shall advise any person
that the method by which human excreta and sewage is being
disposed of constitutes an immediate and serious menace to
health, such person shall at once take steps to remove the
menace. Failure to remove such menace immediately shall be
punishable under the general penalty clause for this code.
However, such person shall be allowed the number of days
herein provided within which to make permanent correction.

8-314. Carnivals, circuses, etc. Whenever carnivals,
circuses, or other transient groups of persons come within the
corporate limits, such groups of transients shall provide a sanitary method for disposal of sewage and human excreta. Failure of a carnival, circus, or other transient group to provide such sanitary method of disposal and to make all reasonable changes and corrections proposed by the health officer shall constitute a violation of this section. In these cases the violator shall not be entitled to the notice of forty-five (45) days provided for in the preceding section.

8-315. Violations. Any person, persons, firm, association, or corporation or agent thereof, who shall fail, neglect, or refuse to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable under the general penalty clause for this code.

CHAPTER 4
CROSS CONNECTIONS, AUXILIARY INTAKES, ETC.¹

SECTION
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¹The regulations in this chapter are recommended by the Tennessee Department of Public Health for adoption by cities.

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8-401. Definitions. The following definitions and terms shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter:

(1) **Public water supply.** The waterworks system furnishing water to the municipality for general use and which supply is recognized as the public water supply by the Tennessee Department of Public Health.

(2) **Cross connection.** Any physical connection whereby the public water supply is connected with any other water supply system, whether public or private, either inside or outside of any building or buildings, in such manner that a flow of water into the public water supply is possible either through the manipulation of valves or because of any other arrangement.

(3) **Auxiliary intake.** Any piping connection or other device whereby water may be secured from a source other than that normally used.

(4) **Bypass.** Any system of piping or other arrangement whereby the water may be diverted around any part or portion of a water purification plant.

(5) **Interconnection.** Any system of piping or other arrangement whereby the public water supply is connected directly with a sewer, drain, conduit, pool, storage
reservoir, or other device which does or may contain sewage
or other waste or liquid which would be capable of imparting
contamination to the public water supply.

(6) **Person.** Any and all persons, natural or
artificial, including any individual, firm, or association,
and any municipal or private corporation organized or
existing under the laws of this or any other state or country.

8-402. **Standards.** The municipal public water supply is
to comply with sections 53-2001 and 53-2004 of the Tennessee
Code Annotated, as well as the Rules and Regulations for
Public Water Supplies, legally adopted in accordance with this
code, which pertain to cross connections, auxiliary intakes,
bypasses, and interconnections, and establish an effective
ongoing program to control these undesirable water uses.

8-403. **Construction, operation, and supervision.** It
shall be unlawful for any person to cause a cross connection
to be made, or allow one to exist for any purpose whatsoever,
unless the construction and operation of same have been
approved by the Tennessee Department of Public Health and the
operation of such cross connection, auxiliary intake, bypass
or interconnection is at all times under the direct super-
vision of the superintendent of the waterworks of the
municipality.

8-404. **Statement required.** Any person whose premises
are supplied with water from the public water supply and who
also has on the same premises a separate source of water
supply, or stores water in an uncovered or unsanitary storage
reservoir from which the water stored therein is circulated
through a piping system, shall file with the superintendent of the waterworks a statement of the non-existence of unapproved or unauthorized cross connections, auxiliary intakes, bypasses, or interconnections. Such statement shall also contain an agreement that no cross connection, auxiliary intake, bypass, or interconnection will be permitted upon the premises.

8-405. **Inspections required.** It shall be the duty of the superintendent of the waterworks to cause inspections to be made of all properties served by the public water supply where cross connections with the public water supply are deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and reinspections, based on potential health hazards involved, shall be established by the superintendent of the waterworks and as approved by the Tennessee Department of Public Health.

8-406. **Right of entry for inspections.** The superintendent of the waterworks or his authorized representative shall have the right to enter, at any reasonable time, any property served by a connection to the public water supply for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems therein for cross connections, auxiliary intakes, bypasses, or interconnections. On request, the owner, lessee, or occupant of any property so served shall furnish to the inspection agency any pertinent information regarding the piping system or systems on such property. The refusal of such information or refusal of access, when requested, shall be deemed evidence of the presence of cross connections.
8-407. **Correction of existing violations.** Any person who now has cross connections, auxiliary intakes, bypasses, or interconnections in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be allowed a reasonable time within which to comply with the provisions of this chapter. After a thorough investigation of existing conditions and an appraisal of the time required to complete the work, the amount of time shall be designated by the superintendent of the waterworks.

The failure to correct conditions threatening the safety of the public water system as prohibited by this chapter and the *Tennessee Code Annotated*, section 53-2004, within a reasonable time and within the time limits set by the superintendent of the waterworks shall be grounds for denial of water service. If proper protection has not been provided after a reasonable time, the utility shall give the customer legal notification that water service is to be discontinued and shall physically separate the public water supply from the customer's on-site piping system in such a manner that the two systems cannot again be connected by an unauthorized person.

Where cross connections, interconnections, auxiliary intakes, or bypasses are found that constitute an extreme hazard of immediate concern of contaminating the public water system, the management of the water supply shall require that immediate corrective action be taken to eliminate the threat to the public water system. Immediate steps shall be taken
to disconnect the public water supply from the on-site piping system unless the imminent hazard(s) is (are) corrected immediately.

8-408. **Use of protective devices.** Where the nature of use of the water supplied a premises by the water department is such that it is deemed (a) impractical to provide an effective air-gap separation, (b) that the owner and/or occupant of the premises cannot, or is not willing, to demonstrate to the official in charge of the water supply, or his designated representative, that the water use and protective features of the plumbing are such as to propose no threat to the safety or potability of the water supply, (c) that the nature and mode of operation within a premises are such that frequent alterations are made to the plumbing, (d) there is a likelihood that protective measures may be subverted, altered, or disconnected, the superintendent of the waterworks of the municipality or his designated representative, shall require the use of an approved protective device on the service line serving the premises to assure that any contamination that may originate in the customer's premises is contained therein. The protective device shall be a reduced pressure zone type backflow preventer approved by the Tennessee Department of Public Health as to manufacture, model, and size. The method of installation of backflow protective devices shall be approved by the superintendent of the waterworks prior to installation and shall comply with the criteria set forth by the Tennessee
Department of Public Health. The installation shall be at the expense of the owner or occupant of the premises.

Personnel of the municipal public water supply shall have the right to inspect and test the device or devices on an annual basis or whenever deemed necessary by the superintendent of the waterworks or his designated representative. Water service shall not be disrupted to test the device without the knowledge of the occupant of the premises.

Where the use of water is critical to the continuance of normal operations or protection of life, property, or equipment, duplicate units shall be provided to avoid the necessity of discontinuing water service to test or repair the protective device or devices. Where it is found that only one unit has been installed and the continuance of service is critical, the superintendent of the waterworks shall notify, in writing, the occupant of the premises of plans to discontinue water service and arrange for a mutually acceptable time to test and/or repair the device. The superintendent shall require the occupant of the premises to make all repairs indicated promptly, to keep the unit(s) working properly, and the expense of such repairs shall be borne by the owner or occupant of the premises. Repairs shall be made by qualified personnel acceptable to the superintendent of the waterworks.

The failure to maintain backflow prevention devices in proper working order shall be grounds for discontinuing water service to a premises. Likewise, the removal, bypassing, or altering of the protective devices or the installation
thereof so as to render the devices ineffective shall constitute grounds for discontinuance of water service. Water service to such premises shall not be restored until the customer has corrected or eliminated such conditions or defects to the satisfaction of the superintendent of the waterworks.

8-409. **Unpotable** water to be labeled. In order that the potable water supply made available to premises served by the public water supply shall be protected from possible contamination as specified herein, any water outlet which could be used for potable or domestic purposes and which is not supplied by the potable system must be labeled in a conspicuous manner as:

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WATER UNSAFE
FOR DRINKING
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The minimum acceptable sign shall have black letters at least one-inch high located on a red background.

8-410. **Violations.** The requirements contained herein shall apply to all premises served by the municipal water system whether located inside or outside the corporate limits and are hereby made a part of the conditions required to be met for the municipality to provide water services to any premises. Such action, being essential for the protection of the water distribution system against the entrance of contamination which may render the water unsafe healthwise, or otherwise undesirable, shall be enforced rigidly without regard to location of the premises, whether inside or outside the corporate limits.
Any person who neglects or refuses to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction therefor, shall be fined under the general penalty clause for this municipal code of ordinances.
TITLE 9
MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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9-101. **Motor vehicle requirements.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle within the corporate limits unless such vehicle is equipped with properly operating muffler, lights, brakes, horn, and such other equipment as is prescribed and required by chapter 9, title 55, of the **Tennessee Code Annotated**.

9-102. **Authorized emergency vehicles defined.** Authorized emergency vehicles shall be fire department vehicles, police vehicles, and such ambulances and other emergency vehicles as are designated by the chief of police.
9-103. **Operation of authorized emergency vehicles.**

(1) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency call, or when in the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, or when responding to but not upon returning from a fire alarm, may exercise the privileges set forth in this section, subject to the conditions herein stated.

(2) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle may park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this title; proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down to ascertain that the intersection is clear; exceed the maximum speed limit and disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions so long as he does not endanger life or property.

(3) The exemptions herein granted for an authorized emergency vehicle shall apply only when the driver of any such vehicle while in motion sounds an audible signal by bell, siren, or exhaust whistle and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one (1) lighted lamp displaying a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet to the front of such vehicle, except that an authorized emergency vehicle operated as a police vehicle need not be equipped with or display a red light visible from in front of the vehicle.

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1See section 9-401 in this code for provisions with respect to the operation of other vehicles upon the approach of emergency vehicles.
(4) The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequences of his reckless disregard for the safety of others.

9-104. Following emergency vehicles. No driver of any vehicle shall follow any authorized emergency vehicle apparently traveling in response to an emergency call closer than five hundred (500) feet or drive or park any vehicle within the block where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm.

9-105. Running over fire hoses, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive over any hose lines or other equipment of the fire department except in obedience to the direction of a fireman or policeman.

9-106. Driving on streets closed for repairs, etc. Except for necessary access to property abutting thereon, no motor vehicle shall be driven upon any street that is barricaded or closed for repairs or other lawful purpose.

9-107. Reckless driving. Irrespective of the posted speed limit, no person, including operators of emergency vehicles, shall drive any vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property.

9-108. Driving under the influence. (See the Tennessee Code Annotated, sections 55-10-401, 55-10-303, and 55-10-307)
9-109. **One-way streets.** On any street for one-way traffic with posted signs indicating the authorized direction of travel at all intersections offering access thereto, no person shall operate any vehicle except in the indicated direction.

