

**THE  
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MUNICIPAL  
CODE**

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## PREFACE

The Rutherford Municipal Code contains the codification and revision of the ordinances of the Town of Rutherford, 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 town's ordinance book or the town recorder for a comprehensive and up to date review of the town's ordinances.

Following this preface is an outline of the ordinance adoption procedures, if any, prescribed by the town'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 8 of the adopting ordinance).
- (2) That one copy of every ordinance adopted by the town is kept in a separate ordinance book and forwarded to MTAS annually.
- (3) That the town agrees to reimburse MTAS for the actual costs of reproducing replacement pages for the code (no charge is made for the consultant's work, and reproduction costs are usually nominal).

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  
TOWN CHARTER**

Ordinances

SECTION 12. Any action of the Board having a regulatory or penal effect, awarding franchises, or required to be done by ordinance under this Charter or the general laws of the state, shall be done only by ordinance. Other actions may be accomplished by resolutions or motions. Ordinances and resolutions shall be in written form before being introduced. The enacting clause of ordinances shall be "Be it ordained by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Rutherford:". Every ordinance must be approved on two (2) readings and there shall be no more than one (1) reading on any one (1) day. An ordinance may receive first reading upon its introduction. Ordinances shall take effect upon final reading, adoption and being signed by the Mayor unless a different effective date is designated in the ordinance.

Ordinances shall be identified with a two (2) part numeration. The first part shall consist of the four (4) digits representing the year the ordinance was introduced. The second part shall be the number of its order of introduction that year.

All duly enacted ordinances and this charter shall be compiled in a well-bound volume(s) to be known as the "Rutherford Municipal Code."

## TITLE 1

### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION<sup>1</sup>

#### CHAPTER

1. BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.
2. MAYOR.
3. STANDING COMMITTEES.
4. RECORDER-TREASURER.

#### CHAPTER 1

### BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN<sup>2</sup>

#### SECTION

- 1-101. Elections.
- 1-102. Time and place of regular meetings.
- 1-103. Special meetings.
- 1-104. Order of business.
- 1-105. Rules of order.
- 1-106. Ordinances.

**1-101. Elections.** Elections shall be held at the Rutherford Fire Department. (1968 Code, § 1-101, as amended by Ord. #1993-12, Dec. 1993)

**1-102. Time and place of regular meetings.** The board of mayor and aldermen shall hold regular monthly meetings at 7:00 P.M. on the third Monday

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<sup>1</sup>Charter references

See the charter index, the charter itself, and footnote references to the charter in the front of this code.

Municipal code references

Building, plumbing, electrical and gas inspectors: title 12.

Fire department: title 7.

Utilities: titles 18 and 19.

Wastewater treatment: title 18.

Zoning: title 14.

<sup>2</sup>Charter references

Compensation, quorum, etc.: § 7.

of each month at the town hall. (1968 Code, § 1-102, as amended by Ord. #1993-2, Aug. 1993)

**1-103. Special meetings.** There shall be special meetings of the board of mayor and aldermen at such times as necessity may demand. Said special meetings shall be had on the call of the mayor, and the mayor shall call special meetings of the board on the written request of three (3) aldermen, but no special meeting of the board shall be had until all the aldermen have been notified. Provided further, that no business shall be transacted at a special meeting of the board, except that for which the board was convened, and the notice convening the board in special session shall state the purpose of the meeting, and the caption of the minutes of such special meeting shall show fully for what purpose the meeting was called. (1986 Code, § 1-103)

**1-104. Order of business.** At each meeting of the board of mayor and aldermen, the following regular order of business shall be observed unless dispensed with by a majority vote of the members present:

- (1) Call to order by the mayor.
- (2) Roll call by the recorder.
- (3) Reading of minutes of the previous meeting by the recorder, and approval or correction.
- (4) Grievances from citizens.
- (5) Communications from the mayor.
- (6) Reports from committees, members of the board of mayor and aldermen, and other officers.
- (7) Old business.
- (8) New business.
- (9) Adjournment. (1968 Code, § 1-104)

**1-105. Rules of order.** (1) Points of order. The mayor shall decide all points of order subject to an appeal to the board of aldermen.

(2) Addressing the board. No person, except a member of the board, shall address the mayor or board without first obtaining the consent of the board by a majority vote.

(3) Ordinances, etc., to be reduced to writing. No ordinance or resolution shall be acted on by the board unless the same be reduced to writing.

(4) Reading of ordinances, etc. All ordinances and resolutions, before they shall be acted upon or discussed by the board, shall first be read and shall have a motion and second.

(5) Motions to reconsider. All motions to reconsider the action of the board shall be made at the meeting at which the matter is acted upon.

(6) Addressing board. No member of the board shall speak to the board until he has first risen to his feet, addressed the mayor and been recognized by the mayor as entitled to the floor, and no member shall be allowed to speak upon the same question more than twice, at the same meeting, and not longer than ten (10) minutes in the first speech nor longer than five (5) minutes in the second, except by special consent of the board.

(7) Decorum. Any member or members who shall interrupt any one having the floor without the consent of such member, or otherwise disturb or obstruct the business of the board, shall be called to order by the mayor, and, on failure to obey order of the mayor, shall be in contempt, and shall be subject to a fine in the discretion of the mayor in a sum not exceeding \$5.00, to be collected as other fines.

(8) Amendments. All amendments offered to any ordinance or resolution pending before the board shall be reduced to writing before the same are offered.

(9) Motions. During the pendency of any question before the board, the following motions may be made at any time when the floor is not occupied by a member.

- (a) To adjourn.
- (b) To lay any motion, resolution, or ordinance on the table.
- (c) To postpone to some future fixed date.
- (d) To refer the pending matter to a committee.
- (e) To amend the pending matter.
- (f) To non-concur in the report of the committee.

But none of these motions shall be made to the interruption of a member who is entitled to the floor. A motion to lay on the table or to adjourn shall not be debatable.

(10) Member absenting himself without permission. No member shall absent himself from the board without first getting permission from the mayor, and any member who shall absent himself without having thus obtained the consent of the mayor, may be fined by the mayor in any sum not exceeding \$5.00, subject to be remitted at any time by the board on good cause being shown by the offending member.

(11) Mayor to enforce rules of order. The mayor shall see that the rules and regulations governing the proceedings of the board are enforced, and that the order of business prescribed in § 1-104 is followed; however, at any time for special reason satisfactory to the board, the rules and order of business may be suspended to take up a special matter. (1968 Code, § 1-105)

**1-106. Ordinances.**<sup>1</sup> (1) Passed when. All ordinances shall be passed by the board of mayor and aldermen at the regular or special meetings of said board, and no ordinance shall be passed at a special or called meeting of said board, unless the notice calling said board in special session shall contain a substantial statement of the nature of the ordinance proposed to be passed, and said notice of said special meeting shall be given at least twenty-four (24) hours before the board is called to meet.

(2) How passed. The full text of any ordinance proposed to be enacted shall be written out in full, and presented to the board by a member thereof, and shall be subject to amendment, and shall receive a majority of the votes of the entire board.

(3) Entering of. As soon as any ordinance shall have been passed, if left in the original shape in which it was presented, or having received amendments, it shall be at once signed by the mayor and recorder, and at some suitable place the date of its passage shall be marked upon it, and the recorder shall thereupon enter the same by name, number, and/or date in the minutes of the meeting at which it was passed, and the ordinance so entered shall be read and approved or corrected at the first subsequent meeting of the board.

For the failure of the recorder to enter an ordinance upon the minutes or in the book of ordinances, he shall forfeit and pay the municipality the sum of ten dollars for each failure, which amount, if not otherwise paid, shall be deducted out of any amount due him for service to the municipality, and it shall be the duty of the finance committee to make examination of this matter.

(4) Filing and preservation of. The recorder shall be the custodian of, and responsible for, the safe-keeping of all the original ordinances, and shall safely keep the same in a book of ordinances and turn them over to his successor, and on failure so to do, shall forfeit to the municipality the sum of \$5.00, for each ordinance that is misplaced by him, which amount shall be collectible out of any funds due him for services, if not otherwise paid.

(5) Take effect when. All ordinances shall take effect from the time of their passage, provided the same is so provided in the ordinance; otherwise, it will not go into effect until the expiration of ten days after its passage. (1968 Code, § 1-106)

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<sup>1</sup>Charter reference  
Ordinances: § 12.

## CHAPTER 2

### MAYOR

#### SECTION

1-201. Generally supervises municipality's affairs.

1-202. To appoint committees.

1-203. To deliver official papers to successor.

**1-201. Generally supervises municipality's affairs.** The mayor shall have general supervision of all municipal affairs and may require such reports from the officers and employees as he may reasonably deem necessary to carry out his executive responsibilities. The mayor shall also perform such other duties as the board of aldermen may, from time to time, impose upon him by ordinance or order not inconsistent with the town charter. (1968 Code, § 1-201)

**1-202. To appoint committees.** It shall be the duty of the mayor to appoint all standing committees unless otherwise provided in the ordinance creating the special committees. (1968 Code, § 1-202)

**1-203. To deliver official papers to successor.** At the close of his term of office the mayor shall deliver to his successor in office all the bonds, papers, and files belonging to his office and take an itemized receipt for the same, which receipt shall be spread on the minutes of the board of mayor and aldermen. (1968 Code, § 1-203)

## CHAPTER 3

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### SECTION

1-301. Finance and street committees.

1-302. How appointed and when.

1-303. Duties of the finance committee.

1-304. Duties of the street committee.

