

TITLE 12

BUILDING, UTILITY, ETC. CODES

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CHAPTER 1

BUILDING CODE¹

SECTION

- 12-101. Building codes adopted.
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12-101. Building codes adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, 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 International Residential Code, 2015 edition, as prepared and adopted by the International Code Council, and amended by this section for all one- and two-family dwellings not used as overnight rental units, and the International Building Code, 2015 edition for all buildings of public accommodation, as prepared and adopted by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as

¹Municipal code references

Fire protection, fireworks, and explosives: title 7.

Planning and zoning: title 14.

Streets and other public ways and places: title 16.

Utilities and services: titles 18 and 19.

the building code. (1979 Code, § 4-101, as amended by Ord. #487, April 1995, Ord. #645, Dec. 2000, Ord. #878, Nov. 2008, Ord. #913, Sept. 2010, and Ord. #1018, June 2016)

12-102. Modifications. (1) The text of the 2015 International Building Code shall be amended in the following manner:

- Modify 101.1: The phrase "[NAME OF JURISDICTION]" shall be changed to "the City of Pigeon Forge" in this and all other instances in this code.
- Modify 101.2: Delete [Exception] in its entirety and replace with the following:
[Exception]. Detached one and two family dwellings not used as overnight/transient rental homes, not more than three stories above grade plane in height, and their accessory structures, agricultural buildings, and structures used exclusively for construction purposes on a temporary basis.
- Add 101.3.1: Quality Control. Quality control of materials and workmanship is not within the purview of this Code except as it relates to the purposes stated herein.
- Modify 101.4.1: The phrase "International Fuel Gas Code" shall be changed to "The Fuel Gas Code edition adopted and enforced by the Sevier County Utility District."
- Add 101.4.1.1: Any reference hereafter made in this code to the "International Fuel Gas Code" is hereby modified by changing to "The Fuel Gas Code edition adopted and enforced by the Sevier County Utility District."
- Modify 101.4.2: The phrase "International Mechanical Code" shall be changed to "The Mechanical Code edition adopted and enforced by the City of Pigeon Forge."
- Add 101.4.2.1: Any reference hereafter made in this code to the "International Mechanical Code" is hereby modified by changing to "The Mechanical Code edition adopted and enforced by the City of Pigeon Forge."
- Modify 101.4.3: The phrase "International Plumbing Code" shall be changed to "The Plumbing Code edition adopted and enforced by the City of Pigeon Forge."
- Add 101.4.3.1: Any reference hereafter made in this code to the "International Plumbing Code" is hereby modified by changing to "The Plumbing Code edition adopted and enforced by the City of Pigeon Forge."
- Modify 101.4.5: The phrase "International Fire Code" shall be changed to "The Fire Code edition adopted and enforced by the City of Pigeon Forge Fire Marshal's Office."

- Add 101.4.5.1: Any reference hereafter made in this code to the "International Fire Code" is hereby modified by changing to "The Fire Code edition adopted and enforced by the City of Pigeon Forge Fire Marshal's Office."
- Delete 101.4.7: Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:
101.4.7. Energy Code. The provisions of the Energy Code edition specified in the Rules of TN Department of Commerce and Insurance - Division of Fire Prevention Chapter 0780-02-23.02(b)(1) and its amendments shall apply to matters governing the design and construction of buildings for energy efficiency.
- Delete 101.4.8: Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:
101.4.8: The provisions of The Electrical Code edition adopted by the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) and enforced by the Tennessee Deputy State Fire Marshal Electrical Inspector shall apply to electrical installations.
- Add: 101.4.8.1: Any reference hereafter made in this code to the "Electrical Code" or the "International Electrical Code" is hereby modified by changing to "The Electrical Code edition adopted by the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) and enforced by the Tennessee Deputy State Fire Marshal Electrical Inspector."
- Delete 102.4: Delete in its entirety
- Add 104.8.2: 104.8.2 Permitting and Inspection. The inspection or permitting of any building or plan by any jurisdiction, under the requirements of this code, shall not be construed in any court as a warranty of the physical condition of such building or plan or their adequacy. No jurisdiction nor any employee thereof shall be liable in tort for damages for any defect or hazardous or illegal condition or inadequacy in such building or plan, nor for any failure of any component of such, which may occur subsequent to such inspection or permitting.
- Delete 104.9: Delete in its entirety
- Delete 104.9.1: Delete in its entirety
- Delete 105.1.1: Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:
105.1.1. Issuance of Building Permit. The building inspector may issue a foundation only permit, for new construction or new additions prior to the receipt of a certified footer survey, but the applicant will be proceeding at his own risk in accordance with the terms of section 107.3.3 of this code. Prior to receiving a building permit for any above ground construction, the applicant shall submit said certified footer