9-110. **Unlaned streets.** (1) Upon all unlaned streets of sufficient width, a vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the street except:

(a) When lawfully overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction.

(b) When the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair.

(c) Upon a roadway designated and signposted by the municipality for one-way traffic.

(2) All vehicles proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall be driven as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn.

9-111. **Laned streets.** On streets marked with traffic lanes, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to fail or refuse to keep his vehicle within the boundaries of the proper lane for his direction of travel except when lawfully passing another vehicle or preparatory to making a lawful turning movement.
On two (2) lane and three (3) lane streets, the proper lane for travel shall be the right hand lane unless otherwise clearly marked. On streets with four (4) or more lanes, either of the right hand lanes shall be available for use except that traffic moving at less than the normal rate of speed shall use the extreme right hand lane. On one-way streets either lane may be lawfully used in the absence of markings to the contrary.

9-112. **Yellow lines.** On streets with a yellow line placed to the right of any lane line or center line, such yellow line shall designate a no-passing zone, and no operator shall drive his vehicle or any part thereof across or to the left of such yellow line except when necessary to make a lawful left turn from such street.

9-113. **Miscellaneous traffic-control signs, etc.**¹ It shall be unlawful for any pedestrian or the operator of any vehicle to violate or fail to comply with any traffic-control sign, signal, marking, or device placed or erected by the state or the municipality unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

It shall be unlawful for any pedestrian or the operator of any vehicle willfully to violate or fail to comply with the reasonable directions of any police officer.

9-114. **General requirements for traffic-control signs, etc.** All traffic-control signs, signals, markings, and devices

¹See also sections 9-405--9-409 in this code.
shall conform to the latest revision of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways,¹ published by the U. S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and shall, so far as practicable, be uniform as to type and location throughout the municipality. This section shall not be construed as being mandatory but is merely directive.

9-115. Unauthorized traffic-control signs, etc. No person shall place, maintain, or display upon or in view of any street, any unauthorized sign, signal, marking, or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control sign, signal, marking, or device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to control the movement of traffic or parking of vehicles, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic-control sign, signal, marking, or device or any railroad sign or signal.

9-116. Presumption with respect to traffic-control signs, etc. When a traffic-control sign, signal, marking, or device has been placed, the presumption shall be that it is official and that it has been lawfully placed by the proper authority. All presently installed traffic-control signs, signals, markings, and devices are hereby expressly authorized, ratified, approved, and made official.

¹This manual may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.
9-117. **School safety patrols.** All motorists and pedestrians shall obey the directions or signals of school safety patrols when such patrols are assigned under the authority of the chief of police and are acting in accordance with instructions; provided, that such persons giving any order, signal, or direction shall at the time be wearing some insignia and/or using authorized flags for giving signals.

9-118. **Driving through funerals or other processions.** Except when otherwise directed by a police officer, no driver of a vehicle shall drive between the vehicles comprising a funeral or other authorized procession while they are in motion and when such vehicles are conspicuously designated.

9-119. **Damaging pavements.** No person shall operate or cause to be operated upon any street of the municipality any vehicle, motor propelled or otherwise, which by reason of its weight or the character of its wheels, tires, or track is likely to damage the surface or foundation of the street.

9-120. **Clinging to vehicles in motion.** It shall be unlawful for any person traveling upon any bicycle, motorcycle, coaster, sled, roller skates, or any other vehicle to cling to, or attach himself or his vehicle to any other moving vehicle upon any street, alley, or other public way or place.

9-121. **Riding on outside of vehicles.** It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, or for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle being operated on a street, alley, or other public way or place to permit any person to ride on any portion of such vehicle not designed or intended for the use of passengers. This section shall not apply to persons
engaged in the necessary discharge of lawful duties nor to persons riding in the load-carrying space of trucks.

9-122. **Backing vehicles.** The driver of a vehicle shall not back the same unless such movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with other traffic.

9-123. **Projections from the rear of vehicles.** Whenever the load or any projecting portion of any vehicle shall extend beyond the rear of the bed or body thereof, the operator shall display at the end of such load or projection, in such position as to be clearly visible from the rear of such vehicle, a red flag being not less than twelve (12) inches square. Between one-half (\( \frac{1}{2} \)) hour after sunset and one-half (\( \frac{1}{2} \)) hour before sunrise, there shall be displayed in place of the flag a red light plainly visible under normal atmospheric conditions at least two hundred (200) feet from the rear of such vehicle.

9-124. **Causing unnecessary noise.** It shall be unlawful for any person to cause unnecessary noise by unnecessarily sounding the horn, "racing" the motor, or causing the "screeching" or "squealing" of the tires on any motor vehicle.

9-125. **Vehicles and operators to be licensed.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in violation of the "Tennessee Motor Vehicle Title and Registration Law" or the "Uniform Motor Vehicle Operators' and Chauffeurs' License Law."

9-126. **Passing.** Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the driver of a vehicle passing another
vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the right side of the street until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle. The driver of the overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on audible signal and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

When the street is wide enough, the driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass upon the right of another vehicle which is making or about to make a left turn.

The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction either upon the left or upon the right on a street of sufficient width for four (4) or more lanes of moving traffic when such movement can be made in safety.

No person shall drive off the pavement or upon the shoulder of the street in overtaking or passing on the right.

When any vehicle has stopped at a marked crosswalk or at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the street, no operator of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.

No vehicle operator shall attempt to pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless he can see that the way ahead is sufficiently clear and unobstructed to enable him to make the movement in safety.

9-127. Bicycle riders, etc. Every person riding or operating a bicycle, motorcycle, or motor driven cycle shall be subject to the provisions of all traffic ordinances, rules,
and regulations of the city applicable to the driver or operator of other vehicles except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application to bicycles, motorcycles, or motor driven cycles.

No person operating or riding a bicycle, motorcycle, or motor driven cycle shall ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, nor shall the operator carry any other person upon such vehicle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon.

No bicycle, motorcycle, or motor driven cycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

No person operating a bicycle, motorcycle, or motor driven cycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the rider from keeping both hands upon the handlebar.

No person under the age of sixteen (16) years shall operate any motorcycle or motor driven cycle while any other person is a passenger upon said motor vehicle.

All motorcycles and motor driven cycles operated on public ways within the corporate limits shall be equipped with crash bars approved by the state's commissioner of safety.

Each driver of a motorcycle or motor driven cycle and any passenger thereon shall be required to wear on his head a crash helmet of a type approved by the state's commissioner of safety.

Every motorcycle or motor driven cycle operated upon any public way within the corporate limits shall be equipped with
a windshield of a type approved by the state's commissioner of safety or, in the alternative, the operator and any passenger on any such motorcycle or motor driven cycle shall be required to wear safety goggles of a type approved by the state's commissioner of safety for the purpose of preventing any flying object from striking the operator or any passenger in the eyes.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or ride on any vehicle in violation of this section, and it shall also be unlawful for any parent or guardian knowingly to permit any minor to operate a motorcycle or motor driven cycle in violation of this section.

CHAPTER 2

SPEED LIMITS

SECTION

9-201. In general.

9-202. At intersections.

9-203. In school zones.

9-204. In congested areas.

9-201. In general. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle upon any highway or street at a rate of speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour except where official signs have been posted indicating other speed limits in which cases the posted speed limit shall apply.

9-202. At intersections. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle through any intersection at a rate of speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour unless such person is driving on a street regulated by
traffic control signals or signs which require traffic to stop or yield on the intersecting streets.

9-203. In school zones. Generally, pursuant to section 55-8-152, Tennessee Code Annotated, special speed limits in school zones shall be enacted based on an engineering investigation; shall not be less than fifteen (15) miles per hour; and shall be in effect only when proper signs are posted with a warning flasher or flashers in operation. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any such special speed limit enacted and in effect in accordance with this paragraph.

When the governing body has not established special speed limits as provided for above, any person who shall drive at a speed exceeding fifteen (15) miles per hour when passing a school during a recess period when a warning flasher or flashers are in operation, or during a period of forty (40) minutes before the opening hour of a school or a period of forty (40) minutes after the closing hour of a school, while children are actually going to or leaving school, shall be prima facie guilty of reckless driving.

9-204. In congested areas. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle through any congested area at a rate of speed in excess of any posted speed limit when such speed limit has been posted by authority of the municipality.
CHAPTER 3
TURNING MOVEMENTS

SECTION
9-301. Generally.
9-302. Right turns.
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9-301. Generally. No person operating a motor vehicle shall make any turning movement which might affect any pedestrian or the operation of any other vehicle without first ascertaining that such movement can be made in safety and signaling his intention in accordance with the requirements of the state law.¹

9-302. Right turns. Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway.

9-303. Left turns on two-way roadways. At any intersection where traffic is permitted to move in both directions on each roadway entering the intersection, an approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the center line thereof and by passing to the right of the intersection of the center lines of the two roadways.

9-304. Left turns on other than two-way roadways. At any intersection where traffic is restricted to one direction

¹See section 55-8-143, Tennessee Code Annotated.
on one or more of the roadways, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn left at any such intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection, as nearly as practicable, in the left hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in such direction upon the roadway being entered.

9-305. U-turns. U-turns are prohibited.

CHAPTER 4

STOPPING AND YIELDING

SECTION

9-402. When emerging from alleys, etc.
9-403. To prevent obstructing an intersection.
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9-407. At traffic-control signals generally.
9-408. At flashing traffic-control signals.
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9-401. **Upon approach of authorized emergency vehicles.**
Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency
vehicle making use of audible and/or visual signals meeting the requirements of the laws of this state, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.

9-402. When emerging from alleys, etc. The drivers of all vehicles emerging from alleys, parking lots, driveways, or buildings shall stop such vehicles immediately prior to driving onto any sidewalk or street. They shall not proceed to drive onto the sidewalk or street until they can safely do so without colliding or interfering with approaching pedestrians or vehicles.

9-403. To prevent obstructing an intersection. No driver shall enter any intersection or marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of such intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle he is operating without obstructing the passage of traffic in or on the intersecting street or crosswalk. This provision shall be effective notwithstanding any traffic-control signal indication to proceed.

9-404. At railroad crossings. Any driver of a vehicle approaching a railroad grade crossing shall stop within not less than fifteen (15) feet from the nearest rail of such

\[1\] See section 9-102 in this code.
railroad and shall not proceed further while any of the following conditions exist:

1. A clearly visible electrical or mechanical signal device gives warning of the approach of a railroad train.
2. A crossing gate is lowered or a human flagman signals the approach of a railroad train.
3. A railroad train is approaching within approximately fifteen hundred (1500) feet of the highway crossing and is emitting an audible signal indicating its approach.
4. An approaching railroad train is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to the crossing.