**1-301. Finance and street committees.** There shall be a standing committee called the finance committee, and a standing committee called the street committee. These two committees shall consist of three (3) members each, and the members of the same shall be aldermen; provided, however, that the mayor may serve on the street committee, and if the board of mayor and aldermen so desire, and so order, they may appoint two capable and reliable persons from among the citizens of the town to serve on the finance committee. (1968 Code, § 1-301)

**1-302. How appointed and when.** At the first meeting of the board of mayor and aldermen of each year, after the officers have been sworn in, the mayor shall appoint the finance committee and the street committee, which two (2) committees will serve for the period of one (1) year; provided, however, that if the board shall desire two (2) members of the finance committee to be taken from the citizens of the town, they shall by motion signify the same, and if the motion prevails, the mayor shall appoint two (2) members from the body of citizens of the town; and provided further, that in appointing the members of the street committee, he will if possible take them as nearly as possible from different parts of the municipality. (1968 Code, § 1-302)

**1-303. Duties of the finance committee.** The finance committee shall exercise general supervision over and shall originate and/or review proposals, plans, or programs concerning budgetary and other fiscal matters of the municipality; the committee shall make investigations and submit reports and/or recommendations to the board of mayor and aldermen on such matters; and in addition the committee shall periodically examine the financial records kept by the recorder-treasurer. (1968 Code, § 1-303)

**1-304. Duties of the street committee.** The street committee shall have and exercise general supervision over matters, personnel, and property concerning sanitation, streets, and other public ways and places, and shall be responsible to the board of mayor and aldermen for submitting proposals, plans,

programs, and other appropriate reports involving any of the above items.  
(1968 Code, § 1-304)

## CHAPTER 4

### **RECORDER-TREASURER**

#### **SECTION**

1-401. Offices to be combined.

1-402. To be bonded.

1-403. Duties to be performed.

**1-401. Offices to be combined.** The offices of recorder and treasurer shall be combined, and the person who shall be elected to serve as the recorder of the municipality shall also serve as the treasurer. (1968 Code, § 1-401)

**1-402. To be bonded.** The recorder-treasurer shall be bonded in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), with surety acceptable to the board of mayor and aldermen, before assuming the duties of his office. (1968 Code, § 1-402)

**1-403. Duties to be performed.** (1) The recorder-treasurer shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the board of mayor and aldermen and shall preserve the original copy of all ordinances in a separate ordinance book.

(2) The recorder-treasurer shall collect all privilege taxes and issue all licenses pursuant thereto; he shall keep an accurate record of the privilege taxes collected and the licenses issued, specifying the purpose of the license, the person receiving, date issued, and expiration date.

(3) It shall be the duty of the recorder-treasurer to receive all funds for the use and benefit of the municipality and to disburse the same in accordance with the Charter and ordinances of the municipality. He shall keep regular and correct accounts in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles for municipalities.

(4) The recorder-treasurer shall perform all administrative duties for the board of mayor and aldermen and for the municipality which are not expressly assigned by the charter or this code to another corporate officer. He shall also have custody of, and be responsible for maintaining all corporate bonds, records, and papers in such fireproof vault or safe as the municipality shall provide. (1968 Code, § 1-403)

**TITLE 2****BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ETC.****CHAPTER****1. DAVID CROCKETT CABIN COMMISSION.****CHAPTER 1****DAVID CROCKETT CABIN COMMISSION****SECTION**

2-101. Creation and membership.

2-102. Appointment of chairman and other members.

2-103. Vacancies.

2-104. Duties.

2-105. Members to serve without compensation.

2-106. Finances.

**2-101. Creation and membership.** There is hereby created and established the David Crockett Cabin Commission for the Town of Rutherford, Tennessee, to be composed of five (5) members to serve for a term of two (2) years each. At least one member shall be an alderman of the Town of Rutherford. (Ord. #1994-7, Dec. 1994)

**2-102. Appointment of chairman and other members.** The mayor shall appoint the chairman of said commission and the aldermen to serve on said commission. The chairman shall appoint the other three (3) members and their successors in office as vacancies occur. Provided, however, that all such appointments shall be ratified and approved by the board of mayor and aldermen before such appointments become final. Said appointments shall be made at the first regular meeting of the board of mayor and aldermen following the election of said board. (Ord. #1994-7, Dec. 1994)

**2-103. Vacancies.** In the event of a vacancy in office on the David Crockett Cabin Commission, appointments shall be made for the remainder of the term. (Ord. #1994-7, Dec. 1994)

**2-104. Duties.** The David Crockett Cabin Commission shall have the duty of maintaining and operating the David Crockett Cabin historical site in the Town of Rutherford, Tennessee, within the resources at their command. (Ord. #1994-7, Dec. 1994)

**2-105. Members to serve without compensation.** The members of said commission shall receive no compensation. (Ord. #1994-7, Dec. 1994)

**2-106. Finances.** The board of mayor and aldermen are authorized to make such appropriations to the David Crockett Cabin Commission as they see fit to provide for the maintenance and operation of the David Crockett Cabin historical site. Said commission is authorized to charge admission and user's fees and to accept gifts and grants from private persons or agencies and shall use such money wisely and prudently for the maintenance and operation of the David Crockett Cabin historical site. (Ord. #1994-7, Dec. 1994)

**TITLE 3**

**MUNICIPAL COURT**

**CHAPTER**

1. CITY JUDGE.
2. COURT ADMINISTRATION.
3. WARRANTS, SUMMONSES AND SUBPOENAS.
4. BONDS AND APPEALS.

**CHAPTER 1**

**CITY JUDGE**

**SECTION**

3-101. City judge.

**3-101. City judge.** The officer appointed by the board of mayor and aldermen to handle judicial matters within the municipality shall preside over the city court and shall be known as the city judge. (1968 Code, § 1-601)

## CHAPTER 2

### COURT ADMINISTRATION

#### SECTION

3-201. Maintenance of docket.

3-202. Imposition of fines and costs.

3-203. Disposition and report of fines, penalties, and costs.

3-204. Disturbance of proceedings.

3-205. Trial and disposition of cases.

**3-201. Maintenance of docket.** The city judge shall keep a complete docket of all matters coming before him in his judicial capacity. The docket shall include for each defendant such information as his name; warrant and/or summons numbers; alleged offense; disposition; fines, penalties, and costs imposed and whether collected; whether committed to workhouse; and all other information which may be relevant. (1968 Code, § 1-602)

**3-202. Imposition of fines and costs.** All fines, penalties, and costs shall be imposed and recorded by the city judge on the city court docket in open court.

In all cases heard or determined by him, the city judge shall tax in the bill of costs the same amounts and for the same items allowed in courts of general sessions<sup>1</sup> for similar work in state cases. (1968 Code, § 1-608)

**3-203. Disposition and report of fines, penalties, and costs.** All funds coming into the hands of the city judge in the form of fines, penalties, costs, and forfeitures shall be recorded by him and paid over daily to the town. At the end of each month he shall submit to the board of mayor and aldermen a report accounting for the collection or noncollection of all fines, penalties, and costs imposed by his court during the current month and to date for the current fiscal year. (1968 Code, § 1-611)

**3-204. Disturbance of proceedings.** It shall be unlawful for any person to create any disturbance of any trial before the city court by making loud or unusual noises, by using indecorous, profane, or blasphemous language, or by any distracting conduct whatsoever. (1968 Code, § 1-612)

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 8-21-401.

**3-205. Trial and disposition of cases.** Every person charged with violating a municipal ordinance shall be entitled to an immediate trial and disposition of his case, provided the city court is in session or the city judge is reasonably available. However, the provisions of this section shall not apply when the alleged offender, by reason of drunkenness or other incapacity, is not in a proper condition or is not able to appear before the court. (1968 Code, § 1-606)

## CHAPTER 3

### WARRANTS, SUMMONSES AND SUBPOENAS

#### SECTION

3-301. Issuance of arrest warrants.

3-302. Issuance of summonses.

3-303. Issuance of subpoenas.

**3-301. Issuance of arrest warrants.**<sup>1</sup> The city judge shall have the power to issue warrants for the arrest of persons charged with violating municipal ordinances. (1968 Code, § 1-603)

**3-302. Issuance of summonses.** When a complaint of an alleged ordinance violation is made to the city judge, the judge may in his discretion, in lieu of issuing an arrest warrant, issue a summons ordering the alleged offender personally to appear before the city court at a time specified therein to answer to the charges against him. The summons shall contain a brief description of the offense charged but need not set out verbatim the provisions of the municipal code or ordinance alleged to have been violated. Upon failure of any person to appear before the city court as commanded in a summons lawfully served on him, the cause may be proceeded with ex parte, and the judgment of the court shall be valid and binding subject to the defendant's right of appeal. (1968 Code, § 1-604)

**3-303. Issuance of subpoenas.** The city judge may subpoena as witnesses all persons whose testimony he believes will be relevant and material to matters coming before his court, and it shall be unlawful for any person lawfully served with such a subpoena to fail or neglect to comply therewith. (1968 Code, § 1-605)

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

For authority to issue warrants see Tennessee Code Annotated, title 40, chapter 6.

## CHAPTER 4

### BONDS AND APPEALS

#### SECTION

3-401. Appearance bonds authorized.

3-402. Appeals.

3-403. Bond amounts, conditions, and forms.

**3-401. Appearance bonds authorized.** (1) Deposit allowed. Whenever any person lawfully possessing a chauffeur's or operator's license theretofore issued to him by the Tennessee Department of Safety, or under the driver licensing laws of any other state or territory or the District of Columbia, is issued a citation or arrested and charged with the violation of any town ordinance or state statute regulating traffic, except those ordinances and statutes, the violation of which call for the mandatory revocation of a operator's or chauffeur's license for any period of time, such person shall have the option of depositing his chauffeur's or operator's license with the officer or court demanding bail in lieu of any other security required for his appearance in the city court of this municipality in answer to such charge before said court.

(2) Receipt to be issued. Whenever any person deposits his chauffeur's or operator's license as provided, either the officer or the court demanding bail as described above, shall issue the person a receipt for the license upon a form approved or provided by the department of safety, and thereafter the person shall be permitted to operate a motor vehicle upon the public highways of this state during the pendency of the case in which the license was deposited. The receipt shall be valid as a temporary driving permit for a period not less than the time necessary for an appropriate adjudication of the matter in the city court, and shall state such period of validity on its face.

