TITLE 12
BUILDING, UTILITY, ETC. CODES

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CHAPTER 1
BUILDING CODE

SECTION
12-102. Modifications.
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12-101. **Building code adopted.** Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of regulating the construction, alteration, repair, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal, and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenance connected or attached to any building or structure, the **Standard Building Code**, 1999 edition as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the building code. (1970 Code, § 4-101, modified)

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1Municipal code references
   Fire protection, fireworks, and explosives: title 7.
   Planning and zoning: title 14.
   Streets and other public ways and places: title 16.
   Utilities and services: titles 18 and 19.

2Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
12-102. **Modifications.** Whenever the building code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority" or the "Chief Administrator," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the city council. When the "Building Official" or "Director of Public Works" is named it shall, for the purposes of the building code, mean such person as the city council shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the building code. Section 107 of the building code is hereby deleted. (1970 Code, § 4-102)

12-103. **Available in recorder's office.** Pursuant to the requirements of the Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the building code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1970 Code, § 4-103, modified)

12-104. **Violations.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the building code as herein adopted by reference and modified. (1970 Code, § 4-104)
CHAPTER 2

PLUMBING CODE

SECTION
12-201. Plumbing code adopted.
12-203. Available in recorder's office.
12-204. Violations.

12-201. Plumbing code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506 and for the purpose of regulating plumbing installations, including alterations, repairs, equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings, and the appurtenances thereto, within or without the municipality, when such plumbing is or is to be connected with the municipal water or sewerage system, the Standard Plumbing Code, 1997 edition as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the plumbing code. (1970 Code, § 4-201, modified)

12-202. Modifications. Wherever the plumbing code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority," the "Administrative Authority," or the "Governing Authority," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the city council.
Wherever "City Engineer" or "Engineering Department" is named or referred to, it shall mean the "city recorder."
The "Plumbing Official" or "Inspector" shall be such person as the city council shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the plumbing code.
Section 107 in the plumbing code, "Violations and Penalties," is deleted. (1970 Code, § 4-202)

1Municipal code references
Cross connections: title 18.
Street excavations: title 16.
Wastewater treatment: title 18.
Water and sewer system administration: title 18.

2Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
12-203. **Available in recorder's office.** Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the plumbing code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1970 Code, § 4-203, modified)

12-204. **Violations.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the plumbing code as herein adopted by reference and modified. (1970 Code, § 4-204)
CHAPTER 3  
ELECTRICAL CODE

SECTION
12-301. Electrical code adopted.
12-302. Available in recorder's office.
12-303. Permit required for doing electrical work.
12-304. Violations.
12-305. Enforcement.

12-301. Electrical code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506 and for the purpose of providing practical minimum standards for the safeguarding of persons and of buildings and their contents from hazards arising from the use of electricity for light, heat, power, radio, signaling, or for other purposes, the National Electrical Code, 2 1999 edition, as prepared by the National Fire Protection Association, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the electrical code. (1970 Code, § 4-301, modified)

12-302. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the electrical code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1970 Code, § 4-302, modified)

12-303. Permit required for doing electrical work. No electrical work shall be done within this city until a permit therefor has been issued by the city. The term "electrical work" shall not be deemed to include minor repairs that do not involve the installation of new wire, conduits, machinery, apparatus, or other electrical devices generally requiring the services of an electrician. (1970 Code, § 4-303)

12-304. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to do or authorize any electrical work or to use any electricity in such manner or under

1Municipal code references
   Fire protection, fireworks and explosives: title 7.

2Copies of this code may be purchased from the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101.
such circumstances as not to comply with this chapter and/or the requirements and standards prescribed by the electrical code. (1970 Code, § 4-304)

12-305. **enforcement.** The electrical inspector shall be such person as the city council shall appoint or designate. It shall be his duty to enforce compliance with this chapter and the electrical code as herein adopted by reference. He is authorized and directed to make such inspections of electrical equipment and wiring, etc., as are necessary to insure compliance with the applicable regulations, and may enter any premises or building at any reasonable time for the purpose of discharging his duties. He is authorized to refuse or discontinue electrical service to any person or place not complying with this chapter and/or the electrical code. (1970 Code, § 4-305)
CHAPTER 4
GAS CODE

SECTION
12-401. Gas code adopted.
12-402. Modifications.
12-403. Available in recorder's office.
12-404. Gas permit required.
12-405. Violations.
12-406. Enforcement.

