THE

LAFAYETTE

MUNICIPAL

CODE

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PREFACE

The Lafayette Municipal Code contains the codification and revision of the ordinances of the City of Lafayette, 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[1]

1.   Every ordinance shall be read on two (2) different days in open session before its adoption, and not less than one week shall elapse between the first and second readings, and any ordinance not so read shall be null and void. Four votes shall be required to pass an ordinance on each reading.

2.   The caption of an ordinance may be read on the first and second readings and the ordinance shall be read in its entirety on the third reading.

3.   Copies of ordinances shall be available during regular business hours at the office of the City Recorder and during sessions in which the ordinance has its second and third readings. Any Ordinance may be amended on any reading.

4.   All bills or ordinances when they have been finally passed or adopted, before they become effective, shall be signed by the Mayor. The Mayor shall affix his approval or disapproval within five days after the final action of the City Council thereon. If he withholds his signature for five days the bill or resolution becomes effective for failure to veto. The Mayor shall state his reasons for vetoing any bill in writing and transmit them with the bill back to the City Council for its action. The City Council may pass it over his veto or sustain the Mayor.

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[1]Charter reference: § 7.