

**THE  
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## PREFACE

The Private Acts Municipal Code contains the codification and revision of the ordinances of the City of Ridgeside, 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 § 2-106.

By utilizing the table of contents, code index 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 city's ordinance book or the recorder for a comprehensive and up to date review of the city's ordinances.

Following this preface is an outline of the ordinance adoption procedures, if any, prescribed by the city'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 7 of the adopting ordinance).
- (2) That one copy of every ordinance adopted by the city/town is kept in a separate ordinance book and forwarded to MTAS annually.
- (3) That the city/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  
CITY CHARTER**

SEC. 12. Be it further enacted, That said Board of Commissioners shall have the power to pass ordinances for the levying and collection of taxes, for the government of the city, for the imposition of fines for the violation of ordinances. But no ordinance shall be valid unless passed on two (2) separate readings after an opportunity for free discussion thereof. No ordinance shall be valid if passed on the first and final reading on the same day, and no ordinance granting any kind of franchise shall be passed outside of a regular meeting. Nor shall any ordinance granting a franchise be valid unless published in full at least five (5) days before final passage, in some daily newspaper published in Hamilton County, Tennessee. The style or introductory clause of all ordinances shall be "Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Ridgeside." Every ordinance upon final passage on second reading shall be signed in open meeting by the Chairman of the Board, and at least one other Commissioner, and shall thereupon be delivered to the City Clerk, whose duty it shall be to copy it in a book to be kept for that purpose, together with the signature of said Chairman and Commissioners. If the Chairman of the Board shall disapprove of any ordinance or resolution the Chairman shall specify his objection thereto in writing by the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Such ordinance or resolution so disapproved or vetoed by the Chairman shall not be valid unless passed over said veto by a majority vote, but in all such cases the Chairman of the Board shall not be deprived of the right to vote as a member of said Board by reason of veto. [As replaced by Priv. Acts 2017, ch. 5, § 2]

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