survey indicating the location and extent of the proposed building or addition (including decks, etc.) in relation to property lines, rights-of-way and setback lines. The applicant shall also supply such other information as may be required by the building inspector for determining whether the provisions of the ordinances of the City of Pigeon Forge are being observed. If the proposed excavation or construction as set forth in the application is in conformity with the provisions of the ordinances of the City of Pigeon Forge, the building inspector shall issue a building permit for such excavation or construction. (Ref. Ordinance 854 adopted February 11, 2008)

Delete 105.1.2

Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

105.1.2. Enforcement of State Requirements. All contractors applying for permit whose contract exceeds \$25,000 must provide a company name, current state license number, the state assigned license limit, and the state assigned classification to the Inspections Department prior to a permit being issued. All contractors performing work on residential structures, as defined by the State, whose contract is more than \$3,000 and less than \$25,000, must be licensed by the State as a Home Improvement Contractor and provide to the Inspections Department the company name and the current state license number prior to a permit being issued. All owners and/or contractors must provide evidence of workman's compensation coverage, or an affidavit of exemption as required by Tennessee Code Annotated, 13-7-211 (a), prior to the permit being issued. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an owner from securing a permit, without a licensed contractor, provided they fall within the exceptions as defined by Tennessee Code Annotated, 13-7-211 (e) (2).

Modify 105.2 (2): Delete the phrase "not over 7 ft. high"

Modify 105.2 (12): Delete the phrase "in Group R-3 and U occupancies"

Delete 106: Delete in its entirety

Modify 107.1: by adding the following:

All drawings and specifications for buildings and structures to be used by the general public, including any structure intended for overnight or short term rental shall bear the seal of an architect or engineer registered in the State of Tennessee. This section shall also apply to structures located in areas with a zoning designation that permits overnight rentals, unless the property owner provides a notarized affidavit that the structure will be used for his/her

own personal residence. (Ref. Ordinance No. 403 adopted November 27, 1989)

- Modify 107.2.5: Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:
107.2.5 Site Plan. Any project submitted for review under this code which involves the erection of a new building, enlargement of an existing building, or a change in use, occupancy type, or occupant load shall have received a site plan approval from the Pigeon Forge Regional Planning Commission or documentation from planning staff that site plan approval is not needed.
- Modify 109.6: Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:
109.6 Refunds. Permit fees are non-refundable.
- Add 110.1.1 110.1.1 Inspections. It shall be the responsibility of the owner, contractor, builder, and/or other party in charge of construction to ensure that all installations not visible to the inspector at the time of inspection meet the requirements of this code.
- Delete 111.2: Delete in its entirety
- Delete 111.3: Delete in its entirety
- Modify 111.4: Re-number to 111.2
- Modify 112: Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:
112.1 Connection of service utilities. No person shall make permanent connection to a utility water or sewer service to any building or system that is regulated by this code for which a permit is required, until released by the building official and or a certificate of occupancy is issued.
112.2 Temporary connection. The building official shall have the authority to authorize the temporary connection of the building or system to the utility water or sewer service for the purpose of testing etc. for one or more 45 day periods. If at the end of the temporary connection period required permits have not received an approved final inspection and or certificate of occupancy the building official may order the disconnection of water or sewer service.
112.3 Authority to disconnect service utilities. The building official shall have the authority to authorize disconnection of utility service to the building, structure or system regulated by this code and the codes referenced. The building official shall notify the serving utility, and wherever possible the owner and/or occupant of the building, structure or service system of the decision to disconnect prior to taking such action. If not notified prior to disconnecting, the owner or occupant of the building,