(3) Failure to appear - disposition of license. In the event that any driver who has deposited his chauffeur's or operator's license in lieu of bail fails to appear in answer to the charges filed against him, the clerk or judge of the city court accepting the license shall forward the same to the Tennessee Department of Safety for disposition by said department in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-50-801, et seq. (1968 Code, § 1-607, modified)

**3-402. Appeals.** Any defendant who is dissatisfied with any judgment of the city court against him may, within ten (10) days<sup>1</sup> next after such

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

judgment is rendered, appeal to the next term of the circuit court upon posting a proper appeal bond. (1968 Code, § 1-609)

**3-403. Bond amounts, conditions, and forms.** An appearance bond in any case before the city court shall be in such amount as the city judge shall prescribe and shall be conditioned that the defendant shall appear for trial before the city court at the stated time and place. An appeal bond in any case shall be in such sum as the city judge shall prescribe, not to exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), and shall be conditioned that if the circuit court shall find against the appellant the fine or penalty and all costs of the trial and appeal shall be promptly paid by the defendant and/or his sureties. An appearance or appeal bond in any case may be made in the form of a cash deposit or by any corporate surety company authorized to do business in Tennessee or by two (2) private persons who individually own real property within the county. No other type bond shall be acceptable. (1968 Code, § 1-610)

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Tennessee Code Annotated, § 27-5-101.

## TITLE 4

### MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL

#### CHAPTER

1. SOCIAL SECURITY.
2. VACATION AND SICK LEAVE, HOLIDAY REGULATIONS, ETC.
3. PERSONNEL REGULATIONS.
4. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM.
5. INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL POLICY.
6. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT REGULATIONS.

#### CHAPTER 1

### SOCIAL SECURITY

#### SECTION

- 4-101. Policy and purpose as to coverage.
- 4-102. Necessary agreements to be executed.
- 4-103. Withholdings from salaries or wages.
- 4-104. Appropriations for employer's contributions.
- 4-105. Records and reports.
- 4-106. Exemptions from coverage.

**4-101. Policy and purpose as to coverage.** It is hereby declared to be the policy and purpose of this town to provide for all eligible employees and officials of the town, whether employed in connection with a governmental or proprietary function, the benefits of the system of federal old age and survivors insurance. In pursuance of said policy, and for that purpose, the town shall take such action as may be required by applicable state and federal laws or regulations. (1968 Code, § 1-801)

**4-102. Necessary agreements to be executed.** The mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all the necessary agreements and amendments thereto with the state executive director of old age insurance, as agent or agency, to secure coverage of employees and officials as provided in the preceding section. (1968 Code, § 1-802)

**4-103. Withholdings from salaries or wages.** Withholdings from the salaries or wages of employees and officials for the purpose provided in the first section of this chapter are hereby authorized to be made in the amounts and at such times as may be required by applicable state or federal laws or regulations,

and shall be paid over to the state or federal agency designated by said laws or regulations. (1968 Code, § 1-803)

**4-104. Appropriations for employer's contributions.** There shall be appropriated from available funds such amounts at such times as may be required by applicable state or federal laws or regulations for employer's contributions, and the same shall be paid over to the state or federal agency designated by said laws or regulations. (1968 Code, § 1-804)

**4-105. Records and reports.** The recorder shall keep such records and make such reports as may be required by applicable state and federal laws or regulations. (1968 Code, § 1-805)

**4-106. Exemptions from coverage.** There is hereby excluded from this chapter any authority to make any agreement with respect to emergency, part-time, and fee based employees and elective legislative, executive, and judicial officials, or any employee or official now covered or authorized to be covered by any other ordinance creating any retirement system, or any employee or official not authorized to be covered by applicable federal or state laws or regulations. (1968 Code, § 1-806)

## CHAPTER 2

### VACATION AND SICK LEAVE, HOLIDAY REGULATIONS, ETC.

#### SECTION

- 4-201. Eligibility.
- 4-202. Holidays.
- 4-203. Vacation leave.
- 4-204. Sick leave.
- 4-205. Funeral leave.
- 4-206. Jury duty.

**4-201. Eligibility.** All full-time employees are eligible for all benefits provided by the town. Any benefits which accrue pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be in addition to that an employee may have accrued as of December 31, 1994. This section shall be retroactive to January 1, 1995. (Ord. #1995-1, March 1995)

**4-202. Holidays.** All offices of the Town of Rutherford, except emergency and necessary operations, will be closed and employees allowed a day off with pay on the following legal holidays:

New Years Day:	January 1st
Good Friday:	Friday preceding Easter
Memorial Day:	Last Monday in May
Independence Day:	July 4th
Labor Day:	First Monday in September
Thanksgiving Day:	Fourth Thursday in November
Christmas Day:	December 25th

When a legal holiday falls on Saturday, the preceding Friday will be observed as that holiday. When a holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday will be observed as that holiday. Employees must be in a pay status on the work day before and on the work day after the holiday, unless otherwise excused by their supervisor, in order to receive compensation for the holiday. (Ord. #1995-1, March 1995)

**4-203. Vacation leave.** All full-time employees who have worked for the Town of Rutherford for at least 1 year shall be given five days of vacation leave with pay each year. After two years of continuous service, full-time employees shall be given 10 days of vacation leave with pay each year. After 10 years continuous service, full-time employees shall be given 15 days of vacation

leave with pay each year. Such vacation leave shall be taken at a time approved by the employee's supervisor. Except by prior approval, vacation leave must be taken by the end of the year in which it is earned, or sold back to the Town. Upon separation, employees are entitled to be reimbursed for any unused vacation. (Ord. #1995-1, March 1995)

**4-204. Sick leave.** All full-time employees shall be given credit for one day of sick leave with pay for each month of work for the Town of Rutherford. The maximum credit for accrued sick leave shall be 30 days. Sick leave may be granted for any of the following reasons:

(1) Personal illness or physical incapacity resulting from causes beyond the employees control.

(2) Exposure to contagious disease so that their presence at work might jeopardize the health of other employees.

(3) Medical, dental, optical or other professional treatments or examinations.

(4) Acute illness of a member of the employee's immediate family (spouse, parents or children).

Upon termination or resignation, any unused sick leave shall not be cashed in for compensation. Sick leave shall not be paid in addition to worker's compensation benefits. (Ord. #1995-1, March 1995)

**4-205. Funeral leave.** All full-time employees shall be allowed one day of leave with pay for the death of a spouse of the employee, or the death of a parent, child, brother, sister, or grandparent of the employee or the employee's spouse. Employees may elect to take two additional days to be deducted from accumulated sick leave. One day of sick leave may be taken for the death of relatives of the employee not listed above. (Ord. #1995-1, March 1995)

**4-206. Jury duty.** All full-time employees who are summoned for jury duty in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee or the United States of America shall report for the same at the time and place designated. Should an employee so summoned not be selected for jury duty, that employee shall return to work, along with a statement from the proper court official and the employee shall receive his/her normal rate of pay, less the jury duty payment. Should the employee be selected to serve on the jury and shall serve during working hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Town of Rutherford shall then supplement the jury pay so that he/she receives his/her normal payment for the normal work day. (Ord. #1995-1, March 1995)

## CHAPTER 3

### PERSONNEL REGULATIONS

#### SECTION

- 4-301. Business dealings.
- 4-302. Acceptance of gratuities.
- 4-303. Outside employment.
- 4-304. Political activity.
- 4-305. Use of municipal time, facilities, etc.
- 4-306. Use of position.
- 4-307. Strikes and unions.

**4-301. Business dealings.** Except for the receipt of such compensation as may be lawfully provided for the performance of his municipal duties, it shall be unlawful for any municipal officer or employee to be privately interested in, or to profit, directly or indirectly, from business dealings with the municipality. (1968 Code, § 1-901)

**4-302. Acceptance of gratuities.** No town officer or employee shall accept any money or other consideration or favor from anyone other than the town for the performance of an act which he would be required or expected to perform in the regular course of his duties; nor shall any officer or employee accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, gratuity, or favor of any kind which might reasonably be interpreted as an attempt to influence his actions with respect to town business. (1968 Code, § 1-902)

**4-303. Outside employment.** No full time officer or employee of the municipality shall accept any outside employment without written authorization from the mayor. The mayor shall not grant such authorization if the work is likely to interfere with the satisfactory performance of the officer's or employee's duties, or is incompatible with his municipal employment, or is likely to cast discredit upon or create embarrassment for the municipality. (1968 Code, § 1-903)

**4-304. Political activity.** Municipal officers and employees shall enjoy the same rights of other citizens of Tennessee to be a candidate for any state or local political office, the right to participate in political activities by supporting or opposing political parties, political candidates, and petitions to governmental entities; provided the town is not required to pay the employee's salary for work not performed for the town. Provided, however, municipal employees shall not be qualified to run for elected office in the city council. The restriction against running for office in the city council shall not apply to elective officials or to

off-duty law enforcement officers acting as private citizens. (1968 Code, § 1-904, modified)

**4-305. Use of municipal time, facilities, etc.** No town officer or employee shall use or authorize the use of municipal time, facilities, equipment, or supplies for private gain or advantage to himself or any other private person or group. Provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply where the governing body has authorized the use of such time, facilities, equipment, or supplies, and the municipality is paid at such rates as are normally charged by private sources for comparable services. (1968 Code, § 1-905)

**4-306. Use of position.** No town officer or employee shall make or attempt to make private purchases, for cash or otherwise, in the name of the town, nor shall he otherwise use or attempt to use his position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or others. (1968 Code, § 1-906)

**4-307. Strikes and unions.** No municipal officer or employee shall participate in any strike against the municipality, nor shall he join, be a member of, or solicit any other municipal officer or employee to join any labor union which authorizes the use of strikes by government employees. (1968 Code, § 1-907)

## CHAPTER 4

### OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM

#### SECTION

4-401. Title.

