

**TITLE 12**

**BUILDING, UTILITY, ETC. CODES**

**CHAPTER**

1. BUILDING CODE.
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**CHAPTER 1**

**BUILDING CODE**<sup>1</sup>

**SECTION**

- 12-101. Building code adopted.
- 12-102. Modifications.
- 12-103. Available in recorder's office.
- 12-104. Violations and penalty.

**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 occupancy, location, maintenance, removal, and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenance connected or attached to any building or structure, the 2003 International Building Code,<sup>2</sup> with revisions, as prepared and adopted by the International Code Council is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the building code. (1984 Code, § 4-101, modified, as replaced by Ord. #02211101, Feb. 2011)

**12-102. Modifications.** (1) Definitions. Whenever the building code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority" or the "Chief Administrator," it shall

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<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

be deemed to be a reference to the city commission. 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 commission has appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the building code.

(2) Permit fees. The recommended schedule of permit fees set forth in the Town of Adamsville the building code is adopted [amended so that the fees to be collected shall be as follows:]<sup>1</sup> (1984 Code, § 4-102, as replaced by Ord. #02211101, Feb. 2011)

**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. (1984 Code, § 4-103, as replaced by Ord. #02211101, Feb. 2011)

**12-104. Violations and penalty.** 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. The violation of any section of this chapter shall be a penalty under the general penalty provisions of this code. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense. (as added by Ord. #02211101, Feb. 2011)

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<sup>1</sup>The current schedule of permit fees is available in the recorder's office.

## CHAPTER 2

### PLUMBING CODE<sup>1</sup>

#### SECTION

12-201. Plumbing code adopted.

12-202. Modifications.

12-203. Violations.

**12-201. Plumbing code adopted.** The Standard Plumbing Code,<sup>2</sup> 1994 edition with 1995/1996 revisions, together with all appendices, 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. (1984 Code, § 4-201, modified)

**12-202. Modifications.** Wherever the plumbing code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the board of city commission.

Wherever "Plumbing Official" is named, it shall be deemed to mean such person as the city commission shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the plumbing code. Sections 102.1, 102.2, 102.3, 103.3, 104, 105, and 106 are hereby deleted. (1984 Code, § 4-202)

**12-203. 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. (1984 Code, § 4-203)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

Cross connections: title 18.

Street excavations: title 16.

Wastewater treatment: title 18.

Water and sewer system administration: title 18.

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**CHAPTER 3****GAS CODE**<sup>1</sup>**SECTION**

- 12-301. Title and definitions.
- 12-302. Purpose and scope.
- 12-303. Use of existing piping and appliances.
- 12-304. Gas inspector and assistants.
- 12-305. Powers and duties of inspector.
- 12-306. Permits.
- 12-307. Fees.
- 12-308. Violations and penalties.
- 12-309. Nonliability.

**12-301. Title and definitions.** This chapter and the code herein adopted by reference shall be known as the gas code of the municipality and may be cited as such.

The following definitions are provided for the purpose of interpretation and administration of the gas code.

(1) "Inspector" means the person appointed as inspector, and shall include each assistant inspector, if any, from time to time acting as such under this chapter by appointment of the city commission.

(2) "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, corporation, or any other organized group of individuals.

(3) "Gas company" means any person distributing natural or liquified petroleum gas within the corporate limits or authorized and proposing to do so.

(4) "Certificate of approval" means a document or tag issued and/or attached by the inspector to the inspected material, piping, or appliance installation, filled out, together with date, address of the premises, and signed by the inspector.

(5) "Certain appliances" means conversion burners, floor furnaces, central heating plants, vented wall furnaces, water heaters, and boilers. (1984 Code, § 4-301)

**12-302. Purpose and scope.** The purpose of the gas code is to provide minimum standards, provisions, and requirements for safe installation of consumer's gas piping and gas appliances. All gas piping and gas appliances installed, replaced, maintained, or repaired within the corporate limits shall

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Gas system administration: title 19, chapter 2.

conform to the requirements of this chapter and to the Standard Gas Code,<sup>1</sup> 1994 edition with 1996 revisions, together with all appendices, as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., which is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code. (1984 Code, § 4-302, modified)

**12-303. Use of existing piping and appliances.** Notwithstanding any provision in the gas code to the contrary, consumer's piping installed prior to the adoption of the gas code or piping installed to supply other than natural gas may be converted to natural gas if the inspector finds, upon inspection and proper tests, that such piping will render reasonably satisfactory gas service to the consumer and will not in any way endanger life or property; otherwise, such piping shall be altered or replaced, in whole or in part, to conform with the requirements of the gas code. (1984 Code, § 4-303)

**12-304. Gas inspector and assistants.** To provide for the administration and enforcement of the gas code, the office of gas inspector is hereby created. The inspector, and such assistants as may be necessary in the proper performance of the duties of the office, shall be appointed or designated by the city commission. (1984 Code, § 4-305)

**12-305. Powers and duties of inspector.** (1) The inspector is authorized and directed to enforce all of the provisions of the gas code. Upon presentation of proper credentials, he may enter any building or premises at reasonable times for the purpose of making inspections or preventing violations of the gas code.