- structure or service system shall be notified in writing, as soon as practical thereafter.
- Modify 202: The following definition shall be added:
OVERNIGHT RENTAL/TRANSIENT RENTAL HOME. Structures/units used for sleeping purposes providing complete independent living facilities including, but not limited to, permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation occupied for thirty (30) days or less where occupants are primarily transient. An overnight rental may also be referred to as a Transient Rental Home ("TRH") (See also definition for "TRANSIENT")
- Modify 310.3 Residential Group R-1: Modify by adding:
Overnight/Transient Rental Homes that have either more than 5 sleeping rooms, have a total gross area of more than 5,000 square feet, more than 3 stories, or that have sleeping accommodations for more than 12 occupants.
These occupancies shall meet the requirements for R-1 occupancies in regard to sprinkler systems, number of exits, and guardrail heights.
- Modify 903.2.8.1 Group R: Modify by adding the following:
Exception: Detached One and Two Family Dwellings
- Modify 1003.5: Add Groups R-1 and B to Exception 1.
- Modify 1004.3: Modify by deleting this section in its entirety.
- Modify 1009: By deleting Sections 1009.1 through 1009.11 in their entirety and adding the following:
1009.1 Accessible Means of Egress. See Chapter 11 for accessible means of egress requirements.
- Modify 1010.1.6: By deleting the last sentence and replacing it with:
Landings shall have a length measured in the direction of travel of not less than the width of the door.
- Modify 1010.1.9.3: By deleting exception 2 and replacing it with:
2. In buildings in occupancy Group A having an occupant load of 300 or less, Groups B, F, M and S, and in places of religious worship, the main door or doors are permitted to be equipped with locking devices/deadbolts operable without a key, (e.g. thumb turn type mechanisms) from the egress side.
- Modify 1014.6: Add the following exception:
4. Handrail extensions are not required in areas where they would create an impact hazard to occupants or impede the path of egress.
- Modify 1016.2 (5)(2): Add the following:

2.5. There is a demarcated minimum 44 inch-wide aisle defined by permanent marking on the floor leading from the retail area to the exit.

Modify chapter 11: Chapter 11 shall be amended by deleting in its entirety and replacing with the following:

Chapter 11. ACCESSIBILITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES 1101.1 General. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated 68-120-204 shall establish the requirements for this chapter. Reference Ordinance number 799, June 12, 2006

Modify 1207: Modify by deleting sections 1207.1 through 1207.3 in their entirety and replace with the following:

1207.1 Scope. It shall be the responsibility of the design professional, owner, contractor, and/or developer to ensure that sound transmission is kept to a minimum between adjacent dwelling units and adjacent public areas such as halls, corridors, stairs or service areas.

Modify 1301.1: Modify by adding the following:

1301.1.2 Responsibility. It shall be the responsibility of the design professional, owner, contractor, and/or developer to ensure that the requirements of section 1301.1.1 are adhered to.

Modify 1405.11.4 by deleting in its entirety and replacing with the following:

1405.11.4 Grounding. Grounding of metal veneers on buildings shall comply with the requirements of the Electrical Code edition adopted by the Tennessee State Fire Marshall's Office (SFMO) and enforced by the Tennessee Deputy State Fire Marshall Electrical Inspector.

Add 1601.2: 1601.2 Responsibility. It shall be the responsibility of the design professional, contractor, and/or owner supplying the construction documents to design and ensure that the requirements of this chapter are adhered to.

Delete 1703 in its entirety and replace with the following:

Section 1703 Approvals

1703.1. Approved Agency. An approved agency shall have a person in responsible charge of that agency that is licensed by the State of Tennessee as an architect or engineer. The approved agency shall provide the building official with a summary report verifying all required tests and inspections which they have monitored.

Modify 1704.2 by deleting the phrase "other than the contractor"

Modify 1704.5 by adding the following exception:

Exception. A summary report to the building official from the approved agency may be accepted in lieu of the items listed in this section.

Modify 1705.1.1 by adding the following:

1705.1.1 (4) Work that is outside the limits of availability of the building officials presence, or that in the judgement of the building official is needed.

Modify 2701.1: Modify by deleting section 2701.1 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

2701.1 Scope. This chapter governs the electrical components, equipment and systems used in buildings and structures covered by this code.

Electrical components, equipment and systems shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the provisions of the City of Pigeon Forge Municipal Code title 12, chapter 3 and subsequent amendments thereto.

Modify 2801.1 Modify by deleting section 2801.1 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

2801.1 Scope. This chapter governs the Mechanical components, equipment and systems used in buildings and structures covered by this code. Mechanical components, equipment and systems shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the provisions of the City of Pigeon Forge Municipal Code title 12, chapter 9 and subsequent amendments thereto.