4-402. Recorder designated program director.

4-403. Program standards.

4-404. Effective date of plan.

**4-401. Title.** This chapter shall be known as the "Occupational Safety and Health Program for the Employees of the Town of Rutherford."

**4-402. Recorder designated program director.** The Town of Rutherford hereby designates the recorder, hereinafter referred to as the "director," to establish a safety and health program in compliance with the requirements of the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1972, and he is hereby given the authority to implement a plan which shall encompass the issues and standards which have been promulgated by applicable state standards.

**4-403. Program standards.** This plan shall be at least as effective as the federal or state standards on the same issues and shall include the following:

(1) The director or his authorized representatives shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any establishment, construction site, plant or other area, workplace or environment where work is performed in the Town of Rutherford; and to inspect and investigate any such place of employment and all pertinent conditions, processes, machines, devices, equipment and materials therein, and to question privately any supervisor or employee.

(2) The director may issue subpoenas to require the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence under oath for the purpose of confirming or supplementing his findings.

(3) The director shall provide for education and training of personnel for the administration of the program, and he shall provide for the education and training of all employees of the town to the extent that same is necessary for said employees to recognize and report safety and health problems as defined in the applicable standards.

(4) All employees shall be informed of the policies and the standards set forth by the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act.

(5) All employees of the town shall be informed of safety hazards, exposure to toxic or harmful materials and imminent danger situations that may occur in their jobs.

(6) The director or his authorized representative shall upon any allegation of imminent danger immediately ascertain whether there is a reasonable basis for the complaint. He shall make a preliminary determination of whether or not the complaint appears to have merit. If such is the case he or his authorized representative shall report the same to the board of mayor and aldermen.

(7) Any employee shall be given the right to participate in an investigation or inspection which involves a safety and/or health situation which concerns his work area.

(8) The director shall establish a safety and health training program designed to instruct each employee in the recognition and avoidance of unsafe conditions and the regulations applicable to his work environment.

(9) The director shall contact the Commissioner of Labor of the State of Tennessee by telephone in the event of the death of an employee involved in a work-related accident. This notification will be done as soon after the fatality as possible but not to exceed 48 hours.

(10) The director shall set up a procedure for requesting a variance from the Tennessee Department of Labor in the event an operation within the town does not meet the standards set by the Occupational Safety and Health Act and immediate action to alleviate the discrepancy is not possible.

(11) The director shall establish and maintain a system for collecting and reporting safety and health data required under the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act.

(12) The director shall apply this program to employees of each administrative department, commission, board, division or other agency of the Town of Rutherford.

(13) The director shall make an annual report to the Commissioner of Labor for the State of Tennessee showing the accomplishments and progress of the Town of Rutherford in its Occupational Safety and Health Program.

(14) The director shall provide a means whereby any employee may submit a report of what he feels is a safety and/or health hazard to his immediate supervisor and the director without fear of jeopardizing his job or chances for future promotion. Such reports shall be preserved and the action thereon shall be noted on said reports and signed by the director or his designees.

(15) In implementing the plan the director shall adopt therein all the words and phrases designated as "definitions" in the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act, promulgated regulations and standards thereunder.

(16) The director shall submit said plan to the Tennessee Department of Labor for approval on or before \_\_\_\_\_.

**4-404. Effective date of plan.** The plan, upon its approval by the Tennessee Department of Labor, shall become effective to the Town of

Rutherford and at this time shall become a part of this chapter as fully and completely as if set out herein.

## CHAPTER 5

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL POLICY

#### SECTION

- 4-501. Purpose.
- 4-502. Coverage.
- 4-503. Administration.
- 4-504. Definitions.
- 4-505. Policy statement.
- 4-506. General guidelines.
- 4-507. Hepatitis B vaccinations.
- 4-508. Reporting potential exposure.
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- 4-512. Training regular employees.
- 4-513. Training high risk employees.
- 4-514. Training new employees.
- 4-515. Records and reports.
- 4-516. Legal rights of victims of communicable diseases.

**4-501. Purpose.** It is the responsibility of the Town of Rutherford to provide employees a place of employment which is free from recognized hazards that may cause death or serious physical harm. In providing services to the citizens of the Town of Rutherford, employees may come in contact with life-threatening infectious diseases which can be transmitted through job related activities. It is important that both citizens and employees are protected from the transmission of diseases just as it is equally important that neither is discriminated against because of basic misconceptions about various diseases and illnesses.

The purpose of this policy is to establish a comprehensive set of rules and regulations governing the prevention of discrimination and potential occupational exposure to Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and Tuberculosis (TB).

**4-502. Coverage.** Occupational exposures may occur in many ways, including needle sticks, cut injuries or blood spills. Several classes of employees are assumed to be at high risk for blood borne infections due to their routinely increased exposure to body fluids from potentially infected individuals. Those high risk occupations include but are not limited to:

- (1) Paramedics and emergency medical technicians;
- (2) Occupational nurses;

- (3) Housekeeping and laundry workers;
- (4) Police and security personnel;
- (5) Firefighters;
- (6) Sanitation and landfill workers; and
- (7) Any other employee deemed to be at high risk per this policy and an exposure determination.

**4-503. Administration.** This infection control policy shall be administered by the mayor or his/her designated representative who shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (1) Exercise leadership in implementation and maintenance of an effective infection control policy subject to the provisions of this chapter, other ordinances, the town charter, and federal and state law relating to OSHA regulations;
- (2) Make an exposure determination for all employee positions to determine a possible exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials;
- (3) Maintain records of all employees and incidents subject to the provisions of this chapter;
- (4) Conduct periodic inspections to determine compliance with the infection control policy by municipal employees;
- (5) Coordinate and document all relevant training activities in support of the infection control policy;
- (6) Prepare and recommend to the board of mayor and aldermen any amendments or changes to the infection control policy;
- (7) Identify any and all housekeeping operations involving substantial risk of direct exposure to potentially infectious materials and shall address the proper precautions to be taken while cleaning rooms and blood spills; and
- (8) Perform such other duties and exercise such other authority as may be prescribed by the board of mayor and aldermen.

**4-504. Definitions.** (1) "Body fluids" - fluids that have been recognized by the Center for Disease Control as directly linked to the transmission of HIV and/or HBV and/or to which universal precautions apply: blood, semen, blood products, vaginal secretions, cerebrospinal fluid, synovial fluid, pericardial fluid, amniotic fluid, and concentrated HIV or HBV viruses.

(2) "Exposure" - the contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials to which universal precautions apply through contact with open wounds, non-intact skin, or mucous membranes during the performance of an individual's normal job duties.

(3) "Hepatitis B Virus (HBV)" - a serious blood-borne virus with potential for life-threatening complications. Possible complications include: massive hepatic necrosis, cirrhosis of the liver, chronic active hepatitis, and hepatocellular carcinoma.

(4) "Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)" - the virus that causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). HIV is transmitted through sexual contact and exposure to infected blood or blood components and perinatally from mother to neonate.

(5) "Tuberculosis (TB)" - an acute or chronic communicable disease that usually affects the respiratory system, but may involve any system in the body.

(6) "Universal precautions" - refers to a system of infectious disease control which assumes that every direct contact with body fluid is infectious and requires every employee exposed to direct contact with potentially infectious materials to be protected as though such body fluid were HBV or HIV infected.

**4-505. Policy statement.** All blood and other potentially infectious materials are infectious for several blood-borne pathogens. Some body fluids can also transmit infections. For this reason, the Center for Disease Control developed the strategy that everyone should always take particular care when there is a potential exposure. These precautions have been termed "universal precautions."

Universal precautions stress that all persons should be assumed to be infectious for HIV and/or other blood-borne pathogens. Universal precautions apply to blood, tissues, and other potentially infectious materials. Universal precautions also apply to semen, (although occupational risk or exposure is quite limited), vaginal secretions, and to cerebrospinal, synovial, pleural, peritoneal, pericardial and amniotic fluids. Universal precautions do not apply to feces, nasal secretions, human breast milk, sputum, saliva, sweat, tears, urine, and vomitus unless these substances contain visible blood.

**4-506. General guidelines.** General guidelines which shall be used by everyone include:

(1) Think when responding to emergency calls and exercise common sense when there is potential exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials which require universal precautions.

(2) Keep all open cuts and abrasions covered with adhesive bandages which repel liquids.

(3) Soap and water kill many bacteria and viruses on contact. If hands are contaminated with blood or other potentially infectious materials to which universal precautions apply, then wash immediately and thoroughly. Hands shall also be washed after gloves are removed even if the gloves appear to be intact. When soap and water or handwashing facilities are not available, then use a waterless antiseptic hand cleaner according to the manufacturers recommendation for the product.

(4) All workers shall take precautions to prevent injuries caused by needles, scalpel blades, and other sharp instruments. To prevent needle stick

injuries, needles shall not be recapped, purposely bent or broken by hand, removed from disposable syringes, or otherwise manipulated by hand. After they are used, disposable syringes and needles, scalpel blades and other sharp items shall be placed in puncture resistant containers for disposal. The puncture resistant container shall be located as close as practical to the use area.

(5) The town will provide gloves of appropriate material, quality and size for each affected employee. The gloves are to be worn when there is contact (or when there is a potential contact) with blood or other potentially infectious materials to which universal precautions apply:

- (a) While handling an individual where exposure is possible;
- (b) While cleaning or handling contaminated items or equipment;
- (c) While cleaning up an area that has been contaminated with one of the above;

Gloves shall not be used if they are peeling, cracked, or discolored, or if they have punctures, tears, or other evidence of deterioration. Employees shall not wash or disinfect surgical or examination gloves for reuse.

