

**THE
CARTHAGE
MUNICIPAL
CODE**

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TOWN OF CARTHAGE

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PREFACE

The Carthage Municipal Code contains the codification and revision of the ordinances of the Town of Carthage, Tennessee. By referring to the historical citation appearing at the end of each section, the user can determine the origin of each particular section. The absence of a historical citation means that the section was added by the codifier. The word "modified" in the historical citation indicates significant modification of the original ordinance.

The code is arranged into titles, chapters, and sections. Related matter is kept together, so far as possible, within the same title. Each section number is complete within itself, containing the title number, the chapter number, and the section of the chapter of which it is a part. Specifically, the first digit, followed by a hyphen, identifies the title number. The second digit identifies the chapter number, and the last two digits identify the section number. For example, title 2, chapter 1, section 6, is designated as section 2-106.

By utilizing the table of contents and the analysis preceding each title and chapter of the code, together with the cross references and explanations included as footnotes, the user should locate all the provisions in the code relating to any question that might arise. However, the user should note that most of the administrative ordinances (e.g. Annual Budget, Zoning Map Amendments, Tax Assessments, etc...) do not appear in the code. Likewise, ordinances that have been passed since the last update of the code do not appear here. Therefore, the user should refer to the town's ordinance book or the city recorder for a comprehensive and up to date review of the town's ordinances.

Following this preface is an outline of the ordinance adoption procedures, if any, prescribed by the town's charter.

The code has been arranged and prepared in loose-leaf form to facilitate keeping it up to date. MTAS will provide updating service under the following conditions:

- (1) That all ordinances relating to subjects treated in the code or which should be added to the code are adopted as amending, adding, or deleting specific chapters or sections of the code (see section 8 of the adopting ordinance).
- (2) That one copy of every ordinance adopted by the town is kept in a separate ordinance book and forwarded to MTAS annually.

(3) That the town agrees to pay the annual update fee as provided in the MTAS codification service charges policy in effect at the time of the update.

When the foregoing conditions are met MTAS will reproduce replacement pages for the code to reflect the amendments and additions made by such ordinances. This service will be performed at least annually and more often if justified by the volume of amendments. Replacement pages will be supplied with detailed instructions for utilizing them so as again to make the code complete and up to date.

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**ORDINANCE ADOPTION PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED BY THE
TOWN CHARTER**

It shall be the duty of the Mayor . . .
to examine all bills passed before affixing his signature, and should any such not meet his approval, he shall, at the next regular meeting of the Council, return the same with his objections in writing, and no law so vetoed shall go into effect unless the same be again passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Council present; no ordinance shall become law unless the same shall be considered on three (3) separate days and be passed by approval on all three (3) days by majority of the members present unless by unanimous consent of the Council earlier action is deemed necessary and until the same shall have been signed by the Mayor, unless he fails to veto the same by the next regular meeting, and in case of such failure, the same shall become a law without his signature; the Mayor shall be the chief executive officer in charge of supervision of all officers of the municipality and see that all laws or ordinances be enforced; . . . (Charter § 11)