9-405. At "stop" signs. The driver of a vehicle facing a "stop" sign shall bring his vehicle to a complete stop immediately before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if there is no crosswalk, then immediately before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until he can proceed through the intersection in safety.

9-406. At "yield" signs. The drivers of all vehicles shall yield the right of way to approaching vehicles before proceeding at all places where "yield" signs have been posted.

9-407. At traffic-control signals generally. Traffic-control signals exhibiting the words "Go," "Caution," or "Stop," or exhibiting different colored lights successively one at a time, or with arrows, shall show the following colors only and shall apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:
(1) **Green alone, or "Go":**

   (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits such turn. But vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right of way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited.

   (b) Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

(2) **Steady yellow alone, or "Caution":**

   (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal is thereby warned that the red or "Stop" signal will be exhibited immediately thereafter, and such vehicular traffic shall not enter or be crossing the intersection when the red or "Stop" signal is exhibited.

   (b) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway unless authorized so to do by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.

(3) **Steady red alone, or "Stop":**

   (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until green or "Go" is shown alone. Provided, how-
ever, that a right turn on a red signal shall be permitted at all intersections within the municipality, provided that the prospective turning car comes to a full and complete stop before turning and that the turning car yields the right of way to pedestrians and cross traffic traveling in accordance with their traffic signal. However, said turn shall not endanger other traffic lawfully using said intersection. A right turn on red shall be permitted at all intersections except those clearly marked by a "No Turns On Red" sign, which may be erected by the municipality at intersections which the municipality decides require no right turns on red in the interest of traffic safety.

(b) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway unless authorized so to do by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.

(4) Steady red with green arrow:

(a) Vehicular traffic facing such signal may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow but shall yield the right of way to pedestrians lawfully within a crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

(b) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway unless authorized so to do by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.
(5) In the event an official traffic-control signal is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this section shall be applicable except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Any stop required shall be made at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made, but in the absence of any such sign or marking the stop shall be made a vehicle length short of the signal.

9-408. At flashing traffic-control signals. (1) Whenever an illuminated flashing red or yellow signal is used in a traffic sign or signal placed or erected in the municipality it shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:

(a) **Flashning red (stop signal).** When a red lens is illuminated with intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a limit line when marked, or if none, then before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.

(b) **Flashing yellow (caution signal).** When a yellow lens is illuminated with intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past such signal only with caution.

(2) This section shall not apply at railroad grade crossings. Conduct of drivers of vehicles approaching railroad grade crossings shall be governed by the rules set forth in section 9-404 of this code.
9-409. At pedestrian-control signals. Wherever special pedestrian-control signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or "Wait" or "Don't Walk" have been placed or erected by the municipality, such signals shall apply as follows:

(1) **Walk**. Pedestrians facing such signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right of way by the drivers of all vehicles.

(2) **Wait or Don't Walk**. No pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of such signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed his crossing on the walk signal shall proceed to the nearest sidewalk or safety zone while the wait signal is showing.

9-410. **Stops to be signaled**. No person operating a motor vehicle shall stop such vehicle, whether in obedience to a traffic sign or signal or otherwise, without first signaling his intention in accordance with the requirements of the state law,¹ except in an emergency.

CHAPTER 5

PARKING

SECTION


9-503. Occupancy of more than one space.

9-504. Where prohibited.

9-505. Loading and unloading zones.

¹See section 55-8-143, Tennessee Code Annotated.
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9-501. Generally. No person shall leave any motor vehicle unattended on any street without first setting the brakes thereon, stopping the motor, removing the ignition key, and turning the front wheels of such vehicle toward the nearest curb or gutter of the street.

Except as hereinafter provided, every vehicle parked upon a street within this municipality shall be so parked that its right wheels are approximately parallel to and within eighteen (18) inches of the right edge or curb of the street. On one-way streets where the municipality has not placed signs prohibiting the same, vehicles may be permitted to park on the left side of the street, and in such cases the left wheels shall be required to be within eighteen (18) inches of the left edge or curb of the street.

Notwithstanding anything else in this code to the contrary, no person shall park or leave a vehicle parked on any public street or alley within the fire limits between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M. or on any other public street or alley for more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours without the prior approval of the chief of police.
Furthermore, no person shall wash, grease, or work on any vehicle, except to make repairs necessitated by an emergency, while such vehicle is parked on a public street.

9-502. **Angle parking.** On those streets which have been signed or marked by the municipality for angle parking, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle indicated by such signs or markings. No person shall angle park any vehicle which has a trailer attached thereto or which has a length in excess of twenty-four (24) feet.

9-503. **Occupancy of more than one space.** No person shall park a vehicle in any designated parking space so that any part of such vehicle occupies more than one such space or protrudes beyond the official markings on the street or curb designating such space unless the vehicle is too large to be parked within a single designated space.

9-504. **Where prohibited.** No person shall park a vehicle in violation of any sign placed or erected by the state or municipality, nor:

(1) On a sidewalk.
(2) In front of a public or private driveway.
(3) Within an intersection or within fifteen (15) feet thereof.
(4) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.
(5) Within a pedestrian crosswalk.
(6) Within fifty (50) feet of a railroad crossing.
(7) Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station, and on the side of the street opposite the
entrance to any fire station within seventy-five (75) feet of the entrance.

(8) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when other traffic would be obstructed.

(9) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.

(10) Upon any bridge.

(11) Alongside any curb painted yellow or red by the municipality.

9-505. **Loading and unloading zones.** No person shall park a vehicle for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or merchandise in any place marked by the municipality as a loading and unloading zone.

9-506. **Regulation by parking meters.** In the absence of an official sign to the contrary which has been installed by the municipality, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., on all days except Sundays and holidays declared by the governing body, parking shall be regulated by parking meters where the same have been installed by the municipality. The presumption shall be that all installed parking meters were lawfully installed by the municipality.

9-507. **Lawful parking in parking meter spaces.** Any parking space regulated by a parking meter may be lawfully occupied by a vehicle only after a proper coin has been deposited in the parking meter and the said meter has been activated or placed in operation in accordance with the instructions printed thereon.
9-508. Unlawful parking in parking meter spaces. It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any vehicle to park or allow his vehicle to be parked in a parking space regulated by a parking meter for more than the maximum period of time which can be purchased at one time. Insertion of additional coin or coins in the meter to purchase additional time is unlawful.

No owner or operator of any vehicle shall park or allow his vehicle to be parked in such a space when the parking meter therefor indicates no parking time allowed, whether such indication is the result of a failure to deposit a coin or to operate the lever or other actuating device on the meter, or the result of the automatic operation of the meter following the expiration of the lawful parking time subsequent to depositing a coin therein at the time the vehicle was parked.

9-509. Unlawful to occupy more than one parking meter space. It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any vehicle to park or allow his vehicle to be parked across any line or marking designating a parking meter space or otherwise so that such vehicle is not entirely within the designated parking meter space; provided, however, that vehicles which are too large to park within one space may be permitted to occupy two adjoining spaces provided proper coins are placed in both meters.

9-510. Unlawful to deface or tamper with meters. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to open,
deface, tamper with, willfully break, destroy, or impair the usefulness of any parking meter.

9-511. **Unlawful to deposit slugs in meters.** It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit in a parking meter any slug or other substitute for a coin of the United States.

9-512. **Presumption with respect to illegal parking.** When any unoccupied vehicle is found parked in violation of any provision of this chapter, there shall be a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle is responsible for such illegal parking.

**CHAPTER 6**

**ENFORCEMENT**

**SECTION**

9-601. Issuance of traffic citations.
9-602. Failure to obey citation.
9-603. Illegal parking.
9-604. Impoundment of vehicles.
9-605. Disposal of "abandoned motor vehicles."

9-601. **Issuance of traffic citations.** When a police officer halts a traffic violator other than for the purpose of giving a warning, and does not take such person into custody under arrest, he shall take the name, address, and operator's license number of said person, the license number of the motor vehicle involved, and such other pertinent information as may be necessary, and shall issue to him a written traffic citation containing a notice to answer to the charge against him in the city court at a specified time.
The officer, upon receiving the written promise of the alleged violator to answer as specified in the citation, shall release such person from custody. It shall be unlawful for any alleged violator to give false or misleading information as to his name or address.

9-602. **Failure to obey citation.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his written promise to appear in court after giving said promise to an officer upon the issuance of a traffic citation, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which the citation was originally issued.

9-603. **Illegal parking.** Whenever any motor vehicle without a driver is found parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by this code, the officer finding such vehicle shall take its license number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user, and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a citation for the driver and/or owner to answer for the violation within ten (10) days during the hours and at a place specified in the citation.

If the offense is a parking meter parking violation, the offender may, within ten (10) days, have the charge against him disposed of by paying to the city recorder a fine of one dollar ($1.00) provided he waives his right to a judicial hearing. If he appears and waives his right to a judicial hearing after ten (10) days, but before a warrant for his arrest is issued, his fine shall be three dollars ($3.00). For other parking violations the offender may similarly waive his right to a judicial hearing and have the
charges disposed of out of court, but the fines shall be three dollars ($3.00) within ten (10) days and five dollars ($5.00) thereafter.

9-604. **Impoundment of vehicles.** Members of the police department are hereby authorized, when reasonably necessary for the security of the vehicle or to prevent obstruction of traffic, to remove from the streets and impound any vehicle whose operator is arrested or any unattended vehicle which is parked so as to constitute an obstruction or hazard to normal traffic. Any impounded vehicle shall be stored until the owner or other person entitled thereto claims it, gives satisfactory evidence of ownership or right to possession, and pays all applicable fees and costs, or until it is otherwise lawfully disposed of. The fee for impounding a vehicle shall be five dollars ($5.00) and the storage cost shall be one dollar ($1.00) for each twenty-four (24) hour period or fraction thereof that the vehicle is stored.

9-605. **Disposal of "abandoned motor vehicles."** "Abandoned motor vehicles," as defined in section 55-16-103, Tennessee Code Annotated, shall be impounded and disposed of by the police department in accordance with the provisions of sections 55-16-103 through 55-16-109, Tennessee Code Annotated.
CHAPTER

1. GENERALLY.
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CHAPTER 1

SECTION


10-101. Misdemeanors of the state adopted. All offenses against the State of Tennessee which are committed within the corporate limits and which are defined by the state law or are recognized by the Common Law to be misdemeanors are hereby designated and declared to be offenses against this municipality also. Any violation of any such law within the corporate limits is also a violation of this section.