Modify Chapter 29. Chapter 29 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Chapter 29 Plumbing Systems Section 2901 General [P]
2901.1 Scope. This chapter governs the plumbing components, equipment and systems used in buildings and structures covered by this code. Plumbing components, equipment and systems shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the provisions of the City of Pigeon Forge Municipal Code title 12, chapter 2 and subsequent amendments thereto.

Modify 3301.1 by adding the following:

3301.1.1 It shall be the sole responsibility of the owner and or contractor to ensure that the provisions of this chapter and public safety are adhered to.

(2) The text of the 2015 International Residential Code shall be amended in the following manner:

Modify R101.1: The phrase "[NAME OF JURISDICTION]" shall be changed to "City of Pigeon Forge" in all instances in this code.

Modify R101.2: by adding Exception 3:

3. Detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses with a separate means of egress used or zoned for use as an overnight rental with either more than 5 sleeping rooms, a total gross area of more than 5,000 square feet, more than 3 stories, or that have sleeping accommodations for more than 12 occupants shall meet the requirements for R-1 occupancies in regard to sprinkler systems, number of exits, and guardrail heights.

Add R102.8: R102.8. Quality Control. Quality control of materials and workmanship is not within the purview of this Code except as it relates to the purposes stated herein.

Modify R105.1: Section R105.1 shall be amended by deleting the words "electrical" and "gas."

Add R105.1.1: R105.1.1. Issuance of Building Permit. The building inspector may issue a foundation only permit, for new construction or new additions prior to the receipt of a certified footer survey, but the applicant will be proceeding at his own risk in accordance with the terms of section 106.3.3 of this code. Prior to receiving a building permit for any above ground construction, the applicant shall submit said certified footer survey indicating the location and extent of the proposed building or addition (including decks, etc.) in relation to property lines, rights-of-way and setback lines. The applicant shall also supply such other information as may be required by the building inspector for determining whether the provisions of the ordinances of the City of Pigeon Forge are being observed. If the proposed excavation or construction as set forth in the application is in conformity with the provisions of the ordinances of the City of Pigeon Forge, the building inspector shall issue a building permit for such excavation or construction. (Ref. Ordinance 854 adopted February 11, 2008)

Add R105.1.2: R105.1.2 Enforcement of State Requirements. All contractors whose contract exceeds \$25,000 must provide a company name, current state license number, the state assigned license limit, and the state assigned classification to the Inspections Department prior to a permit being issued. All contractors performing work on residential structures, as defined by the State, whose contract is more than \$3,000 and less than \$25,000, must be licensed by the State as a Home Improvement Contractor and provide to the Inspections Department the company name and the current state license number prior to a permit being issued. All owners and/or contractors must provide evidence of

workman's compensation coverage, or an affidavit of exemption as required by Tennessee Code Annotated 13-7-211 (a), prior to the permit being issued. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an owner from securing a permit, without a licensed contractor, provided they fall within the exceptions as defined by Tennessee Code Annotated 13-7-211 (e) (2).

Modify R105.2: Section R105.2 shall be amended by:
Under "Building" "item (2)" delete the words "not over 7 feet high."

Modify R105.5 by deleting the words "in writing".

Add R105.10: R105.10 Permitting and Inspection. The inspection or permitting of any building or plan by any jurisdiction, under the requirements of this Code, shall not be construed in any court as a warranty of the physical condition of such building or plan or their adequacy. No jurisdiction nor any employee thereof shall be liable in tort for damages for any defect or hazardous or illegal condition or inadequacy in such building or plan, nor for any failure of any component of such, which may occur subsequent to such inspection or permitting.

Modify R106.1: Section R106.1 shall be amended by adding the following:
All drawings and specifications for buildings and structures to be used by the general public, including any structure intended for overnight or short term rental shall bear the seal of an architect or engineer registered in the State of Tennessee. This section shall also apply to structures located in areas with a zoning designation that permits overnight rentals, unless the property owner provides a notarized affidavit that the structure will be used for his/her own personal residence. (Ref. Ordinance No. 403 adopted November 27, 1989)

Modify R106.3.1: Section R106.3.1 shall be amended by deleting the words "that states REVIEWED FOR CODE COMPLIANCE."

