

**THE
WESTMORELAND
MUNICIPAL
CODE**

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PREFACE

The Westmoreland Municipal Code contains the codification and revision of the ordinances of the City of Westmoreland, 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 city's ordinance book or the city 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 is kept in a separate ordinance book and forwarded to MTAS annually.
- (3) That the city 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**

ARTICLE IV

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

SECTION

1. Required wording.
2. Readings required and effective dates for ordinances and resolutions.
3. Numbering of ordinances.
4. Construction of ordinances; service of process.

SECTION 1. Required wording. Be it further enacted, That all Ordinances shall begin, "Be it Ordained by the City of Westmoreland."

SECTION 2. Readings required and effective dates for ordinances and resolutions. Be it further enacted, That every Ordinance shall be passed on two readings on two separate days in open sessions of the City Council before it shall become effective, and all Ordinances shall take effect from and after their final passage, unless otherwise provided therein; provided, that Resolutions may be passed and become effective on only one reading. All Ordinances and Resolutions shall be signed by the Mayor and Recorder.

SECTION 3. Numbering of ordinances. Be it further enacted, That every Ordinance, when filed with the Recorder, shall immediately be numbered and copied in an Ordinance book and preserved in his office.

SECTION 4. Construction of ordinances; service of process. Ordinances of the city imposing fines, penalties and forfeitures shall be construed remedially and all process issued by the mayor, recorder or other officers of the city may be directed to the chief of police of said city, who shall execute and return same as any other process in the manner prescribed by general law and may be amended from time to time to promote the attainment of justice. [As added by Priv. Acts 2008, ch. 75, § 12]