1 For offenses relating to animals and fowls, see title 3 in this code; for offenses relating to fireworks, etc., see the fire code adopted in title 7; for offenses relating to health and sanitation, see title 8; for traffic offenses, see title 9; for non-traffic offenses relating to streets and sidewalks, see title 12.

2 See sections 39-103 and 39-106 of the Tennessee Code Annotated for definitions of "misdemeanor."
CHAPTER 2

ENUMERATED

SECTION

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10-201. **Assault and battery.** It shall be unlawful for any person to commit an assault or an assault and battery upon any person.

10-202. **Disturbing the peace.** No person shall disturb, tend to disturb, or aid in disturbing the peace of others by violent, tumultuous, offensive, or obstreperous conduct, and no person shall knowingly permit such conduct upon any premises owned or possessed by him or under his control.

10-203. **Disorderly houses.** It shall be unlawful for any person to keep a disorderly house or house of ill fame for the purpose of prostitution or lewdness or where drunkenness, quarrelling, fighting, or other breaches of the peace are carried on or permitted to the disturbance of others. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to visit any such house for the purpose of engaging in such activities.

10-204. **Immoral conduct.** No person shall commit, offer, or agree to commit, nor shall any person secure or
offer another for the purpose of committing, a lewd or adulterous act or an act of prostitution or moral perversion; nor shall any person knowingly transport or direct or offer to transport or direct any person to any place or building for the purpose of committing any lewd act or act of prostitution or moral perversion; nor shall any person knowingly receive, or offer or agree to receive any person into any place or building for the purpose of performing a lewd act, or an act of prostitution or moral perversion, or knowingly permit any person to remain in any place or building for any such purpose.

10-205. **Obscene literature, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any person to publish, sell, exhibit, distribute, or possess for the purpose of lending, selling, or otherwise circulating or exhibiting, any book, pamphlet, ballad, movie film, filmstrip, phonograph record, or other written, printed, or filmed matter containing obscene language, prints, pictures, or descriptions manifestly intended to corrupt the morals.

10-206. **Indecent or improper exposure or dress.** It shall be unlawful for any person publicly to appear naked or in any dress not appropriate to his or her sex, or in any indecent or lewd dress, or otherwise to make any indecent exposure of his or her person.

10-207. **Window peeping.** No person shall spy, peer, or peep into any window of any residence or dwelling premise that he does not occupy, nor shall he loiter around or within view
of any such window with the intent of watching or looking through it.

10-208. Profanity, etc. No person shall use any profane, vulgar, or indecent language in or near any public street or other public place or in or around any place of business open to the use of the public in general.

10-209. Escape from custody or confinement. It shall be unlawful for any person under arrest or otherwise in custody of or confined by the municipality to escape or attempt to escape, or for any other person to assist or encourage such person to escape or attempt to escape from such custody or confinement.

10-210. Resisting or interfering with city personnel. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to resist or in any way interfere with or attempt to interfere with any officer or employee of the municipality while such officer or employee is performing or attempting to perform his municipal duties.

10-211. Impersonating a government officer or employee. No person other than an official police officer of the municipality shall wear the uniform, apparel, or badge, or carry any identification card or other insignia of office like or similar to, or a colorable imitation of that adopted and worn or carried by the official police officers of the municipality. Furthermore, no person shall deceitfully impersonate or represent that he is any government officer or employee.
10-212. **Weapons and firearms generally.** It shall be unlawful for any person to carry in any manner whatever, with the intent to go armed, any razor, dirk, knife, blackjack, brass knucks, pistol, revolver, or any other dangerous weapon or instrument except the army or navy pistol which shall be carried openly in the hand. However, the foregoing prohibition shall not apply to members of the United States Armed Forces carrying such weapons as are prescribed by applicable regulations nor to any officer or policeman engaged in his official duties, in the execution of process, or while searching for or engaged in arresting persons suspected of having committed crimes. Furthermore, the prohibition shall not apply to persons who may have been summoned by such officer or policeman to assist in the discharge of his said duties, nor to any conductor of any passenger or freight train of any steam railroad while he is on duty. It shall also be unlawful for any unauthorized person to discharge a firearm within the municipality.

10-213. **Air rifles, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any person in the municipality to discharge any air gun, air pistol, air rifle, "BB" gun, or sling shot capable of discharging a metal bullet or pellet, whether propelled by spring, compressed air, expanding gas, explosive, or other force-producing means or method.

10-214. **Throwing of missiles.** It shall be unlawful for any person maliciously to throw any stone, snowball, bottle, or any other missile upon or at any vehicle, building, tree, or other public or private property or upon or at any person.
10-215. **Gambling.** It shall be unlawful for any person to play at any game of hazard or chance for money or other valuable thing or to make or accept any bet or wager for money or other valuable thing.

10-216. **Promotion of gambling.** It shall be unlawful for any person to encourage, promote, aid, or assist the playing at any game, or the making of any bet or wager, for money or other valuable thing, or to possess, keep, or exhibit for the purpose of gambling, any gaming table, device, ticket, or any other gambling paraphernalia.

10-217. **False emergency alarms.** It shall be unlawful for any person intentionally to make, turn in, or give a false alarm of fire, or of need for police or ambulance assistance, or to aid or abet in the commission of such an act.

10-218. **Loitering.** It shall be unlawful for any person without legitimate business or purpose to loaf, loiter, wander, or idle in, upon, or about any way or place customarily open to public use.

10-219. **Prowling.** It shall be unlawful for any person to prowl or wander about the streets, alleys, or other public or private ways or places, or be found abroad at night, between the hours of midnight and 6:00 A.M., without any visible or lawful business and when unable to give a satisfactory account of himself.

10-220. **Vagrancy.** It shall be unlawful for any person to beg or solicit alms or, if without apparent lawful means
of support, willfully to neglect to apply himself to some honest occupation.

10-221. **Trespassing on trains.** It shall be unlawful for any person to climb, jump, step, stand upon, or cling to, or in any other way attach himself to any locomotive engine or railroad car unless he works for the railroad corporation and is acting in the scope of his employment or unless he is a lawful passenger or is otherwise lawfully entitled to be on such vehicle.

10-222. **Minors in beer places.** No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall loiter in or around, work in, or otherwise frequent any place where beer is sold at retail for consumption on the premises.

10-223. **Abandoned refrigerators, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any person to leave in any place accessible to children any abandoned, unattended, unused, or discarded refrigerator, icebox, or other container with any type latching or locking door without first removing therefrom the latch, lock, or door.

10-224. **Curfew for minors.** It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to be abroad at night between 11:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M. unless going directly to or from a lawful activity or upon a legitimate errand for, or accompanied by, a parent, guardian, or other adult person having lawful custody of such minor.

10-225. **Malicious mischief.** It shall be unlawful and deemed to be malicious mischief for any person willfully, maliciously, or wantonly to damage, deface, destroy, conceal,
tamper with, remove, or withhold real or personal property which does not belong to him.

10-226. **Trespassing.** The owner or person in charge of any lot or parcel of land or any building or other structure within the corporate limits may post the same against trespassers. It shall be unlawful for any person to go upon any such posted lot or parcel of land or into any such posted building or other structure without the consent of the owner or person in charge.

It shall also be unlawful and deemed to be a trespass for any peddler, canvasser, solicitor, transient merchant, or other person to fail to leave promptly the private premises of any person who requests or directs him to leave.

10-227. **Posting notices, etc.** No person shall fasten, in any way, any show-card, poster, or other advertising device upon any public or private property unless legally authorized to do so.

10-228. **Public drunkenness.** (See the Tennessee Code Annotated, sections 39-2531, et seq; see also title 33, ch.8)

10-229. **Drinking beer, etc., on streets, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any person to drink or consume, or have an open container of beer or intoxicating liquor in or on any public street, alley, avenue, highway, sidewalk, public park, public school ground, or other public place unless the place has an appropriate permit and/or license for on premises consumption.
10-230. **Coercing people not to work.** It shall be unlawful for any person in association or agreement with any other person to assemble, congregate, or meet together in the vicinity of any premises where other persons are employed or reside for the purpose of inducing any such other person by threats, coercion, intimidation, or acts of violence to quit or refrain from entering a place of lawful employment. It expressly is not the purpose of this section to prohibit peaceful picketing.

10-231. **Caves, wells, cisterns, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any person to permit to be maintained on property owned or occupied by him any cave, well, cistern, or other such opening in the ground which is dangerous to life and limb without placing thereon an adequate cover or safeguard.

10-232. **Interference with traffic.** It shall be unlawful for any person to stand, sit, or engage in any activity whatever on any public street, sidewalk, bridge, or public ground in such a manner as to prevent, obstruct, or interfere unreasonably with the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic thereon.

10-233. **Antinoise regulations.** Subject to the provisions of this section, the creating of any unreasonably loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise is prohibited. Noise of such character, intensity, or duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual, or in disturbance of the public peace and welfare is prohibited.

1) **Miscellaneous prohibited noises enumerated.** The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, dis-
turbine, and unnecessary noises in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:

(a) **Blowing horns.** The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, truck, or other vehicle while not in motion except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching, apparently out of control, or if in motion, only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.

(b) **Radios, phonographs, etc.** The playing of any radio, phonograph, or any musical instrument or sound device, including but not limited to loudspeakers or other devices for reproduction or amplification of sound, either independently of or in connection with motion pictures, radio, or television, in such a manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours between 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any office or hospital, or in any dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity.

(c) **Yelling, shouting, etc.** Yelling, shouting, whistling, or singing on the public streets, partic-
ularly between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of any persons in any hospital, dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity.

(d) **Pets.** The keeping of any animal, bird, or fowl which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity.

(e) **Use of vehicle.** The use of any automobile, motorcycle, truck, or vehicle so out of repair, so loaded, or in such manner as to cause loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, or other noise.

(f) **Blowing whistles.** The blowing of any steam whistle attached to any stationary boiler, except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of fire or danger, or upon request of proper municipal authorities.

(g) **Exhaust discharge.** To discharge into the open air the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motor vehicle, or boat engine, except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.

(h) **Building operations.** The erection (including excavation), demolition, alteration, or repair of any building in any residential area or section or the construction or repair of streets and
highways in any residential area or section, other than between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. on weekdays, except in case of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety, and then only with a permit from the building inspector granted for a period while the emergency continues not to exceed thirty (30) days. If the building inspector should determine that the public health and safety will not be impaired by the erection, demolition, alteration, or repair of any building or the excavation of streets and highways between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., and if he shall further determine that loss or inconvenience would result to any party in interest through delay, he may grant permission for such work to be done between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. upon application being made at the time the permit for the work is awarded or during the process of the work.