12-401. **Gas code adopted.** Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506 and for the purpose of regulating the installation of consumer's gas piping and gas appliances, etc., the Standard Gas Code,\(^1\) 1999 edition as prepared by the Southern Standard Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the gas code. (1970 Code, § 4-401, modified)

12-402. **Modifications.** Section 103 of the gas code is hereby specifically modified to read as follows:

103 - QUALIFIED INSTALLING AGENCY.
Installation and replacement of consumer's gas piping or gas appliances and repair of consumer's gas appliances shall be performed only by a qualified agency which has filed with the municipality evidence of a liability bond or insurance policy in the sum of $10,000.00 which indemnifies and saves harmless the municipality and all persons therein from any injury, loss, cost or damage caused by negligent, inadequate, imperfect or defective work done by the agency while acting in the scope and course of its employment. By the term "qualified agency" is meant any individual, firm, corporation, or company which either in person or through a representative is engaged in and is responsible for the installation, replacement or repair of consumer gas piping, or the connection, installation, repair or servicing of gas appliances, and who is

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experienced in such work and familiar with all precautions required. (1970 Code, § 4-402)

12-403. **Available in recorder's office.** Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the gas code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1970 Code, § 4-403, modified)

12-404. **Gas permit required.** No property owner shall cause or permit, nor shall any person install, modify, change, or repair any house gas piping or any gas appliance or fixture within the city or its gas service territory until the person proposing to do the work shall have first obtained a permit therefor from the city. (1970 Code, § 4-404)

12-405. **Violations.** It shall be unlawful for any person to do or authorize any gas installation or repair work or to use any gas in such manner or under such circumstances as not to comply with this chapter and/or the requirements and standards prescribed by the gas code. (1970 Code, § 4-405)

12-406. **Enforcement.** The gas inspector shall be such person as the city council shall appoint or designate to enforce the provisions of this chapter and the gas code. He shall inspect the installation and/or modification or repair of all gas piping, connections, appliances, and fixtures. He may enter any building or premises at any reasonable time for the discharge of his duties. He shall not approve any gas piping installation, connection, repair, modification, or appliance which fails to meet the minimum requirements of this chapter and/or the gas code. Immediately upon completion of the inspection the gas inspector shall notify the owner, his agent, or the occupant of the inspected property whether or not the inspection has been satisfactory. When the inspection reveals defective workmanship or material or any violations of this chapter or the gas code, written notice of the same shall be given by the inspector and he shall refuse gas service until the defects have been corrected. (1970 Code, § 4-406)
CHAPTER 5

HOUSING CODE

SECTION
12-503. Available in recorder's office.
12-504. Violations.

12-501. Housing code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of securing the public safety, health, and general welfare through structural strength, stability, sanitation, adequate light, and ventilation in dwellings, apartment houses, rooming houses, and buildings, structures, or premises used as such, the Standard Housing Code,\(^1\) 1997 edition, as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the housing code. (1970 Code, § 4-501, modified)

12-502. Modifications. Wherever the housing code refers to the "Building Official" it shall mean the person appointed or designated by the city council to administer and enforce the provisions of the housing code. Wherever the "Department of Law" is referred to it shall mean the city attorney. Wherever the "Chief Appointing Authority" is referred to it shall mean the city council. Section 108 of the housing code is deleted. (1970 Code, § 4-502)

12-503. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the housing code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1970 Code, § 4-503, modified)

12-504. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the housing code as herein adopted by reference and modified. (1970 Code, § 4-504)

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CHAPTER 6

MODEL ENERGY CODE¹

SECTION
12-601. Model energy code adopted.
12-602. Modifications.
12-603. Available in recorder's office.
12-604. Violation and penalty.

12-601. Model energy code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of regulating the design of buildings for adequate thermal resistance and low air leakage and the design and selection of mechanical, electrical, water-heating and illumination systems and equipment which will enable the effective use of energy in new building construction, the Model Energy Code² 1992 edition, as prepared and maintained by The Council of American Building Officials, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the energy code.

12-602. Modifications. Whenever the energy code refers to the "responsible government agency," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the City of Rockwood. When the "building official" is named it shall, for the purposes of the energy code, mean such person as the city council shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the energy code.

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 13-19-106 requires Tennessee cities either to adopt the Model Energy Code, 1992 edition, or to adopt local standards equal to or stricter than the standards in the energy code.

Municipal code references

Fire protection, fireworks, and explosives: title 7.
Planning and zoning: title 14.
Streets and other public ways and places: title 16.
Utilities and services: titles 18 and 19.

²Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from The Council of American Building Officials, 5203 Leesburg, Pike Falls Church, Virginia 22041.
12-603. **Available in recorder's office.** Pursuant to the requirements of the Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the energy code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public.

12-604. **Violation and penalty.** It shall be a civil offense for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the energy code as herein adopted by reference and modified. The violation of any section of this chapter shall be punishable by a penalty of up to five hundred dollars ($500) for each offense. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.