(2) The inspector is authorized to disconnect any gas piping or fixture or appliance for which a certificate of approval is required but has not been issued with respect to same, or which, upon inspection, shall be found defective or in such condition as to endanger life or property. In all cases where such a disconnection is made, a notice shall be attached to the piping, fixture, or appliance disconnected by the inspector, which notice shall state that the same has been disconnected by the inspector, together with the reason or reasons therefor, and it shall be unlawful for any person to remove said notice or reconnect said gas piping or fixture or appliance without authorization by the inspector and such gas piping or fixture or appliance shall not be put in service or used until the inspector has attached his certificate of approval in lieu of his prior disconnection notice.

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(3) It shall be the duty of the inspector to confer from time to time with representatives of the local health department, the local fire department, and the gas company, and otherwise obtain from proper sources all helpful information and advice, presenting same to the appropriate officials from time to time for their consideration. (1984 Code, § 4-306)

**12-306. Permits.** (1) No person shall install a gas conversion burner, floor furnace, central heating plant, vented wall furnace, water heater, boiler, consumer's gas piping, or convert existing piping to utilize natural gas without first obtaining a permit to do such work from the city recorder; however, permits will not be required for setting or connecting other gas appliances, or for the repair of leaks in house piping.

(2) When only temporary use of gas is desired, the recorder may issue a permit for such use, for a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days, provided the consumer's gas piping to be used is given a test equal to that required for a final piping inspection.

(3) Except when work in a public street or other public way is involved the gas company shall not be required to obtain permits to set meters, or to extend, relocate, remove, or repair its service lines, mains, or other facilities, or for work having to do with its own gas system. (1984 Code, § 4-307)

**12-307. Fees.** The permit fee schedule as recommended in Appendix "B" of the gas code is deleted. The fees to be collected shall be prescribed by the city commission. (1984 Code, § 4-310)

**12-308. Violations and penalties.** Sections 110 and 113 of the gas code are hereby deleted. Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of the gas code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined under the general penalty clause for this code of ordinances, or the license of such person may be revoked, or both fine and revocation of license may be imposed. (1984 Code, § 4-311)

**12-309. Nonliability.** This chapter shall not be construed as imposing upon the municipality any liability or responsibility for damages to any person injured by any defect in any gas piping or appliance mentioned herein, or by installation thereof, nor shall the municipality, or any official or employee thereof, be held as assuming any such liability or responsibility by reason of the inspection authorized hereunder or the certificate of approval issued by the inspector. (1984 Code, § 4-312)

## CHAPTER 4

### HOUSING CODE

#### SECTION

12-401. Housing code adopted.

12-402. Modifications.

12-403. Violations.

**12-401. Housing code adopted.** The Standard Housing Code,<sup>1</sup> 1994 edition, together with all appendices, 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. (1984 Code, § 4-401, modified)

**12-402. Modifications.** Wherever the housing code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority" it shall be deemed to be a reference to the city commission.

When the "Housing Official" is named, it shall be deemed to mean such person as the city commission shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the housing code.

Whenever the housing code refers to the "Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the City Commission of the City of Adamsville.

Sections 102.2, 106.1, and 110 are hereby deleted. (1984 Code, § 4-402)

**12-403. 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. (1984 Code, § 4-403)

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## CHAPTER 5

### MODEL ENERGY CODE<sup>1</sup>

#### SECTION

- 12-501. Model energy code adopted.
- 12-502. Modifications.
- 12-503. Available in recorder's office.
- 12-504. Violation and penalty.

**12-501. 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 Code<sup>2</sup> 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.

**12-502. Modifications.** Whenever the energy code refers to the "responsible government agency," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the City of Adamsville. When the "building official" is named it shall, for the purposes of the energy code, mean such person as the city commission shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the energy code.

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<sup>1</sup>State 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.

<sup>2</sup>Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from The Council of American Building Officials, 5203 Leesburg, Pike Falls Church, Virginia 22041.

**12-503. 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.

**12-504. 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.