(i) Noises near schools, hospitals, churches, etc. The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any hospital or adjacent to any school, institution of learning, church, or court while the same is in session.

(j) Loading and unloading operations. The creation of any loud and excessive noise in connection with the loading or unloading of any vehicle or the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crates, and other containers.
(k) **Noises to attract attention.** The use of any drum, loudspeaker, or other instrument or device emitting noise for the purpose of attracting attention to any performance, show, or sale or display of merchandise.

(1) **Loudspeakers or amplifiers on vehicles.** The use of mechanical loudspeakers or amplifiers on trucks or other moving or standing vehicles for advertising or other purposes.

(2) **Exceptions.** None of the terms or prohibitions hereof shall apply to or be enforced against:

(a) **Municipal vehicles.** Any vehicle of the municipality while engaged upon necessary public business.

(b) **Repair of streets, etc.** Excavations or repairs of bridges, streets, or highways at night, by or on behalf of the municipality, the county, or the state, when the public welfare and convenience renders it impracticable to perform such work during the day.

(c) **Noncommercial and nonprofit use of loudspeakers or amplifiers.** The reasonable use of amplifiers or loudspeakers in the course of public addresses which are noncommercial in character and in the course of advertising functions sponsored by nonprofit organizations. However, no such use shall be made until a permit therefor is secured from the recorder. Hours for the use of an
amplifier or public address system will be designated in the permit so issued and the use of such systems shall be restricted to the hours so designated in the permit.

10-234. **Fortune telling, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any person to hold himself forth to the public as a fortune teller, clairvoyant, hypnotist, spiritualist, palmist, phrenologist, or other mystic endowed with supernatural powers.

10-235. **Wearing masks.** It shall be unlawful for any person to appear on or in any public way or place while wearing any mask, device, or hood whereby any portion of the face is so hidden or covered as to conceal the identity of the wearer. The following are exempted from the provisions of this section:

1. Children under the age of ten (10) years.
2. Workers while engaged in work wherein a face covering is necessary for health and/or safety reasons.
3. Persons wearing gas masks in civil defense drills and exercises or emergencies.
4. Any person having a special permit issued by the city recorder to wear a traditional holiday costume.
CHAPTER

1. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION.

(When and if a zoning ordinance is adopted, it should comprise the remaining chapters of this title.)

CHAPTER 1

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SECTION

11-102. Organization, powers, duties, etc.
11-103. Additional powers.

11-101. Creation and membership. Pursuant to the provisions of section 13-4-101 of the Tennessee Code Annotated there is hereby created a municipal planning commission, hereinafter referred to as the planning commission. The planning commission shall consist of five (5) members; two (2) of these shall be the mayor and another member of the governing body selected by the governing body; the other three (3) members shall be appointed by the mayor. All members of the planning commission shall serve as such without compensation. Except for the initial appointments, the terms of the three (3) members appointed by the mayor shall be for three (3) years each. The three (3) members first appointed shall be appointed for terms of one (1), two (2), and three (3) years respectively so that the term of one (1) member expires each year. The terms of the mayor and the member selected by the
governing body shall run concurrently with their terms of office. Any vacancy in an appointive membership shall be filled for the unexpired term by the mayor.

11-102. **Organization, powers, duties, etc.** The planning commission shall be organized and shall carry out its powers, functions, and duties in accordance with all applicable provisions of title 13, *Tennessee Code Annotated.*

11-103. **Additional powers.**\(^1\) Having been designated as a regional planning commission, the municipal planning commission shall have the additional powers granted by, and shall otherwise be governed by the provisions of the state law relating to regional planning commissions.

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\(^1\)To make this section effective the municipality should request the State Planning Office, under authority granted by section 13-3-102 of the *Tennessee Code Annotated*, to designate the municipal planning commission as a regional planning commission.
CHAPTER 1

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION

12-101. Obstructing streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.

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12-113. Fires in streets, etc.

1See title 9 in this code for related motor vehicle and traffic regulations.
12-101. **Obstructing streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.** No person shall use or occupy any portion of any public street, alley, sidewalk, or right of way for the purpose of storing, selling, or exhibiting any goods, wares, merchandise, or materials.

12-102. **Trees projecting over streets, etc., regulated.** It shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant to allow any limbs of trees on his property to project over any street or alley at a height of less than fourteen (14) feet or over any sidewalk at a height of less than eight (8) feet.

12-103. **Trees, etc., obstructing view at intersections prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant to have or maintain on his property any tree, shrub, sign, or other obstruction which prevents persons driving vehicles on public streets or alleys from obtaining a clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection.

12-104. **Projecting signs and awnings, etc., restricted.** Signs, awnings, or other structures which project over any street or other public way shall be erected subject to the requirements of the building code.

12-105. **Banners and signs across streets and alleys restricted.** It shall be unlawful for any person to place or have placed any banner or sign across or above any public street or alley except when expressly authorized by the governing body after a finding that no hazard will be created by such banner or sign.
12-106. **Gates or doors opening over streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person owning or occupying property to allow any gate or door to swing open upon or over any street, alley, or sidewalk except when required by law.

12-107. **Littering streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to litter, place, throw, track, or allow to fall on any street, alley, or sidewalk any refuse, glass, tacks, mud, or other objects or materials which are unsightly or which obstruct or tend to limit or interfere with the use of such public ways and places for their intended purposes.

12-108. **Obstruction of drainage ditches.** It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or cause the obstruction of any drainage ditch in any public right of way.

12-109. **Abutting occupants to keep sidewalks clean, etc.** The occupants of property abutting on a sidewalk are required to keep the sidewalk clean. Also, immediately after a snow or sleet, such occupants are required to remove all accumulated snow and ice from the abutting sidewalk.

12-110. **Parades, etc., regulated.** It shall be unlawful for any person, club, organization, or other group to hold any meeting, parade, demonstration, or exhibition on the public streets without some responsible representative first securing a permit from the recorder. No permit shall be issued by the recorder unless such activity will not unreasonably interfere with traffic and unless such representative shall agree to see to the immediate cleaning up of
all litter which shall be left on the streets as a result of the activity. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful for any person obtaining such a permit to fail to carry out his agreement to clean up the resulting litter immediately.

12-111. **Operation of trains at crossings regulated.** No person shall operate any railroad train across any street or alley without giving a warning of its approach as required by state law; nor shall he make such crossing at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour. It shall also be unlawful to stop a railroad train so as to block or obstruct any street or alley for a period of more than five (5) consecutive minutes.

12-112. **Animals and vehicles on sidewalks.** It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, lead, or tie any animal, or ride, push, pull, or place any vehicle across or upon any sidewalk in such manner as unreasonably interferes with or inconveniences pedestrians using the sidewalk. It shall also be unlawful for any person knowingly to allow any minor under his control to violate this section.

12-113. **Fires in streets, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any person to set or contribute to any fire in any public street, alley, or sidewalk.
CHAPTER 2

EXCAVATIONS AND CUTS

SECTION

12-201. Permit required.
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12-201. Permit required. It shall be unlawful for any
person, firm, corporation, association, or others to make
any excavation in any street, alley, or public place, or to
tunnel under any street, alley, or public place without
having first obtained a permit as herein required, and
without complying with the provisions of this chapter; and
it shall also be unlawful to violate, or vary from, the
terms of any such permit; provided, however, any person
maintaining pipes, lines, or other underground facilities in
or under the surface of any street may proceed with an

1Sections 12-201 through 12-209 in this chapter were
patterned substantially after the ordinance upheld by the
Tennessee Supreme Court in the 1960 case of City of Paris,
Tennessee v. Paris-Henry County Public Utility District, 207
Tenn. 388, 340 S. W. 2d 885.
opening without a permit when emergency circumstances demand the work to be done immediately and a permit cannot reason-ably and practicably be obtained beforehand. The person shall thereafter apply for a permit on the first regular business day on which the office of the recorder is open for business, and said permit shall be retroactive to the date when the work was begun.

12-202. **Applications.** Applications for such permits shall be made to the recorder, or such person as he may designate to receive such applications, and shall state thereon the location of the intended excavation or tunnel, the size thereof, the purpose thereof, the person, firm, corporation, association, or others doing the actual excavating, the name of the person, firm, corporation, association, or others for whom the work is being done, and shall contain an agreement that the applicant will comply with all ordinances and laws relating to the work to be done. Such application shall be rejected or approved by the recorder within twenty-four (24) hours of its filing.

12-203. **Fee.** The fee for such permits shall be two dollars ($2.00) for excavations which do not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet in area or tunnels not exceeding twenty-five (25) feet in length; and twenty-five cents ($0.25) for each additional square foot in the case of excavations, or lineal foot in the case of tunnels; but not to exceed one hundred dollars ($100.00) for any permit.

12-204. **Deposit or bond.** No such permit shall be issued unless and until the applicant therefor has deposited
with the recorder a cash deposit. The deposit shall be in the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) if no pavement is involved or seventy-five dollars ($75.00) if the excavation is in a paved area and shall insure the proper restoration of the ground and laying of the pavement, if any. Where the amount of the deposit is clearly inadequate to cover the cost of restoration, the recorder may increase the amount of the deposit to an amount considered by him to be adequate to cover the said cost. From this deposit shall be deducted the expense to the municipality of relaying the surface of the ground or pavement, and of making the refill if this is done by the municipality or at its expense. The balance shall be returned to the applicant without interest after the tunnel or excavation is completely refilled and the surface or pavement is restored.

In lieu of a deposit the applicant may deposit with the recorder a surety bond in such form and amount as the recorder shall deem adequate to cover the costs to the municipality if the applicant fails to make proper restoration.

12-205. Manner of excavating--barricades and lights--temporary sidewalks. Any person, firm, corporation, association, or others making any excavation or tunnel shall do so according to the terms and conditions of the application and permit authorizing the work to be done. Sufficient and proper barricades and lights shall be maintained to protect persons and property from injury by or because of the excavation being made. If any sidewalk is blocked by any such
work, a temporary sidewalk shall be constructed and provided which shall be safe for travel and convenient for users.

12-206. Restoration of streets, etc. Any person, firm, corporation, association, or others making any excavation or tunnel in or under any street, alley, or public place in this municipality shall restore said street, alley, or public place to its original condition except for the surfacing, which shall be done by the municipality but shall be paid for promptly upon completion by such person, firm, corporation, association, or others for which the excavation or tunnel was made. In case of unreasonable delay in restoring the street, alley, or public place, the recorder shall give notice to the person, firm, corporation, association, or others that unless the excavation or tunnel is refilled properly within a specified reasonable period of time, the municipality will do the work and charge the expense of doing the same to such person, firm, corporation, association, or others. If within the specified time the conditions of the above notice have not been complied with, the work shall be done by the municipality, an accurate account of the expense involved shall be kept, and the total cost shall be charged to the person, firm, corporation, association, or others who made the excavation or tunnel.