Delete R107.3: Section R107.3 shall be deleted in its entirety

Modify R108.5: Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:
R108.S Refunds. Permit fees are non-refundable.

Add R109.1.7: It shall be the responsibility of the owner, contractor, builder, and/or other party in charge of construction to ensure that all requirements of this code not visible to the inspector at the time of the standard inspections are adhered to.

Delete R110.3: Delete in its entirety.

Delete R110.4: Delete in its entirety.

Modify R110.5: Re-number to 110.3.

Modify R202: The following definition shall be added:

OVERNIGHT RENTAL/TRANSIENT RENTAL HOME. Structures/units used for sleeping purposes providing complete independent living facilities including, but not limited to, permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation occupied for thirty (30) days or less where occupants are primarily transient. An overnight rental may also be referred to as a Transient Rental Home ("TRH")

Delete R309.5: Delete section in its entirety

Modify R311.7.8.1 by adding the following Exception 3.:

3. Where the top of a rail or guard also serves as the handrail the height is permitted to be 43 inches above the stair nosing.

Modify R311.7.8.2 by deleting the sentence

"Handrail ends shall be returned or shall terminate in newel posts or safety terminals."

Modify R311.7.8.3 by adding the following exception:

Exception. The framing member forming the top of a rail or guard may be used as a handrail.

Modify R313.1 by adding

"having three or more connected units".

Delete R313.2. Delete in its entirety pursuant to T.C.A. 68-102-101(a)(8)

Modify R319. by deleting the sentence

"Each character shall be not less than 4 inches in height with a stroke width of not less than 0.5 inch."

Modify R322.1.6 [Exception]:

Section R R322.1.6 Exception shall be amended by deleting the sentence "Electrical wiring systems are permitted to be located below the design flood elevation provided they conform to the provisions of the electrical part of this code for wet locations," and replacing it with the sentence "Electrical wiring systems are permitted to be located below the design flood elevation provided they conform to the provisions of the electrical code adopted and enforced by the deputy state electrical inspector for wet locations."

Delete R326: Delete in its entirety

Modify R403.1.7: by adding the following:

Exception: Footings and foundations designed by a registered professional architect or engineer licensed to practice in the state of Tennessee.

Modify N1101.1 by adding the following exception:

Exception: As an alternative to this chapter the energy conservation code specified in the Rules of TN Department of Commerce and Insurance - Division of Fire Prevention Chapter 0780-02-23.02(b)(l) and it's amendments may be used.

Modify N1101.5 by adding the following exception:

Exception: Submittals deemed acceptable by the plans examiner.

Modify Table 1102.1.2 footnote (a) by adding the following sentence:

Log walls with a minimum average wall thickness of 5 inches or greater shall be permitted in zone 4.

Modify G2401.1 by adding item (7):

7. All installations of natural gas piping, venting, and appliances shall be permitted and inspected by the utility supplying the service. Evidence of an approved final inspection from the accepted agency shall be provided to the building inspector prior to or at the time of issuance of the certificate of occupancy.

Modify P2904.1.1 by deleting the first sentence and replacing it with:

Sprinklers when provided shall be installed to protect all areas of a dwelling unit.

Delete Chapters 34 through 43 and replace with:

Chapter 34 Electrical Requirements

Section E 3401 General

3401.1 Applicability. The provisions specified in the Rules of TN Department of Commerce and Insurance - Division of Fire Prevention Chapter 0780-02-01 shall establish the scope of the electrical system and equipment requirements of this code. Evidence of an approved final inspection from the TN Deputy Electrical Inspector shall be provided to the building inspector prior to or at the time of issuance of the certificate of occupancy. (1979 Code, § 4-102, as amended by Ord. #487, April 1995, Ord. #645, Dec. 2000; Ord. #752, Feb. 2005; and Ord. #799, June 2006, replaced by Ord. #878, Nov. 2008, amended by Ord. #880, Nov. 2008, Ord. #909, July 2010, and Ord. #913, Sept. 2010, and replaced by Ord. #1018, June 2016)

12-103. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of the Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the building code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1979 Code, § 4-103, modified)

12-104. 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. (1979 Code, § 4-104)

CHAPTER 2

PLUMBING CODE¹

SECTION

- 12-201. Plumbing code adopted.
- 12-202. Modifications.
- 12-203. Available in recorder's office.
- 12-204. Violations.

