



Non-profit Corporations

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A city may appropriate money to any non-profit charitable or civic organization “which provides year-round service benefitting the general welfare.” T.C.A. § 6-54-111. Non-profit civic organizations are exempted from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) or (c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. Organizations falling in this category include chambers of commerce and other organizations that promote, maintain, and increase employment by promoting industry, trade, commerce, tourism, and recreation by inducing manufacturing, industrial, governmental, educational, financial, and other enterprises to locate in the city. Any appropriation under this statute must meet guidelines issued by the state comptroller’s office.

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