12-207. Insurance. In addition to making the deposit or giving the bond hereinbefore required to insure that proper restoration is made, each person applying for an excavation permit shall file a certificate of insurance indicating that he is insured against claims for damages for
personal injury as well as against claims for property
damage which may arise from or out of the performance of the
work, whether such performance be by himself, his subcon-
tractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by him.
Such insurance shall cover collapse, explosive hazards, and
underground work by equipment on the street, and shall
include protection against liability arising from completed
operations. The amount of the insurance shall be prescribed
by the recorder in accordance with the nature of the risk
involved; provided, however, that the liability insurance
for bodily injury shall not be less than $100,000 for each
person and $300,000 for each accident, and for property
damages not less than $25,000 for any one (1) accident, and
a $75,000 aggregate.

12-208. **Time limits.** Each application for a permit
shall state the length of time it is estimated will elapse
from the commencement of the work until the restoration of
the surface of the ground or pavement, or until the refill
is made ready for the pavement to be put on by the municipal-
ity if the municipality restores such surface pavement. It
shall be unlawful to fail to comply with this time limita-
tion unless permission for an extension of time is granted
by the recorder.

12-209. **Supervision.** The recorder shall from time to
time inspect all excavations and tunnels being made in or
under any public street, alley, or other public place in the
municipality and see to the enforcement of the provisions of
this chapter. Notice shall be given to him at least ten
(10) hours before the work of refilling any such excavation or tunnel commences.

12-210. **Driveway curb cuts.** No one shall cut, build, or maintain a driveway across a curb or sidewalk without first obtaining a permit from the recorder. Such a permit will not be issued when the contemplated driveway is to be so located or constructed as to create an unreasonable hazard to pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic. No driveway shall exceed thirty-five (35) feet in width at its outer or street edge, and when two (2) or more adjoining driveways are provided for the same property, a safety island of not less than ten (10) feet in width at its outer or street edge shall be provided to separate said driveways. Driveway aprons shall not extend into the street.
TITLE 13

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

CHAPTER

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CHAPTER 1

WATER AND SEWERS

SECTION


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2See also titles 4 and 8 and chapter 2 in this title for related provisions.
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13-125. Damages to property due to water pressure.
13-127. Restricted use of water.
13-128. Interruption of service.

13-101. Application and scope. The provisions of this chapter are a part of all contracts for receiving water and/or sewer service from the municipality and shall apply whether the service is based upon contract, agreement, signed application, or otherwise.

13-102. Definitions. (1) "Customer" means any person, firm, or corporation who receives water and/or sewer service from the municipality under either an express or implied contract.

(2) "Household" means any two (2) or more persons living together as a family group.
(3) "Service line" shall consist of the pipe line extending from any water or sewer main of the municipality to private property. Where a meter and meter box are located on private property, the service line shall be construed to include the pipe line extending from the municipality's water main to and including the meter and meter box.

(4) "Discount date" shall mean the date ten (10) days after the date of a bill, except when some other date is provided by contract. The discount date is the last date upon which water and/or sewer bills can be paid at net rates.

(5) "Dwelling" means any single structure, with auxiliary buildings, occupied by one or more persons or households for residential purposes.

(6) "Premise" means any structure or group of structures operated as a single business or enterprise, provided, however, the term "premise" shall not include more than one (1) dwelling.

13-103. Obtaining service. A formal application for either original or additional service must be made and be approved by the municipality before connection or meter installation orders will be issued and work performed.

13-104. Application and contract for service. Each prospective customer desiring water and/or sewer service will be required to sign a standard form of contract before service is supplied. If, for any reason, a customer, after signing a contract for service, does not take such service
by reason of not occupying the premises or otherwise, he shall reimburse the municipality for the expense incurred by reason of its endeavor to furnish said service.

The receipt of a prospective customer's application for service, regardless of whether or not accompanied by a deposit, shall not obligate the municipality to render the service applied for. If the service applied for cannot be supplied in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and general practice, the liability of the municipality to the applicant shall be limited to the return of any deposit made by such applicant.

13-105. Service charges for temporary service. Customers requiring temporary service shall pay all costs for connection and disconnection incidental to the supplying and removing of service in addition to the regular charge for water and/or sewer service.

13-106. Connection charges. Service lines will be laid by the municipality from its mains to the property line at the expense of the applicant for service. The location of such lines will be determined by the municipality.

Before a new water or sewer service line will be laid by the municipality, the applicant shall make a deposit equal to the estimated cost of the installation.

This deposit shall be used to pay the cost of laying such new service line and appurtenant equipment. If such cost exceeds the amount of the deposit, the applicant shall pay to the municipality the amount of such excess cost when billed therefor. If such cost is less than the amount of the
deposits, the amount by which the deposit exceeds such cost shall be refunded to the applicant.

When a service line is completed, the municipality shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of such service line from the main to and including the meter and meter box, and such portion of the service line shall belong to the municipality. The remaining portion of the service line beyond the meter box (or property line, in the case of sewers) shall belong to and be the responsibility of the customer.

13-107. (Reserved for future use.)

13-108. Water and sewer main extensions. Persons desiring water and/or sewer main extensions must pay all of the cost of making such extensions.

For water main extensions cement-lined cast iron pipe, class 150 American Water Works Association Standard (or other construction approved by the governing body), not less than six (6) inches in diameter shall be used to the dead end of any line and to form loops or continuous lines, so that fire hydrants may be placed on such lines at locations no farther than 1,000 feet from the most distant part of any dwelling structure and no farther than 600 feet from the most distant part of any commercial, industrial, or public building, such measurements to be based on road or street distances. Cement-lined cast iron pipe (or other construction approved by the governing body) two (2) inches in diameter, to supply dwellings only, may be used to supplement such lines. For sewer main extensions eight-inch pipe
of vitrified clay or other construction approved by the governing body shall be used.

All such extensions shall be installed either by municipal forces or by other forces working directly under the supervision of the municipality in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by an engineer registered with the State of Tennessee.

Upon completion of such extensions and their approval by the municipality, such water and/or sewer mains shall become the property of the municipality. The persons paying the cost of constructing such mains shall execute any written instruments requested by the municipality to provide evidence of the municipality's title to such mains. In consideration of such mains being transferred to it, the municipality shall incorporate said mains as an integral part of the municipal water and sewer systems and shall furnish water and sewer service therefrom in accordance with these rules and regulations, subject always to such limitations as may exist because of the size and elevation of said mains.

13-109. Variances from and effect of preceding section as to extensions. Whenever the governing body is of the opinion that it is to the best interest of the municipality and its inhabitants to construct a water and/or sewer main extension without requiring strict compliance with the preceding section, such extension may be constructed upon such terms and conditions as shall be approved by the governing body.

The authority to make water and/or sewer main extensions under the preceding section is permissive only and nothing
contained therein shall be construed as requiring the municipality to make such extensions or to furnish service to any person or persons.

13-110. Meters. All meters shall be installed, tested, repaired, and removed only by the municipality.

No one shall do anything which will in any way interfere with or prevent the operation of a meter. No one shall tamper with or work on a water meter without the written permission of the municipality. No one shall install any pipe or other device which will cause water to pass through or around a meter without the passage of such water being registered fully by the meter.

13-111. Meter tests. The municipality will, at its own expense, make routine tests of meters when it considers such tests desirable.

In testing meters, the water passing through a meter will be weighed or measured at various rates of discharge and under varying pressures. To be considered accurate, the meter registration shall check with the weighed or measured amounts of water within the percentage shown in the following table:

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The municipality will also make tests or inspections of its meters at the request of the customer. However, if a
test requested by a customer shows a meter to be accurate within the limits stated above, the customer shall pay a meter testing charge in the amount stated in the following table:

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If such test shows a meter not to be accurate within such limits, the cost of such meter test shall be borne by the municipality.

13-112. Schedule of rates. All water and sewer service shall be furnished under such rate schedules as the municipality may from time to time adopt by appropriate ordinance or resolution.¹

13-113. Multiple services through a single meter. No customer shall supply water or sewer service to more than one dwelling or premise from a single service line and meter without first obtaining the written permission of the municipality.

Where the municipality allows more than one dwelling or premise to be served through a single service line and meter, the amount of water used by all the dwellings and premises served through a single service line and meter shall be

¹Administrative ordinances and resolutions are of record in the recorder's office.
allocated to each separate dwelling or premise served. The water and/or sewer charges for each such dwelling or premise thus served shall be computed just as if each such dwelling or premise had received through a separately metered service the amount of water so allocated to it, such computation to be made at the municipality's applicable water rates schedule, including the provisions as to minimum bills. The separate charges for each dwelling or premise served through a single service line and meter shall then be added together, and the sum thereof shall be billed to the customer in whose name the service is supplied.

13-114. Billing. Bills for residential water and sewer service will be rendered monthly.

Bills for commercial and industrial service may be rendered weekly, semimonthly, or monthly, at the option of the municipality.

Both charges shall be collected as a unit; no municipal employee shall accept payment of water service charges from any customer without receiving at the same time payment of all sewer service charges owed by such customer. Water service may be discontinued for non-payment of the combined bill.

Water and sewer bills must be paid on or before the discount date shown thereon to obtain the net rate, otherwise the gross rate shall apply. Failure to receive a bill will not release a customer from payment obligation, nor extend the discount date.
In the event a bill is not paid on or before five (5) days after the discount date, a written notice shall be mailed to the customer. The notice shall advise the customer that his service may be discontinued without further notice if the bill is not paid on or before ten (10) days after the discount date. The municipality shall not be liable for any damages resulting from discontinuing service under the provisions of this section, even though payment of the bill is made at any time on the day that service is actually discontinued.

Should the final date of payment of bill at the net rate fall on Sunday or a holiday, the business day next following the final date will be the last day to obtain the net rate. A net remittance received by mail after the time limit for payment at the net rate will be accepted by the municipality if the envelope is date-stamped on or before the final date for payment of the net amount.

If a meter fails to register properly, or if a meter is removed to be tested or repaired, or if water is received other than through a meter, the municipality reserves the right to render an estimated bill based on the best information available.

13-115. Discontinuance or refusal of service. The municipality shall have the right to discontinue water and/or sewer service or to refuse to connect service for a violation of, or a failure to comply with, any of the following:

(1) These rules and regulations.

(2) The customer's application for service.
(3) The customer's contract for service.