(6) Resuscitation equipment shall be used when necessary. (No transmission of HBV or HIV infection during mouth-to-mouth resuscitation has been documented.) However, because of the risk of salivary transmission of other infectious diseases and the theoretical risk of HIV or HBV transmission during artificial resuscitation, bags shall be used. Pocket mouth-to-mouth resuscitation masks designed to isolate emergency response personnel from contact with a victims' blood and blood contaminated saliva, respiratory secretion, and vomitus, are available to all personnel to provide or potentially provide emergency treatment.

(7) Masks or protective eyewear or face shields shall be worn during procedures that are likely to generate droplets of blood or other potentially infectious materials to prevent exposure to mucous membranes of the mouth, nose, and eyes. They are not required for routine care.

(8) Gowns, aprons, or lab coats shall be worn during procedures that are likely to generate splashes of blood or other potentially infectious materials.

(9) Areas and equipment contaminated with blood shall be cleaned as soon as possible. A household (chlorine) bleach solution (1 part chlorine to 10 parts water) shall be applied to the contaminated surface as a disinfectant leaving it on for a least 30 seconds. A solution must be changed and re-mixed every 24 hours to be effective.

(10) Contaminated clothing (or other articles) shall be handled carefully and washed as soon as possible. Laundry and dish washing cycles at 120° are adequate for decontamination.

(11) Place all disposable equipment (gloves, masks, gowns, etc...) in a clearly marked plastic bag. Place the bag in a second clearly marked bag

(double bag). Seal and dispose of by placing in a designated "hazardous" dumpster. NOTE: Sharp objects must be placed in an impervious container and shall be properly disposed of.

(12) Tags shall be used as a means of preventing accidental injury or illness to employees who are exposed to hazardous or potentially hazardous conditions, equipment or operations which are out of the ordinary, unexpected or not readily apparent. Tags shall be used until such time as the identified hazard is eliminated or the hazardous operation is completed.

All required tags shall meet the following criteria:

(a) Tags shall contain a signal word and a major message. The signal word shall be "BIOHAZARD", or the biological hazard symbol. The major message shall indicate the specific hazardous condition or the instruction to be communicated to employees.

(b) The signal word shall be readable at a minimum distance of five (5) feet or such greater distance as warranted by the hazard.

(c) All employees shall be informed of the meaning of the various tags used throughout the workplace and what special precautions are necessary.

(13) Linen soiled with blood or other potentially infectious materials shall be handled as little as possible and with minimum agitation to prevent contamination of the person handling the linen. All soiled linen shall be bagged at the location where it was used. It shall not be sorted or rinsed in the area. Soiled linen shall be placed and transported in bags that prevent leakage.

The employee responsible for transported soiled linen should always wear protective gloves to prevent possible contamination. After removing the gloves, hands or other skin surfaces shall be washed thoroughly and immediately after contact with potentially infectious materials.

(14) Whenever possible, disposable equipment shall be used to minimize and contain clean-up.

**4-507. Hepatitis B vaccinations.** The Town of Rutherford shall offer the appropriate Hepatitis B vaccination to employees at risk of exposure free of charge and in amounts and at times prescribed by standard medical practices. The vaccination shall be voluntarily administered. High risk employees who wish to take the HBV vaccination should notify their department head who shall make the appropriate arrangements through the Infectious Disease Control Coordinator.

**4-508. Reporting potential exposure.** Town employees shall observe the following procedures for reporting a job exposure incident that may put them at risk for HIV or HBV infections (i.e., needle sticks, blood contact on broken skin, body fluid contact with eyes or mouth, etc...):

(1) Notify the Infectious Disease Control Coordinator of the contact incident and details thereof.

(2) Complete the appropriate accident reports and any other specific form required.

(3) Arrangements will be made for the person to be seen by a physician as with any job-related injury.

Once an exposure has occurred, a blood sample should be drawn after consent is obtained from the individual from whom exposure occurred and tested for Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) and/or antibody to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV antibody). Testing of the source individual should be done at a location where appropriate pretest counseling is available. Post-test counseling and referral for treatment should also be provided.

**4-509. Hepatitis B virus post-exposure management.** For an exposure to a source individual found to be positive for HBsAg, the worker who has not previously been given the hepatitis B vaccine should receive the vaccine series. A single dose of hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) is also recommended, if it can be given within seven (7) days of exposure.

For exposure from an HBsAg-positive source to workers who have previously received the vaccine, the exposed worker should be tested for antibodies to hepatitis B surface antigen (anti-HBs), and given one dose of vaccine and one dose of HBIG if the antibody level in the worker's blood sample is inadequate (ie., 10 SRU by RIA, negative by EIA).

If the source individual is negative for HBsAg and the worker has not been vaccinated, this opportunity should be taken to provide the hepatitis B vaccine series. HBIG administration should be considered on an individual basis when the source individual is known or suspected to be at high risk of HBV infection. Management and treatment, if any, of previously vaccinated workers who receive an exposure from a source who refuses testing or is not identifiable should be individualized.

**4-510. Human immunodeficiency virus post-exposure management.** For any exposure to a source individual who has AIDS, who is found to be positive for HIV infection, or who refuses testing, the worker should be counseled regarding the risk of infection and evaluated clinically and serologically for evidence of HIV infection as soon as possible after the exposure. The worker should be advised to report and seek medical evaluation for any acute febrile illness that occurs within 12 weeks after the exposure. Such an illness, particularly one characterized by fever, rash, or lymphadenopathy, may be indicative of recent HIV infection.

Following the initial test at the time of exposure, seronegative workers should be retested 6 weeks, 12 weeks, and 6 months after exposure to determine whether transmission has occurred. During this follow-up period (especially the

first 6 - 12 weeks after exposure) exposed workers should follow the U.S. Public Health service recommendation for preventing transmission of HIV. These include refraining from blood donations and using appropriate protection during sexual intercourse. During all phases of follow-up, it is vital that worker confidentiality be protected.

If the source individual was tested and found to be seronegative, baseline testing of the exposed worker with follow-up testing 12 weeks later may be performed if desired by the worker or recommended by the health care provider. If the source individual cannot be identified, decisions regarding appropriate follow-up should be individualized. Serologic testing should be made available by the town to all workers who may be concerned they have been infected with HIV through an occupational exposure.

**4-511. Disability benefits.** Entitlement to disability benefits and any other benefits available for employees who suffer from on-the-job injuries will be determined by the Tennessee Worker's Compensations Bureau in accordance with the provisions of T.C.A. 50-6-303.

**4-512. Training regular employees.** On an annual basis all employees shall receive training and education on precautionary measures, epidemiology, modes of transmission and prevention of HIV/HBV infection and procedures to be used if they are exposed to needle sticks or potentially infectious materials. They shall also be counseled regarding possible risks to the fetus from HIV/HBV and other associated infectious agents.

**4-513. Training high risk employees.** In addition to the above, high risk employees shall also receive training regarding the location and proper use of personal protective equipment. They shall be trained concerning proper work practices and understand the concept of "universal precautions" as it applies to their work situation. They shall also be trained about the meaning of color coding and other methods used to designate contaminated material. Where tags are used, training shall cover precautions to be used in handling contaminated material as per this policy.

**4-514. Training new employees.** During the new employee's orientation to his/her job, all new employee will be trained on the effects of infectious disease prior to putting them to work.

**4-515. Records and reports.** (1) Reports. Occupational injury and illness records shall be maintained by the infectious disease control coordinator. Statistics shall be maintained on the OSHA-200 report. Only those work-related injuries that involve loss of consciousness, transfer to another job,

restriction of work or motion, or medical treatment are required to be put on the OSHA-200.

(2) Needle sticks. Needle sticks, like any other puncture wound, are considered injuries for recordkeeping purposes due to the instantaneous nature of the event. Therefore, any needle stick requiring medical treatment (i.e. gamma globulin, hepatitis B immune globulin, hepatitis B vaccine, etc...) shall be recorded.

(3) Prescription medication. Likewise, the use of prescription medication (beyond a single dose for minor injury or discomfort) is considered medical treatment. Since these types of treatment are considered necessary, and must be administered by physician or licensed medical personnel, such injuries cannot be considered minor and must be reported.

(4) Employee interviews. Should the town be inspected by the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Health Compliance, the compliance safety and health officer may wish to interview employees. Employees are expected to cooperate fully with the compliance officers.

**4-516. Legal rights of victims of communicable diseases**. Victims of communicable diseases have the legal right to expect, and municipal employees, including police and emergency service officers are duty bound to provide, the same level of service and enforcement as any other individual would receive.

(1) Officers assume that a certain degree of risk exists in law enforcement and emergency service work and accept those risks with their individual appointments. This holds true with any potential risks of contacting a communicable disease as surely as it does with the risks of confronting an armed criminal.

(2) Any officer who refuses to take proper action in regard to victims of a communicable disease, when appropriate protective equipment is available, shall be subject to disciplinary measures along with civil and, or criminal prosecution.

(3) Whenever an officer mentions in a report that an individual has or may have a communicable disease, he shall write "contains confidential medical information" across the top margin of the first page of the report.

(4) The officer's supervisor shall ensure that the above statement is on all reports requiring that statement at the time the report is reviewed and initiated by the supervisor.

(5) The supervisor disseminating newspaper releases shall make certain the confidential information is not given out to the news media.

(6) All requests (including subpoenas) for copies of reports marked "contains confidential medical information" shall be referred to the town attorney when the incident involves an indictable or juvenile offense.

(7) Prior approval shall be obtained from the town attorney before advising a victim of sexual assault that the suspect has, or is suspected of having a communicable disease.

(8) All circumstance, not covered in this policy, that may arise concerning releasing confidential information regarding a victim, or suspected victim, of a communicable disease shall be referred directly to the appropriate department head or town attorney.

(9) Victims of a communicable disease and their families have a right to conduct their lives without fear of discrimination. An employee shall not make public, directly or indirectly, the identity of a victim or suspected victim of a communicable disease.

