

## TITLE 6

### LAW ENFORCEMENT<sup>1</sup>

#### CHAPTER

1. ARREST PROCEDURES.
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#### CHAPTER 1

### ARREST PROCEDURES

#### SECTION

- 6-101. When police officers to make arrests.
- 6-102. Disposition of persons arrested.

**6-101. When police officers to make arrests.**<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise authorized or directed in this code or other applicable law, an arrest of the person shall be made by a police officer 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 probable cause to believe the person has committed it. (1991 Code, § 6-201, modified)

**6-102. Disposition of persons arrested.** (1) For code or ordinance violations. Unless otherwise provided by law, a person who violates this code or other city ordinance shall be issued a citation to appear in city court.

(2) Felonies or misdemeanors. A person arrested for a felony or a misdemeanor shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable federal and

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Issuance of citations in lieu of arrest in traffic cases: title 15, chapter 7.

Also, see the resolution dated September 6, 1962, of record in the recorder's office, for additional regulations governing the internal operation of the police department.

<sup>2</sup>Municipal code reference

Issuance of citation in lieu of arrest in traffic cases: title 15, chapter 7.

state law and the rules of the court which has jurisdiction over the offender.  
(1991 Code, § 6-202, modified)

## CHAPTER 2

### CITATIONS, WARRANTS, AND SUMMONSES

#### SECTION

6-201. Citations in lieu of arrest in non-traffic cases.

6-202. Summonses in lieu of arrest.

**6-201. Citations in lieu of arrest in non-traffic cases.**<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 7-63-101, et seq., the city council appoints the fire chief in the fire department and the codes enforcement officer as special police officers having the authority to issue citations in lieu of arrest. The fire chief shall have the authority to issue citations in lieu of arrest for violations of the fire code adopted in title 7, chapter 2 of this municipal code of ordinances. The codes enforcement officer shall have the authority to issue citations in lieu of arrest for violations of the building, utility, fire and residential codes adopted in titles 7 and 12 of this municipal code of ordinances.

The citation in lieu of arrest shall contain the name and address of the person being cited and such other information necessary to identify and give the person cited notice of the charges against him, and state a specific date and place for the offender to appear and answer the charges against him. The citation shall also contain an agreement to appear, which shall be signed by the offender. If the offender refuses to sign the agreement to appear, the special officer in whose presence the offense was committed shall immediately arrest the offender and dispose of him in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 7-63-104.

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his agreement to appear in court, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which the citation in lieu of arrest was issued. (1991 Code, § 6-301, modified)

**6-202. Summonses in lieu of arrest.** Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 7-63-201, et seq., which authorizes the city council to designate certain city enforcement officers the authority to issue ordinance summonses in the areas of sanitation, litter control and animal control, the council designates the codes enforcement officer to issue ordinance summonses in those areas. This enforcement officer may not arrest violators or issue citations in lieu of arrest, but upon witnessing a violation of any ordinance, law or regulation in the areas of sanitation, litter control or animal control, may issue an ordinance summons and give the summons to the offender.

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Issuance of citations in lieu of arrest in traffic cases: title 15, chapter 7.

The ordinance summons shall contain the name and address of the person being summoned and such other information necessary to identify and give the person summoned notice of the charge against him, and state a specific date and place for the offender to appear and answer the charges against him.

The ordinance summons shall also contain an agreement to appear, which shall be signed by the offender. If the offender refuses to sign the agreement to appear, the enforcement officer in whose presence the offense occurred may:

- (1) Have a summons issued by the clerk of the city court; or
- (2) May seek the assistance of a police officer to witness the violation.

The police officer who witnesses the violation may issue a citation in lieu of arrest for the violation, or arrest the offender for failure to sign the citation in lieu of arrest. If the police officer makes an arrest, he shall dispose of the person arrested as provided in § 6-201 above.

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his agreement to appear in court, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which the ordinance summons was issued. (1991 Code, § 6-302)