

**THE  
SPENCER  
MUNICIPAL  
CODE**

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**CITY OF SPENCER, TENNESSEE**

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Mickey S. Robinson

**VICE MAYOR**

Freddy Solomon

**ALDERMEN**

Bonnie Adcock

Peggy Bayless

Stacy Oakes

Robert Shelley

**RECORDER**

Zeda Hillis

## PREFACE

The Spencer Municipal Code contains the codification and revision of the ordinances of the Town of Spencer, 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 town 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 reimburse MTAS for the actual costs of reproducing replacement pages for the code (no charge is made for the consultant's work, and reproduction costs are usually nominal).

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**

SEC. 13. Be it further enacted, That the Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall, in passing of all ordinances observe the following:

Said ordinances shall be read in full at a regular or specially called meeting of the Board and shall be passed by the affirmative vote of three or more Aldermen. Said ordinances shall be approved in writing by the Mayor on or before the next regular meeting of the Board, or, in case of his veto as hereinbefore provided, passed again by the affirmative vote of at least three of the Aldermen. Ordinances shall be divided, when necessary, into appropriate sections, shall be brief but intelligent in form and substance. All ordinances, after final passage shall be recorded in full in a well-bound book and a certified copy thereof attested by the Recorder shall be received in the Courts of the State as competent evidence of the provisions thereof. In case the Mayor fails or refuses to approve or veto any ordinance by the next regular meeting of the Board, such ordinance shall become effective at once by the affirmative vote of three Aldermen. The Recorder is required to record all ordinances as soon after passage as can be conveniently done.