(10) Whenever an employee finds it necessary to notify another employee, police officer, firefighter, emergency service officer, or health care provider that a victim has or is suspected of having a communicable disease, that information shall be conveyed in a dignified, discrete and confidential manner. The person to whom the information is being conveyed should be reminded that the information is confidential and that it should not be treated as public information.

(11) Any employee who disseminates confidential information in regard to a victim, or suspected victim of a communicable disease in violation of this policy shall be subject to serious disciplinary action and/or civil/and/or criminal prosecution.

## CHAPTER 6

### TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT REGULATIONS

#### SECTION

- 4-601. Enforcement.
- 4-602. Travel policy.
- 4-603. Travel reimbursement rate schedules.
- 4-604. Administrative procedures.

**4-601. Enforcement.** The chief administrative officer (CAO) of the town or his or her designee shall be responsible for the enforcement of these regulations.

**4-602. Travel policy.** (1) In the interpretation and application of this chapter, the term "traveler" or "authorized travel" means any elected or appointed municipal officer or employee, including members of municipal boards and committees appointed by the mayor or the municipal governing body, and the employees of such boards and committees who are traveling on official municipal business and whose travel was authorized in accordance with this chapter. "Authorized traveler" shall not include the spouse, children, other relatives, friends, or companions accompanying the authorized traveler on town business, unless the person(s) otherwise qualifies as an authorized traveler under this chapter.

(2) Authorized travelers are entitled to reimbursement of certain expenditures incurred while traveling on official business for the town. Reimbursable expenses shall include expenses for transportation; lodging; meals; registration fees for conferences, conventions, and seminars; and other actual and necessary expenses related to official business as determined by the CAO. Under certain conditions, entertainment expenses may be eligible for reimbursement.

(3) Authorized travelers can request either a travel advance for the projected cost of authorized travel, or advance billing directly to the town for registration fees, air fares, meals, lodging, conferences, and similar expenses.

Travel advance requests aren't considered documentation of travel expenses. If travel advances exceed documented expenses, the traveler must immediately reimburse the town. It will be the responsibility of the CAO to initiate action to recover any undocumented travel advances.

(4) Travel advances are available only for special travel and only after completion and approval of the travel authorization form.

(5) The travel expense reimbursement form will be used to document all expense claims.

(6) To qualify for reimbursement, travel expenses must be:

(a) directly related to the conduct of the town business for which travel was authorized, and

(b) actual, reasonable, and necessary under the circumstances. The CAO may make exceptions for unusual circumstances.

Expenses considered excessive won't be allowed.

(7) Claims of \$5 or more for travel expense reimbursement must be supported by the original paid receipt for lodging, vehicle rental, phone call, public carrier travel, conference fee, and other reimbursable costs.

(8) Any person attempting to defraud the town or misuse town travel funds is subject to legal action for recovery of fraudulent travel claims and/or advances.

(9) Mileage and motel expenses incurred within the town aren't ordinarily considered eligible expenses for reimbursement.

**4-603. Travel reimbursement rate schedules.** Authorized travelers shall be reimbursed according to the State of Tennessee travel regulation rates. The town's travel reimbursement rates will automatically change when the state rates are adjusted.

The municipality may pay directly to the provider for expenses such as meals, lodging, and registration fees for conferences, conventions, seminars, and other education programs.

**4-604. Administrative procedures.** The town adopts and incorporates by reference--as if fully set out herein--the administrative procedures submitted by MTAS to, and approved by letter by the Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Tennessee, in June 1993. A copy of the administrative procedures is on file in the office of the town recorder.

This chapter shall take effect upon its final reading by the municipal governing body. It shall cover all travel and expenses occurring on or after July 1, 1993.

**TITLE 5****MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND TAXATION<sup>1</sup>****CHAPTER**

1. MISCELLANEOUS.
2. REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.
3. PRIVILEGE TAXES GENERALLY.
4. BEER TAX.

**CHAPTER 1****MISCELLANEOUS****SECTION**

5-101. Official depositories for town funds.

**5-101. Official depositories for town funds.** The Union Planters Bank of West Tennessee and First State Bank of Kenton, Tennessee, are hereby designated as the official depositories for all municipal funds. (1968 Code, § 6-401, modified)

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<sup>1</sup>Charter references  
Official depository: § 41.  
Taxes: §§ 33-39.

## CHAPTER 2

### REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

#### SECTION

5-201. When due and payable.

5-202. When delinquent; penalty and interest.

**5-201. When due and payable.**<sup>1</sup> Taxes levied by the town against real and personal property shall become due and payable annually on the first Monday of October of the year for which levied. (1968 Code, § 6-101)

**5-202. When delinquent; penalty and interest.**<sup>2</sup> All real property taxes shall become delinquent on and after the first day of March next after they become due and payable and shall thereupon be subject to such penalty and interest as is authorized and prescribed by the state law for delinquent county real property taxes.<sup>3</sup> (1968 Code, § 6-102)

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<sup>1</sup>State law references

Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 67-1-701, 67-1-702 and 67-1-801, read together, permit a municipality to collect its own property taxes if its charter authorizes it to do so, or to turn over the collection of its property taxes to the county trustee. Apparently, under those same provisions, if a municipality collects its own property taxes, tax due and delinquency dates are as prescribed by the charter; if the county trustee collects them, the tax due date is the first Monday in October, and the delinquency date is the following March 1.

<sup>2</sup>State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 67-5-2010(b) provides that if the county trustee collects the municipality's property taxes, a penalty of 1/2 of 1% and interest of 1% shall be added on the first day of March following the tax due date, and on the first day of each succeeding month.

<sup>3</sup>Charter and state law references

A municipality has the option of collecting delinquent property taxes any one of three ways:

- (1) Under the provisions of its charter for the collection of delinquent property taxes.
- (2) Under Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-55-201--6-55-206.
- (3) By the county trustee under Tennessee Code Annotated,

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**CHAPTER 3****PRIVILEGE TAXES GENERALLY****SECTION**

5-301. Tax levied.

5-302. License required.

**5-301. Tax levied.** Except as otherwise specifically provided in this code, there is hereby levied on all vocations, occupations, and businesses declared by the general laws of the state to be privileges taxable by municipalities, an annual privilege tax in the maximum amount allowed by state laws. (1968 Code, § 6-301)

**5-302. License required.** No person shall exercise any such privilege within the town without a currently effective privilege license, which shall be issued by the recorder to each applicant therefor upon the applicant's payment of the appropriate privilege tax. (1968 Code, § 6-302)

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## CHAPTER 4

### BEER TAX

#### SECTION

- 5-401. Beer defined.
- 5-402. Levied; amount.
- 5-403. When due and payable.
- 5-404. Statement of taxes and sales - To be furnished monthly by licensee to town.
- 5-405. Statement of taxes and sales - Town to furnish blank forms to licensees.
- 5-406. Penalty for delinquent payments.
- 5-407. Authority of town recorder to collect by distress warrant.
- 5-408. Licensee liable for uncollected taxes.
- 5-409. Authority of town recorder to inspect books, records of licensees.
- 5-410. Duty of licensees to keep books, records available for inspection.

**5-401. Beer defined.** The term "beer" as used in this chapter shall mean beer or any other beverage of alcoholic content of not more than five percent (5%) by weight. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986).

**5-402. Levied; amount.** There is hereby levied a tax of seventeen percent (17%) of the price paid for beer sold at retail within the corporate limits of the town on every person selling beer at retail, within the corporate limits of the town. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986).

**5-403. When due and payable.** Every person selling beer at retail within the corporate limits of the town shall collect from the purchaser thereof the tax imposed in the above paragraph, and hold the same in a separate fund until the same is paid over to the town recorder, which shall be paid on or before the tenth (10th) day of each month. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986).

**5-404. Statement of taxes and sales - To be furnished monthly by licensee to town.** Every person to whom this chapter applies shall, on or before the tenth (10th) day of each month, make a return, in duplicate under oath, to the town recorder, showing the amount of tax collected during the preceeding calendar month, and the amount sold at retail, during the preceding month, the total retail sales price thereof, and the tax collected. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986).

**5-405. Statement of taxes and sales - Town to furnish blank forms to licensees.** The town has prepared a form, showing in substance the facts

stated in the preceding section with place for signature thereon, and proper jurat thereon, a supply of which shall be furnished to those persons selling beer at retail within the corporate limits of the town for their convenience in making said report and return. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986).

**5-406. Penalty for delinquent payments.** When said return is made, the amount of tax shown due thereby shall be paid to the town recorder, and if not paid when due, there shall be added interest and a penalty of two percent (2%) upon the same per month from the time said tax is due and payable. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986).

**5-407. Authority of town recorder to collect by distress warrant.** For the purpose of enforcing the payment of the tax due hereunder, the town recorder is hereby given the power and authority to collect said tax due by distress warrant, as provided in the case of other tax delinquencies. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986).

**5-408. Licensee liable for uncollected taxes.** Any person who shall neglect, fail or refuse to collect the tax herein specified, upon all retail sales of beer made by him, his agents, or employees, shall be liable for the full amount of tax which should have been collected, and such person failing to collect the same from the purchaser shall be liable for the tax. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986).

**5-409. Authority of town recorder to inspect books, records of licensees.** If, for any reason, the report and return herein mentioned is not satisfactory to the town recorder, or does not furnish sufficient information as provided for, the town recorder is hereby authorized to investigate the books and records of such person filing said return and report, and to make such deficiency assessment as the books and records disclose should have been made and reported. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986).

**5-410. Duty of licensees to keep books, records available for inspection.** Any person to whom this article applies shall make available all books and records of such person to the town recorder or other agents of the town at all reasonable times and places, and shall keep all invoices and records of sales and purchases of beer for a period of not less than two (2) years unless sooner authorized to destroy them by the town recorder. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986).

**TITLE 6****LAW ENFORCEMENT<sup>1</sup>****CHAPTER**

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT.
2. ARREST PROCEDURES.