12-201. Plumbing code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506 and for the purpose of regulating plumbing installations, including alterations, repairs, equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings, and the appurtenances thereto, within or without the city, when such plumbing is or is to be connected with the municipal water or sewerage system, the International Plumbing Code,² 2015 edition as prepared and adopted by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the plumbing code. (1979 Code, § 4-201, as amended by Ord. #487, April 1995, modified, amended by Ord. #645, Dec. 2000, Ord. #878, Nov. 2008, and replaced by Ord. #1018, June 2016)

12-202. Modifications. The text of the 2015 International Plumbing Code shall be amended in the following manner:

- Modify 101.1: The phrase "[NAME OF JURISDICTION]" shall be changed to "the City of Pigeon Forge" in this section and all subsequent occurrences.
- Modify 105.1: by deleting the last sentence of this section.
- Modify 105.2: by deleting the last sentence of this section.
- Modify 106.5.1: by deleting the phrase "APPROVED".
- Modify 106.6.2: Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:
106.6.2 Fee Schedule. A fee for each permit shall be paid as required, in accordance with the schedule as established by the applicable governing authority.
- Modify 106.6.3: Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:
106.6.3. Refunds. Permit fees are non-refundable.

¹Municipal code references

Cross connections: title 18.

Street excavations: title 16.

Wastewater treatment: title 18.

Water and sewer system administration: title 18.

²Copies of this code may be purchased from the International Code Council, 4051 W. Flossmoor Rd., Country Club Hills, IL 60478-5771.

Modify 109.2 thru 109.2.6: Delete these sections in their entirety and replace with the following:

109.2 Membership of board. The board of appeals shall consist of the members designated as the building board of adjustments and appeals.

Modify 202 (DRINKING FOUNTAIN): by deleting the last sentence

Modify Table 403.1- Note e: by changing the number 15 to 50

Modify 404.2: by replacing "ICC A117.1" with "TCA 68-120-204"

Modify 607.5: by deleting in its entirety.

Modify 1003.3.6: by adding the sentence

"In no case shall the grease interceptor capacity be less than specified by the City of Pigeon Forge Utility Superintendent." (1979 Code, § 4-202, as replaced by Ord. #878, Nov. 2008, and Ord. #1018, June 2017)

12-203. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the plumbing code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1979 Code, § 4-203, modified)

12-204. 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. (1979 Code, § 4-204)

CHAPTER 3

ELECTRICAL CODE¹

SECTION

- 12-301. Electrical code adopted.
- 12-302. Available in recorder's office.
- 12-303. Permit required for doing electrical work.
- 12-304. Violations.
- 12-305. Enforcement.
- 12-306. Fees.

12-301. Electrical code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506 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,² 1999 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. (1979 Code, § 4-301, as amended by Ord. #487, April 1995, and Ord. #645, Dec. 2000)

12-302. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the electrical code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1979 Code, § 4-302, modified)

12-303. Permit required for doing electrical work. No electrical work shall be done within the city until a permit therefor has been issued by the city. The term "electrical work" shall not be deemed to include minor repairs that do not involve the installation of new wire, conduits, machinery, apparatus, or other electrical devices generally requiring the services of an electrician. (1979 Code, § 4-303)

12-304. 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. (1979 Code, § 4-304)

¹Municipal code references
Fire protection, fireworks and explosives: title 7.

²Copies of this code may be purchased from the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101.

12-305. Enforcement. The electrical inspector shall be such person as the city manager 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. (1979 Code, § 4-305)

12-306. Fees. The electrical inspector shall collect the same fees as are authorized in Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-102-143 for electrical inspections by deputy inspectors of the state fire marshal. (1979 Code, § 4-306)

CHAPTER 4

GAS CODE¹

SECTION

- 12-401. Title and definitions.
- 12-402. Purpose and scope.
- 12-403. Use of existing piping and appliances.
- 12-404. Bond and license.
- 12-405. Gas inspector and assistants.
- 12-406. Powers and duties of inspector.
- 12-407. Permits.
- 12-408. Inspections.
- 12-409. Certificates.
- 12-410. Fees.
- 12-411. Violations and penalties.
- 12-412. Nonliability.

12-401. Title and definitions. This chapter and the code herein adopted by reference shall be known as the gas code of the city 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 city manager.