Such right to discontinue service shall apply to all service received through a single connection or service, even though more than one (1) customer or tenant is furnished service therefrom, and even though the delinquency or violation is limited to only one such customer or tenant.

Discontinuance of service by the municipality for any cause stated in these rules and regulations shall not release the customer from liability for service already received or from liability for payments that thereafter become due under other provisions of the customer's contract.

No service shall be discontinued unless the customer is given reasonable notice in advance of such impending action and the reason therefor. The customer shall also be notified of his right to a hearing prior to such disconnection if he disputes the reason therefor and requests such hearing by the date specified in the notice. When a hearing is requested, the customer shall have the right to have a representative at such hearing and shall be entitled to testify and to present witnesses on his behalf. Also, when such hearing has been requested, the customer's service shall not be terminated until a final decision is reached by the hearing officer and the customer is notified of that decision.

13-116. Re-connection charge. Whenever service has been discontinued as provided for above, a re-connection
charge of five dollars ($5.00) shall be collected by the municipality before service is restored.

13-117. **Termination of service by customer.** Customers who have fulfilled their contract terms and wish to discontinue service must give at least three (3) days written notice to that effect unless the contract specifies otherwise. Notice to discontinue service prior to the expiration of a contract term will not relieve the customer from any minimum or guaranteed payment under such contract or applicable rate schedule.

When service is being furnished to an occupant of premises under a contract not in the occupant's name, the municipality reserves the right to impose the following conditions on the right of the customer to discontinue service under such a contract:

(1) Written notice of the customer's desire for such service to be discontinued may be required; and the municipality shall have the right to continue such service for a period of not to exceed ten (10) days after receipt of such written notice, during which time the customer shall be responsible for all charges for such service. If the municipality should continue service after such ten (10) day period subsequent to the receipt of the customer's written notice to discontinue service, the customer shall not be responsible for charges for any service furnished after the expiration of such ten (10) day period.

(2) During such ten (10) day period, or thereafter, the occupant of premises to which service has been ordered discon-
continued by a customer other than such occupant, may be
allowed by the municipality to enter into a contract for
service in the occupant's own name upon the occupant's
complying with these rules and regulations with respect to a
new application for service.

13-118. **Access to customers' premises.** The municipality's identified representatives and employees shall be
granted access to all customers' premises at all reasonable
times for the purpose of reading meters, for testing,
inspecting, repairing, removing, and replacing all equipment
belonging to the municipality, and for inspecting customers' plumbing and premises generally in order to secure
compliance with these rules and regulations.

13-119. **Inspections.** The municipality shall have the
right, but shall not be obligated, to inspect any installa-
tion or plumbing system before water and/or sewer service is
furnished or at any later time. The municipality reserves
the right to refuse service or to discontinue service to any
premises not meeting standards fixed by municipal ordinances
regulating building and plumbing, or not in accordance with
any special contract, these rules and regulations, or other
requirements of the municipality.

Any failure to inspect or reject a customer's installa-
tion or plumbing system shall not render the municipality
liable or responsible for any loss or damage which might
have been avoided had such inspection or rejection been
made.
13-120. **Customer's responsibility for system's property.**

Except as herein elsewhere expressly provided, all meters, service connections, and other equipment furnished by or for the municipality shall be and remain the property of the municipality. Each customer shall provide space for and exercise proper care to protect the property of the municipality on his premises. In the event of loss or damage to such property arising from the neglect of a customer to care for it properly, the cost of necessary repairs or replacements shall be paid by the customer.

13-121. **Customer's responsibility for violations.**

Where the municipality furnishes water and/or sewer service to a customer, such customer shall be responsible for all violations of these rules and regulations which occur on the premises so served. Personal participation by the customer in any such violations shall not be necessary to impose such personal responsibility on him.

13-122. **Supply and resale of water.** All water shall be supplied within the municipality exclusively by the municipality, and no customer shall, directly or indirectly, sell, sublet, assign, or otherwise dispose of the water or any part thereof except with written permission from the municipality.

13-123. **Unauthorized use of or interference with water supply.** No person shall turn on or turn off any of the municipality's stop cocks, valves, hydrants, spigots, or fire plugs without permission or authority from the municipality.

13-124. **Limited use of unmetered private fire line.**

Where a private fire line is not metered, no water shall be
used from such line or from any fire hydrant thereon, except to fight fire or except when being inspected in the presence of an authorized agent of the municipality.

All private fire hydrants shall be sealed by the municipality, and shall be inspected at regular intervals to see that they are in proper condition and that no water is being used therefrom in violation of these rules and regulations. When the seal is broken on account of fire, or for any other reason, the customer taking such service shall immediately give the municipality a written notice of such occurrence.

13-125. **Damages to property due to water pressure.** The municipality shall not be liable to any customer for damages caused to his plumbing or property by high pressure, low pressure, or fluctuations in pressure in the municipality's water mains.

13-126. **Liability for cutoff failures.** The municipality's liability shall be limited to the forfeiture of the right to charge a customer for water that is not used but is received from a service line under any of the following circumstances:

1. After receipt of at least ten (10) days' written notice to cut off a water service, the municipality has failed to cut off such service.

2. The municipality has attempted to cut off a service but such service has not been completely cut off.

3. The municipality has completely cut off a service but subsequently the cutoff develops a leak or is turned on
again so that water enters the customer's pipes from the municipality's main.

Except to the extent stated above, the municipality shall not be liable for any loss or damage resulting from cutoff failures. If a customer wishes to avoid possible damage for cutoff failures, the customer shall rely exclusively on privately owned cutoffs and not on the municipality's cutoff. Also, the customer (and not the municipality) shall be responsible for seeing that his plumbing is properly drained and is kept properly drained, after his water service has been cut off.

13-127. Restricted use of water. In times of emergencies or in times of water shortage, the municipality reserves the right to restrict the purposes for which water may be used by a customer and the amount of water which a customer may use.

13-128. Interruption of service. The municipality will endeavor to furnish continuous water and sewer service, but does not guarantee to the customer any fixed pressure or continuous service. The municipality shall not be liable for any damages for any interruption of service whatsoever.

In connection with the operation, maintenance, repair, and extension of the municipal water and sewer systems, the water supply may be shut off without notice when necessary or desirable, and each customer must be prepared for such emergencies. The municipality shall not be liable for any damages from such interruption of service or for damages from the resumption of service without notice after any such interruption.
CHAPTER 2

SUPPLEMENTARY SEWER REGULATIONS

SECTION

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13-201. Definitions. Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this chapter shall be as follows:

(1) "BOD" (denoting Biochemical Oxygen Demand) shall mean the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five (5) days at 20°C, expressed in milligrams per liter.

(2) "Building drain" shall mean that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a drainage system which receives the discharge from soil, waste, and other drainage pipes inside

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1 See title 8, chapter 3, for additional regulations relating to sewers.

See title 4 for plumbing regulations.

See chapter 1 in this title for the basic water and sewer regulations.
the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer, beginning five (5) feet (1.5 meters) outside the inner face of the building wall.

(3) "Building sewer" shall mean the extension from the building drain to the public sewer or other place of disposal.

(4) "Combined sewer" shall mean a sewer receiving both surface runoff and sewage.

(5) "Garbage" shall mean solid wastes from the domestic and commercial preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage, and sale of produce.

(6) "Industrial wastes" shall mean the liquid wastes from industrial manufacturing processes, trade, or business as distinct from sanitary sewage.

(7) "Natural outlet" shall mean any outlet into a water-course, pond, ditch, lake, or other body of surface or ground-water.

(8) "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, or group.

(9) "pH" shall mean the logarithm of the reciprocal of the weight of hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution.

(10) "Properly shredded garbage" shall mean the wastes from the preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food that have been shredded to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no particle greater than one-half (1/2) inch (1.27 centimeters) in any dimension.

(11) "Public sewer" shall mean a sewer in which all
owners of abutting properties have equal rights, and controlled by public authority.

(12) "Sanitary sewer" shall mean a sewer which carries sewage and to which storm, surface, and groundwaters are not intentionally admitted.

(13) "Sewage" shall mean a combination of the water-carried wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions, and industrial establishments, together with such ground, surface, and stormwaters as may be present.

(14) "Sewage treatment plant" shall mean any arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sewage.

(15) "Sewage works" shall mean all facilities for collecting, pumping, treating, and disposing of sewage.

(16) "Sewer" shall mean a pipe or conduit for carrying sewage.

(17) "Shall" is mandatory; "may" is permissive.

(18) "Slug" shall mean any discharge of water, sewage, or industrial waste which in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow exceeds for any period of duration longer than fifteen (15) minutes more than five (5) times the average twenty-four (24) hour concentration of flows during normal operation.

(19) "Storm drain" (sometimes termed "storm sewer") shall mean a sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage, but excludes sewage and industrial wastes, other than unpolluted cooling water.

(20) "Superintendent" shall mean the superintendent of
sewage works and/or of water pollution control of the municipality, or his authorized deputy, agent, or representative.

(21) "Suspended solids" shall mean solids that are in suspension in water, sewage, or other liquids, and which are removable by laboratory filtering.

(22) "Watercourse" shall mean a channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continuously or intermittently.

13-202. *Use of public sewers required.* (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit, or permit to be deposited in any unsanitary manner on public or private property within the municipality, or in any area under its jurisdiction, any human or animal excrement, garbage, or other objectionable waste.

(2) It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet within the municipality, or in any area under its jurisdiction, any sewage or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of this chapter.

(3) Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool, or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage.

(4) The owner of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes, situated within the municipality and abutting on any street, alley, or right-of-way in which there is now located or may in the future be located a public sanitary or combined sewer of the municipality, is hereby required at his
expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein, and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, within ninety (90) days after date of official notice to do so, provided that said public sewer is within two hundred (200) feet of the property line.

13-203. **Private sewage disposal.** The disposal of sewage by means other than the use of the sanitary sewage system shall be in accordance with local and state laws. The disposal of sewage by private disposal systems shall be permissible only in those instances where service from the sanitary sewage system is not available.

13-204. **Building sewers and connections.** (1) No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter, or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the superintendent.

(2) There shall be two (2) classes of building sewer permits: (a) for residential and commercial service, and (b) for service to establishments producing industrial wastes. In either case, the owner or his agent shall make application on a special form furnished by the municipality. The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent in the judgment of the superintendent.

(3) All costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the municipality from any
loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer.

(4) A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building except that where one building stands at the rear of another on an interior lot and no private sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, courtyard, or driveway, the building sewer from the front building may be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one building sewer.

(5) Old building sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found, on examination and test by the superintendent, to meet all requirements of this chapter.