**CHAPTER 1****POLICE DEPARTMENT****SECTION**

- 6-101. Policemen subject to chief's orders.
- 6-102. Policemen to preserve law and order, etc.
- 6-103. Policemen to wear uniforms and be armed.
- 6-104. Police department records.

**6-101. Policemen subject to chief's orders.** All policemen shall obey and comply with such orders and administrative rules and regulations as the police chief may officially issue. (1968 Code, § 1-501)

**6-102. Policemen to preserve law and order, etc.** Policemen shall preserve law and order within the town. They shall patrol the town and shall assist the city court during the trial of cases. Policemen shall also promptly serve any legal process issued by the city court. (1968 Code, § 1-502)

**6-103. Policemen to wear uniforms and be armed.** All policemen shall wear such uniform and badge as the governing body shall authorize and shall carry a service pistol and billy club at all times while on duty unless otherwise expressly directed by the chief for a special assignment. (1968 Code, § 1-503)

**6-104. Police department records.** The police department shall keep a comprehensive and detailed daily record, in permanent form, showing at a minimum:

- (1) All known or reported offenses and/or crimes committed within the corporate limits.

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Issuance of citations in lieu of arrest in traffic cases: title 15, chapter 8.

(2) All arrests made by policemen.

(3) All police investigations made, funerals, convoys, fire calls answered, and other miscellaneous activities of the police department.

(4) Any other records required to be kept by the board of mayor and aldermen or by law.

The police chief shall be responsible for insuring that the police department complies with the section. (1968 Code, § 1-507)

## CHAPTER 2

### ARREST PROCEDURES

#### SECTION

6-201. When policemen to make arrests.

6-202. Policemen may require assistance in making arrests.

6-203. Disposition of persons arrested.

**6-201. When policemen to make arrests.**<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise authorized or directed in this code or other applicable law, an arrest of the person shall be made by a policeman in the following cases:

(1) Whenever he is in possession of a warrant for the arrest of the person.

(2) Whenever an offense is committed or a breach of the peace is threatened in the officer's presence by the person.

(3) Whenever a felony has in fact been committed and the officer has probable cause to believe the person has committed it. (1968 Code, § 1-504)

**6-202. Policemen may require assistance in making arrests.** It shall be unlawful for any male person to willfully refuse to aid a policeman in making a lawful arrest when such person's assistance is requested by the policeman and is reasonably necessary to effect the arrest. (1968 Code, § 1-505)

**6-203. Disposition of persons arrested.** Unless otherwise authorized by law, when any person is arrested for any offense other than one involving drunkenness he shall be brought before the city court for immediate trial or allowed to post bond. When the arrested person is drunk or when the city judge is not immediately available and the alleged offender is not able to post the required bond, he shall be confined. (1968 Code, § 1-506)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Issuance of citation in lieu of arrest in traffic cases: title 15, chapter 8.

**TITLE 7**

**FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS<sup>1</sup>**

**CHAPTER**

1. FIRE DISTRICT.
2. FIRE CODE.
3. FIRE DEPARTMENT.
4. FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS.

**CHAPTER 1**

**FIRE DISTRICT**

**SECTION**

7-101. Fire district described.

**7-101. Fire district described.** The corporate fire district shall extend to the corporate limits. (1968 Code, § 7-101, modified)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference  
Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

## CHAPTER 2

### FIRE CODE<sup>1</sup>

#### SECTION

- 7-201. Fire code adopted.
- 7-202. Enforcement.
- 7-203. Definition of "municipality."
- 7-204. Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc.
- 7-205. Gasoline trucks.
- 7-206. Variances.
- 7-207. Violations and penalties.

**7-201. Fire code adopted.** Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, the Standard Fire Prevention Code,<sup>2</sup> 1994 edition with 1995 revisions as recommended by the Southern Standard Building Code Congress International, Inc. is hereby adopted by reference and included as a part of this code. Pursuant to the requirement of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the fire prevention code has been filed with the town recorder and is available for public use and inspection. Said fire prevention code is adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein and shall be controlling within the corporate limits. (1968 Code, § 7-201, as amended by Ord. #1993-5, Aug. 1993, modified)

**7-202. Enforcement.** The fire prevention code herein adopted by reference shall be enforced by the chief of the fire department. He shall have the same powers as the state fire marshal. (1968 Code, § 7-202)

**7-203. Definition of "municipality."** Whenever the word "municipality" is used in the fire prevention code herein adopted, it shall be held to mean the Town of Rutherford, Tennessee. (1968 Code, § 7-203)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

<sup>2</sup>Copies of this code are available from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213-1206.

**7-204. Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc.** (1) The limits referred to in § 1901.4.2 of the fire prevention code, in which storage of explosive materials is prohibited, is hereby declared to be the fire district as set out in § 7-101 of this code.

(2) The district referred to in § 902.1.1 of the fire prevention code, in which storage of flammable or combustible liquids in outside above ground tanks is prohibited, is hereby declared to be the fire district as set out in § 7-101 of this code.

(3) The district referred to in § 906.1 of the fire prevention code, in which new bulk plants for flammable or combustible liquids are prohibited, is hereby declared to be the fire district as set out in § 7-101 of this code.

(4) The district referred to in § 1701.4.2 of the fire prevention code, in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted, is hereby declared to be the fire district as set out in § 7-101 of this code. (1968 Code, § 7-204)

**7-205. Gasoline trucks.** No person shall operate or park any gasoline tank truck within the central business district or within any residential area at any time except for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, the expeditious delivery of gasoline. (1968 Code, § 7-205)

**7-206. Variances.** The chief of the fire department may recommend to the board of mayor and aldermen variances from the provisions of the fire prevention code upon application in writing by any property owner or lessee, or the duly authorized agent of either, when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the code, provided that the spirit of the code shall be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done. The particulars of such variances when granted or allowed shall be contained in a resolution of the board of mayor and aldermen. (1968 Code, § 7-206)

**7-207. Violations and penalties.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or the Standard Fire Prevention Code herein adopted, or fail to comply therewith, or violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder; or build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been modified by the board of mayor and aldermen or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein. 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. The application of a penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions. (1968 Code, § 7-207)

## CHAPTER 3

### FIRE DEPARTMENT<sup>1</sup>

#### SECTION

7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership.

7-302. Objectives.

7-303. Organization, rules, and regulations.

7-304. Records and reports.

7-305. Tenure and compensation of members.

7-306. Chief responsible for training and maintenance.

7-307. Chief to be assistant to state officer.

**7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership.** There is hereby established a fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the board of mayor and aldermen. All apparatus, equipment, and supplies shall be purchased by or through the town and shall be and remain the property of the town. The fire department shall be composed of a chief and such number of subordinate officers and firemen as the board of mayor and aldermen shall appoint. (1968 Code, § 7-301)

**7-302. Objectives.** The fire department shall have as its objectives:

- (1) To prevent uncontrolled fires from starting.
- (2) To prevent the loss of life and property because of fires.
- (3) To confine fires to their places of origin.
- (4) To extinguish uncontrolled fires.
- (5) To prevent loss of life from asphyxiation or drowning.
- (6) To perform such rescue work as its equipment and/or the training of its personnel makes practicable. (1968 Code, § 7-302)

**7-303. Organization, rules, and regulations.** The chief of the fire department shall set up the organization of the department, make definite assignments to individuals, and shall formulate and enforce such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the fire department. (1968 Code, § 7-303)

**7-304. Records and reports.** The chief of the fire department shall keep adequate records of all fires, inspections, apparatus, equipment, personnel, and work of the department. He shall submit such written reports on those

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Special privileges with respect to traffic: title 15, chapter 2.

matters to the mayor once each month, and at the end of the year a detailed annual report shall be made. (1968 Code, § 7-304)

**7-305. Tenure and compensation of members.** The chief shall hold office so long as his conduct and efficiency are satisfactory to the board of mayor and aldermen. However, so that adequate discipline may be maintained, the chief shall have the authority to suspend or discharge any other member of the fire department when he deems such action to be necessary for the good of the department. The chief may be suspended up to thirty (30) days by the mayor but may be dismissed only by the board of mayor and aldermen.

All personnel of the fire department shall receive such compensation for their services as the board of mayor and aldermen may from time to time prescribe. (1968 Code, § 7-305)

**7-306. Chief responsible for training and maintenance.** The chief of the fire department, shall be fully responsible for the training of the firemen and for maintenance of all property and equipment of the fire department, and the minimum training shall consist of having the personnel take the fire apparatus out for practice operations not less than once a month. (1968 Code, § 7-306)

**7-307. Chief to be assistant to state officer.** Pursuant to requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-102-108, the fire chief is designated as an assistant to the state commissioner of insurance and is subject to all the duties and obligations imposed by Tennessee Code Annotated, title 68, chapter 102, and shall be subject to the directions of the commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof. (1968 Code, § 7-308)

## CHAPTER 4

### FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS

#### SECTION

7-401. Equipment and personnel to be used only within corporate limits.

**7-401. Equipment and personnel to be used only within corporate limits.** No equipment of the fire department shall be used for fighting any fire outside the corporate limits except in one of the following circumstances:

- (1) The fire is on town property located outside the corporate limits;
- (2) The fire is in such hazardous proximity to property owned by or located within the town as to endanger property owned by or located within the town;
- (3) There is a valid contract between the owner of such property located outside the corporate limits and the town for the town to provide out-of-town fire protection on file with the town recorder. The town recorder shall, immediately upon receipt of such a contract, provide a copy to the fire chief and the E-911 dispatching agency; or
- (4) The fire department is responding in compliance with a valid mutual aid agreement with another fire fighting agency.
- (5) The fire presents an immediate threat to human life or the life of livestock. (1968 Code, § 7-307, modified)

**TITLE 8****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES****CHAPTER**

1. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - IN GENERAL.
2. BEER - GENERALLY.
3. LICENSE AND PERMIT.