(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. (1979 Code, § 4-401)

12-402. 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

¹Municipal code reference

Gas system administration: title 19, chapter 1.

installed, replaced, maintained, or repaired within the corporate limits shall conform to the requirements of this chapter and to the International Fuel Gas Code,¹ 2000 edition, which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this chapter as if fully set forth herein. One (1) copy of the gas code shall be kept on file in the office of the city recorder for the use and inspection of the public. (1979 Code, § 4-402, as amended by Ord. #487, April 1995, modified, as amended by Ord. #645, Dec. 2000, and Ord. #648, April 2001)

12-403. 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. (1979 Code, § 4-403)

12-404. 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. (1979 Code, § 4-404)

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12-405. 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 city manager. (1979 Code, § 4-405)

12-406. 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 city 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. (1979 Code, § 4-406)

12-407. 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. (1979 Code, § 4-407)

12-408. 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. (1979 Code, § 4-408)

12-409. 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. (1979 Code, § 4-409)

12-410. Fees. (1) The total fees for inspection of consumer's gas piping at one location (including both rough and final piping inspections) shall be \$1.50 for one to four outlets, inclusive, and \$0.50 for each outlet above four.

(2) The fees for inspecting conversion burners, floor furnaces, boilers, or central heating plants shall be \$1.50 for each unit.

(3) The fees for inspecting vented wall furnaces and water heaters shall be \$1.00 for each unit.

(4) If the inspector is called back, after correction of defects noted, an additional fee of \$1.00 shall be made for each such return inspection.

(5) Any and all fees shall be paid by the person to whom the permit is issued. (1979 Code, § 4-410)

12-411. Violations and penalties. Section 107 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. (1979 Code, § 4-411)

12-412. Nonliability. This chapter shall not be construed as imposing upon the city 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 city, 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. (1979 Code, § 4-412)

CHAPTER 5

HOUSING CODE

SECTION

12-501. Housing code adopted.

12-502. Available in recorder's office.

12-503. Violations.

12-501. Housing code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, 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 1997 edition, 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. (1979 Code, § 4-501, as amended by Ord. #487, April 1995, modified, as amended by Ord. #645, Dec. 2000)

12-502. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the housing code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1979 Code, § 4-503, modified)

12-503. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provisions of the housing code as herein adopted by reference and modified. (1979 Code, § 4-504)

¹Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

CHAPTER 6**MODEL ENERGY CODE**¹**SECTION**

- 12-601. Model energy code adopted.
12-602. Modifications.
12-603. Available in recorder's office.
12-604. Violation and penalty.

12-601. Model energy code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of regulating the design of buildings for adequate thermal resistance and low air leakage and the design and selection of mechanical, electrical, water-heating and illumination systems and equipment which will enable the effective use of energy in new building construction, the Model Energy Code² 1995 edition, as prepared and maintained by The Council of American Building Officials, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the energy code. (as amended by Ord. #648, April 2001)

12-602. Modifications. Whenever the energy code refers to the "responsible government agency," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the City of Pigeon Forge. When the "building official" is named it shall, for the purposes of the energy code, mean such person as the city manager shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the energy code.

12-603. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of the Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the energy code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public.

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 13-19-106 requires Tennessee cities either to adopt the Model Energy Code, 1992 edition, or to adopt local standards equal to or stricter than the standards in the energy code.

Municipal code references

Fire protection, fireworks, and explosives: title 7.

Planning and zoning: title 14.

Streets and other public ways and places: title 16.

Utilities and services: titles 18 and 19.

²Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from The Council of American Building Officials, 5203 Leesburg, Pike Falls Church, Virginia 22041.

12-604. Violation and penalty. It shall be a civil offense for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the energy code as herein adopted by reference and modified. The violation of any section of this chapter shall be punishable by a penalty of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

CHAPTER 7

SWIMMING POOL CODE¹

SECTION

12-701. Swimming pool code adopted.

12-702. Available in recorder's office.

12-703. Violations.

12-701. Swimming pool code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-516, the Standard Swimming Pool Code², 1997 edition, 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 swimming pool code. This code is adopted for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety, and welfare by prescribing and enforcing minimum standards for the design, construction, installation, repair, or alteration of swimming pools, public or private, and equipment related thereto. (1979 Code, § 4-701, as amended by Ord. #487, April 1995, modified, as amended by Ord. #645, Dec. 2000)

12-702. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of the Tennessee Code Annotated § 6-54-502 one (1) copy of the swimming pool code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1979 Code, § 4-702)

12-703. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the swimming pool code as herein adopted by reference and modified. (1979 Code, § 4-703)

¹Municipal code references

Fire protection, fireworks, and explosives: title 7.