(6) The size, slope, alignment, materials of construction of a building sewer, and the methods to be used in excavating, placing of the pipe, jointing, testing, and backfilling the trench shall all conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing code or other applicable rules and regulations of the municipality. In the absence of code provisions or in amplification thereof, the materials and procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the A.S.T.M. and W.P.C.F. Manual of Practice No. 9 shall apply.

(7) Whenever possible, the building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor. In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, sanitary sewage carried by such building drain shall be lifted by an approved means and discharged to the building sewer.
(8) No person shall make connection of roof down-spouts, exterior foundation drains, areaway drains, or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

(9) The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing codes or other applicable rules and regulations of the municipality, or the procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the A.S.T.M. and the W.P.C.F. Manual of Practice No. 9. All such connections shall be made gastight and watertight. Any deviation from the prescribed procedures and materials must be approved by the superintendent before installation.

(10) The applicant for the building sewer permit shall notify the superintendent when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. The connection shall be made under the supervision of the superintendent or his representative.

(11) All excavations for building sewer installations shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazard. Streets, sidewalks, parkways, and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the municipality.

13-205. Use of the public sewers. (1) No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any stormwater, surface
water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer.

(2) Stormwater and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such sewers as are specifically designated as storm sewers, or to a natural outlet approved by the Tennessee Stream Pollution Control Board. Industrial cooling water or unpolluted process waters may be discharged, on approval of the Tennessee Stream Pollution Control Board, to a storm sewer or natural outlet.

(3) No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes to any public sewers:

(a) Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid, or gas.

(b) Any waters or wastes containing toxic or poisonous solids, liquids, or gases in sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other wastes, to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, to constitute a hazard to humans or animals, to create a public nuisance, or to create any hazard in the receiving waters of the sewage treatment plant.

(c) Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 5.5, or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and personnel of the sewage works.
(d) Solid or viscous substances in quantities or of such size capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers, or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage works such as, but not limited to, ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, unground garbage, whole blood, paunch manure, hair and fleshings, entrails and paper dishes, cups, milk containers, etc., either whole or ground by garbage grinders.

(4) No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged the following described substances, materials, waters, or wastes if it appears likely in the opinion of the superintendent that such wastes can harm either the sewers, sewage treatment process, or equipment, have an adverse effect on the receiving stream, or can otherwise endanger life, limb, public property, or constitute a nuisance. In forming his opinion as to the acceptability of these wastes, the superintendent will give consideration to such factors as the quantities of subject wastes in relation to flows and velocities in the sewers, materials of construction of the sewers, nature of the sewage treatment process, capacity of the sewage treatment plant, degree of treatability of wastes in the sewage treatment plant, and other pertinent factors. The substances prohibited are:

(a) Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than one hundred fifty (150)° F (65°C).
(b) Any water or waste containing fats, wax, grease, or oils, whether emulsified or not, in excess of one hundred (100) mg/l or containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between thirty-two (32) and one hundred fifty (150)° F (0 and 65°C).

(c) Any garbage that has not been properly shredded. The installation and operation of any garbage grinder equipped with a motor of three-fourths (3/4) horsepower (0.76 hp metric) or greater shall be subject to the review and approval of the superintendent.

(d) Any waters or wastes containing strong acid iron pickling wastes, or concentrated plating solutions whether neutralized or not.

(e) Any waters or wastes containing iron, chromium, copper, zinc, cyanide, and similar objectionable or toxic substances; or wastes exerting an excessive chlorine requirement, to such degree that any such material received in the composite sewage at the sewage treatment works exceeds the limits established by the superintendent and/or the Division of Sanitary Engineering, Tennessee Department of Public Health, for such materials.

(f) Any waters or wastes containing phenols or other taste- or odor-producing substances in such concentrations exceeding limits which may be established by the superintendent as necessary,
after treatment of the composite sewage, to meet the requirements of the state, federal, or other public agencies of jurisdiction for such discharge to the receiving waters.

(g) Any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration as may exceed limits established by the superintendent in compliance with applicable state or federal regulations.

(h) Any waters or wastes having a pH in excess of 9.5.

(i) Materials which exert or cause:

(1) Unusual concentrations of inert suspended solids (such as, but not limited to, fullers earth, lime slurries, and lime residues) or of dissolved solids (such as, but not limited to, sodium chloride and sodium sulfate).

(2) Excessive discoloration (such as, but not limited to, dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions).

(3) Unusual BOD (above 300 mg/l), chemical oxygen demand, or chlorine requirement in such quantities as to constitute a significant load on the sewage treatment works.

(4) Unusual volume of flow or concentration of wastes constituting "slugs" as defined herein.

(j) Waters or wastes containing substances which are not amenable to treatment or reduction
by the sewage treatment processes employed, or are amenable to treatment only to such degree that the sewage treatment plant effluent cannot meet the requirements of other agencies having jurisdiction over discharge to the receiving waters.

(k) Waters or wastes containing suspended solids in excess of 300 mg/l.

(5) If any waters or wastes are discharged, or are proposed to be discharged to the public sewers, which waters contain the substances or possess the characteristics enumerated in subsection (4) of this section, and which in the judgment of the superintendent and/or the Division of Sanitary Engineering, Tennessee Department of Public Health, may have a deleterious effect upon the sewage works, processes, equipment, or receiving waters, or which otherwise create a hazard to life or constitute a public nuisance, the superintendent may:

(a) Reject the wastes,

(b) Require pretreatment to an acceptable condition for discharge to the public sewers,

(c) Require control over the quantities and rates of discharge, and/or

(d) Require payment to cover the added cost of handling and treating the wastes not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges under the provisions of subsection (10) of this section.

If the superintendent permits the pretreatment or equalization of waste flows, the design and installation of the plants and equipment shall be subject to the review and
approval of the superintendent and the Tennessee Department of Public Health and subject to the requirements of all applicable codes, ordinances, and laws.

(6) Grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be provided when, in the opinion of the superintendent, they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease in excessive amounts, or any flammable wastes, sand, or other harmful ingredients; except that such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units. All interceptors shall be of a type and capacity approved by the superintendent, and shall be so located as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection.

(7) Where preliminary treatment or flow-equalizing facilities are provided for any waters or wastes, they shall be maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operation by the owner at his expense.

(8) When required by the superintendent, the owner of any property serviced by a building sewer carrying industrial wastes shall install a suitable control manhole together with such necessary meters and other appurtenances in the building sewer to facilitate observation, sampling, and measurement of the wastes. Such manhole, when required, shall be accessibly and safely located, and shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the superintendent. The manhole shall be installed by the owner at his expense and shall be maintained by him so as to be safe and accessible at all times.
(9) All measurements, tests, and analyses of the characteristics of waters and wastes to which reference is made in this chapter shall be determined in accordance with the latest edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater," published by the American Public Health Association, and shall be determined at the control manhole provided, or upon suitable samples taken at said control manhole. In the event that no special manhole has been required, the control manhole shall be considered to be the nearest downstream manhole in the public sewer to the point at which the building sewer is connected. Sampling shall be carried out by customarily accepted methods to reflect the effect of constituent upon the sewage works and to determine the existence of hazards to life, limb, and property. (The particular analyses involved will determine whether a twenty-four (24) hour composite of all outfalls of a premise is appropriate or whether a grab sample or samples should be taken. Normally, but not always, BOD and suspended solids analyses are obtained from 24-hr. composites of all outfalls whereas pH's are determined from periodic grab samples.)

(10) No statement contained in this section shall be construed as preventing any special agreement or arrangement between the municipality and any industrial concern whereby an industrial waste of unusual strength or character may be accepted by the municipality for treatment, subject to payment therefor by the industrial concern.
13-206. **Protection from damage.** No unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, or equipment which is a part of the sewage works. Any person violating this provision shall be subject to immediate arrest under charge of disorderly conduct.

13-207. **Powers and authority of inspectors.** (1) The superintendent and other duly authorized employees of the municipality bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all properties for the purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, and testing in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The superintendent or his representatives shall have no authority to inquire into any processes, including metallurgical, chemical, oil, refining, ceramic, paper, or other industries beyond that point having a direct bearing on the kind and source of discharge to the sewers or waterways or facilities for waste treatment.

(2) While performing the necessary work on private properties referred to in subsection (1) of this section, the superintendent or duly authorized employees of the municipality shall observe all safety rules applicable to the premises established by the company and the company shall be held harmless for injury or death to the municipal employees, and the municipality shall indemnify the company against loss or damage to its property by municipal employees and against liability claims and demands for personal injury or property damage asserted against the company and growing out of the
gauging and sampling operations, except as such may be caused by negligence or failure of the company to maintain safe conditions as required in section 13-205, subsection (8).

(3) The superintendent and other duly authorized employees of the municipality bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all private properties through which the municipality holds a duly negotiated easement for the purposes of, but not limited to, inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, repair, and maintenance of any portion of the sewage works lying within said easement. All entries and subsequent work, if any, on said easement shall be done in full accordance with the terms of the duly negotiated easement pertaining to the private property involved.

13-208. Violations. (1) Any person found to be violating any provision of this chapter except section 13-206 shall be served by the municipality with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all violations.

(2) Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit provided for in subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined under the general penalty clause for this municipal code of ordinances.

(3) Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall become liable to the municipality for any
expense, loss, or damage occasioned the municipality by reason of such violation.

CHAPTER 3

ELECTRICITY

SECTION

13-301. To be furnished under franchise.

13-301. To be furnished under franchise. Electricity shall be furnished for the municipality and its inhabitants under such franchise as the governing body shall grant. The rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the municipality, its inhabitants, and the grantee of the franchise shall be clearly stated in the written franchise agreement which shall be binding on all parties concerned.

1See title 4 in this code for the electrical code and title 7 for the fire code.
CHAPTER 4

GAS

SECTION

13-401. To be furnished under franchise.

13-401. To be furnished under franchise. Gas service shall be furnished for the municipality and its inhabitants under such franchise as the governing body shall grant. The rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the municipality, its inhabitants, and the grantee of the franchise shall be clearly stated in the written franchise agreement which shall be binding on all parties concerned.

1 See title 4 in this code for the plumbing and gas codes.
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

__________ of ____________
County of _________________
State of Tennessee

I, ________________________, hereby certify that I am the Recorder of the _____ of _________________, Tennessee, duly appointed and qualified; that as such, I am the official custodian of the minute books of the _______________ and of the books, papers, records, and documents of the ______; and, that the foregoing _____ pages of the "_________________ Municipal Code" contain a true, perfect, and correct copy of the _______________ code of ordinances and the ordinance adopting the same passed on final reading the _____ day of _____________, 19______.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this _____ day of _____________, 19______.

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    Recorder