Planning and zoning: title 14.

Streets and other public ways and places: title 16.

Utilities and services: titles 18 and 19.

²Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

CHAPTER 8**UNSAFE BUILDING ABATEMENT CODE****SECTION**

12-801. Unsafe building abatement code adopted.

12-802. Modifications.

12-803. Available in recorder's office.

12-804. Violations.

12-801. Unsafe building abatement code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506 and for the purpose of securing the public safety, health, and general welfare through structural strength, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards incident to the construction, alteration, repair, removal, demolition, use and occupancy of buildings, structures or premises, the Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code¹, 1985 edition 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 unsafe building abatement code. (1979 Code, § 4-601, as amended by Ord. #487, April 1995, modified, as amended by Ord. #648, April 2001)

12-802. Modifications. Wherever the unsafe building abatement code refers to the "Building Official" it shall mean the person appointed or designated by the city manager to administer and enforce the provisions of the unsafe building abatement code. Wherever the "Board of Adjustments and Appeals" is referred to it shall mean the "Board of Adjustments and Appeals" heretofore appointed to assist with administering the building code. (1979 Code, § 4-602)

12-803. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated § 6-54-502 one (1) copy of the unsafe building abatement code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1979 Code, § 4-603)

12-804. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the unsafe building abatement code as herein adopted by reference and modified. (1979 Code, § 4-604)

¹Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

CHAPTER 9

MECHANICAL CODE¹

SECTION

- 12-901. Mechanical code adopted.
- 12-902. Modifications.
- 12-903. Available in recorder's office.

12-901. Mechanical code adopted. The City of Pigeon Forge hereby adopts the International Mechanical Code², 2015 edition. (1979 Code, § 4-801, as amended by Ord. #487, April 1995, Ord. #645, Dec. 2000, Ord. #878, Nov. 2008, and Ord. #1018, June 2016)

12-902. Modifications. The text of the 2015 International Mechanical Code shall be amended in the following manner:

- Modify 101.1: The phrase "[NAME OF JURISDICTION]" shall be changed to "the City of Pigeon Forge" in this section and all subsequent occurrences.
- Modify 106.5.2: Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:
106.5.2 Fee Schedule. A fee for each permit shall be paid as required, in accordance with the schedule as established by the applicable governing authority.
- Modify 106.5.3: Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:
106.5.3 Refunds. Permit fees are non-refundable.
- Modify 109.2 thru 109.2.6: Delete these sections in their entirety and replace with the following:
109.2 Membership of board. The board of appeals shall consist of the members designated as the building board of adjustments and appeals. (as added by Ord. #878, Nov. 2008, and replaced by Ord. #1018, June 2016)

12-903. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the plumbing code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (as added by Ord. #878, Nov. 2008)

¹Municipal code references

Street excavations: title 16.

Wastewater treatment: title 18.

Water and sewer system administration: title 18.

²Copies of these codes may be purchased from the International Code Council, 4051 W. Flossmoor Rd., Country Club Hills, IL 60478-5771.

CHAPTER 10**AMUSEMENT DEVICE CODE****SECTION**

- 12-1001. Amusement code adopted.
- 12-1002. Operator driven safety equipment required.
- 12-1003. Liability insurance required.
- 12-1004. Penalties.

12-1001. Amusement code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501--6-54-506 the Standard Amusement Device Code, 1997 edition, 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 amusement code. (1979 Code, § 5-801, as amended by Ord. #487, April 1995, modified, as amended by Ord. #645, Dec. 2000)

12-1002. Operator driven safety equipment required. Standard operator safety equipment, including but not limited to, helmets and restraining devices shall be required when the ride is driven independently by the operator. (1979 Code, § 5-802)

12-1003. Liability insurance required. The owner or operator of any such amusement device covered by this ordinance shall furnish to the city satisfactory evidence that a public liability insurance policy in the amount of not less than two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) is in force and effect. (1979 Code, § 5-803)

12-1004. Penalties. Any person, firm or corporation found to be in violation of this chapter shall be subject to the penalties provided for in the adopting ordinance of this code. (1979 Code, § 5-804)