**CHAPTER 1****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - IN GENERAL****SECTION**

- 8-101. Intoxicating liquor - defined; sale, transport, delivery prohibited.
- 8-102. Intoxicating liquor - certain uses permitted.
- 8-103. Consumption of beer, other alcoholic beverages in motor vehicles prohibited.
- 8-104. Purchase, possession or transportation by minors prohibited.
- 8-105. Use of false identification by minors.
- 8-106. Penalty for violation of §§ 8-103, 8-104 and 8-105; disposition of minors.
- 8-107. Unobstructed view into licensed premises required.

**8-101. Intoxicating liquor - defined; sale, transport, delivery prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit orders for, receive, possess, store, transport, sell or furnish any intoxicating liquor within the municipality. "Intoxicating liquor" shall be defined to include whiskey, wine, "home brew," "moonshine," and all other intoxicating spirituous, vinous or malt liquors and beers which contain more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight. (Ord. #\_\_\_, April 1986)

**8-102. Intoxicating liquor - certain uses permitted.** Nothing in the preceding section shall make it unlawful:

(1) Sacramental purposes. For any priest or minister of any religious denomination or sect to receive and possess wines for sacramental purposes, or for any common or other carrier, to ship or transport wine for said purposes to any priest or minister of any religious denomination or sect.

(2) Medicines, extracts, perfumery. For druggists to receive and possess alcohol and other intoxicating liquors and such preparations as may be sold by druggists for the special purposes and in the manner as provided by law, for manufacturers of medicines that conform to the provisions of the law applicable to pure food and pure drugs, or for bona fide hospitals, and for manufacturing of such medicines or flavoring extracts, or perfumery or toilet

articles, or for any common or other carrier to ship or transport such liquor, or alcohol for said purposes to such druggists or hospitals, or manufacturers of medicines, or of flavoring or of perfumery or toilet articles.

(3) Thermostatic devices. For any person engaged in the manufacture of thermostatic devices or temperature regulators to import alcohol into this municipality for use in the manufacture and charging of said devices and regulators.

(4) Scientific, therapeutic purposes. For bona fide educational institutions to receive and possess alcohol for scientific and therapeutical purposes, or for any common or other carrier to ship or transport such alcohol for said purposes to such bona fide educational institutions. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986)

**8-103. Consumption of beer, other alcoholic beverages in motor vehicles prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to consume beer or other alcoholic beverage in any automobile within the corporate limits of the town. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986)

**8-104. Purchase, possession or transportation by minors prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years to purchase, possess or transport beer or other alcoholic beverage within the corporate limits of the town. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986)

**8-105. Use of false identification by minors.** It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years to present or offer to any licensed retailer of beer or alcoholic beverage any written evidence of his age which is false, or not actually his own, for the purpose of purchasing or attempting to purchase or otherwise procure or attempting to procure beer or other alcoholic beverage. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986)

**8-106. Penalty for violation of §§ 8-103, 8-104 and 8-105; disposition of minors.** Acts in violation of any one or more of the provisions of §§ 8-103, 8-104 or 8-105 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and if eighteen (18) years or older shall be tried by the city court; if seventeen (17) years of age or less, such violation shall be taken before the County juvenile judge. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 57-5-301 relative to expungement of records shall apply. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986)

**8-107. Unobstructed view into licensed premises required.** It shall be unlawful for any person to, in any way or manner, obstruct the vision of any glass window or door in any public building within the corporate limits of the town in which beer is sold or pool is played, at a distance lower than thirty-six

(36) inches from the bottom of such glass in the window or door. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986)

## CHAPTER 2

### BEER - GENERALLY

#### SECTION

8-201. Authority of council to prohibit the sale, storage, or keeping of beer in certain designated areas.

8-202. Sale, etc., of beer not over five (5%) percent permitted.

8-203. Hours of sale; generally.

8-204. Sales on Sunday prohibited.

8-205. Consumption on premises prohibited.

**8-201. Authority of council to prohibit the sale, storage, or keeping of beer in certain designated areas.** The mayor and board of aldermen, hereinafter referred to as the city council, shall have the authority to designate such areas of the town as they deem necessary wherein it shall be unlawful to sell, or to store or keep for the purpose of selling, any beer, and the mayor and board of aldermen of the Town of Rutherford, Tennessee, shall serve as the beer commission for said town. In any event, beer shall not be sold within two hundred (200) feet of a public gathering place. Public gathering place is defined as a church, school, cemetery, or public park. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986)

**8-202. Sale, etc., of beer not over five (5%) percent permitted.** It shall be unlawful for any person to have, possess, transfer, keep, store, sell and distribute beer in any quantity whatsoever containing more than five (5%) percent alcohol by volume within the corporate limits of the town. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986)

**8-203. Hours of sale; generally.** It shall be unlawful to sell or offer for sale any beer, ale or other malt beverages in the municipality between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. of the following morning. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986)

**8-204. Sales on Sunday prohibited.** It shall be unlawful to sell or offer for sale beer, ale, or other malt beverages in the town between the hours of 11:00 P.M. on Saturday night and 6:00 A.M. on Monday morning of each week. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986)

**8-205. Consumption on premises prohibited.** It shall only be lawful to sell beer for consumption off the premises within the Town of Rutherford, Tennessee. It shall be unlawful to sell beer for consumption on the premises anywhere within the Town of Rutherford, Tennessee. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986)

## CHAPTER 3

### LICENSE AND PERMIT

#### SECTION

- 8-301. Privilege tax.
- 8-302. Qualifications of applicants prior to issuance.
- 8-303. Permit required for engaging in beer business.
- 8-304. No license to be issued for less than twelve (12) months.
- 8-305. Duration; revocation, grounds.
- 8-305. Revocation for running undesirable place of business.
- 8-307. Unlawful to sell, distribute without license.
- 8-308. Selling when license revoked.

**8-301. Privilege tax.** There is hereby imposed on the business of selling, distributing, storing or manufacturing beer an annual privilege tax of one hundred dollars (\$100). Any person, firm, corporation, joint stock company, syndicate or association engaged in the sale, distribution, storage or manufacture of beer shall remit the tax on January 1, 1994, and each successive January 1, to the Town of Rutherford, Tennessee. At the time a new permit is issued to any business subject to this tax, the permit holder shall be required to pay the privilege tax on a prorated basis for each month or portion thereof remaining until the next tax payment date. (Ord. #1993-9, \_\_\_\_\_)

**8-302. Qualifications of applicants prior to issuance.** Such licenses and permits shall only be granted to persons of good moral character and conducting peaceable and orderly places of business within the corporate limits of the town which shall be made to satisfactorily appear to the city council as herein set out. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1988)

**8-303. Permit required for engaging in beer business.** It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, store for sale, distribute for sale, or manufacture beer without first making application to and obtaining a permit from the beer board. Any person applying for a permit and license to sell, keep or store for sale beer for consumption off the premises within the corporate limits of the town shall file with the mayor or board of aldermen an affidavit stating the character of business in which he is engaged the location of such business and the manager thereof, whether the individual has at any time been convicted of a violation of any of the liquor laws of the state, and that he will not permit any boisterous or disorderly conduct in his place of business where such beer is kept, stored, sold or distributed. In addition thereto, he shall furnish a certificate by two (2) reputable citizens of the town of good moral character, concerning the applicant and the reputation and character of the place of business proposed to

be operated by the applicant, and no license or permit shall be issued until the provisions of this chapter have been complied with. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 57-5-101(b), such application shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). Said fee shall be in the form of a cashier's check payable to the Town of Rutherford. Each applicant must be a person of good moral character and certify that he has read and is familiar with the provisions of this title. (Ord. #1993-9, \_\_\_\_\_)

**8-304. No license to be issued for less than twelve (12) months.** No license shall be issued for a shorter period of time than twelve (12) months. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986)

**8-305. Duration; revocation, grounds.** The license mentioned in the above section shall be good for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of its issuance. At any time upon sufficient cause being shown to the city council, the city council shall have the right to revoke and cancel any license that may have been issued under the provisions of this chapter, and in the event any license issued shall be revoked, the person to whom said license was issued shall cease immediately, upon notice to him of such fact, to sell, keep, distribute, or store such beer. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986)

**8-306. Revocation for running undesirable place of business.** Any license issued under this chapter may be revoked and cancelled by the city council at any time when the judgment and opinion of the city council, the person holding such license runs, operates, or permits to be run or operated, a loud, boisterous or undesirable place of business, or conducts the same such that in the opinion and judgment of the city council, such place has become a menace to public morals or is about to become a nuisance and an undesirable place of business. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986)

**8-307. Unlawful to sell, distribute without license.** It shall be unlawful for any person within the corporate limits of the town to keep or store any beer for sale or distribution without having first applied for and obtained a license and permit from the city council. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986)

**8-308. Selling when license revoked.** It shall be unlawful for any person whose license has been revoked as herein stated, to continue thereafter to keep or store for the purpose of sale or to sell such beer. (Ord. #\_\_\_\_, April 1986)

**TITLE 9**

**BUSINESS, PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.**

**CHAPTER**

1. GENERALLY.
2. PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.
3. TAXICABS.
4. POOL ROOMS.

**CHAPTER 1**

**GENERALLY**

**SECTION**

9-101. "Going out of business" sales.

**9-101. "Going out of business" sales.** it shall be unlawful for any person to falsely represent a sale as being a "going out of business" sale. A "going out of business" sale, for the purposes of this section, shall be a "fire sale," "bankrupt sale," "loss of lease sale," or any other sale made in anticipation of the termination of a business at its present location. When any person after advertising a "going out of business" sale adds to his stock or fails to go out of business within ninety (90) days he shall prima facie be deemed to have violated this section.

## CHAPTER 2

### PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.<sup>1</sup>

#### SECTION

- 9-201. Definitions.
- 9-202. Exemptions.
- 9-203. Permit required.
- 9-204. Permit procedure.
- 9-205. Restrictions on peddlers, street barkers and solicitors.
- 9-206. Restrictions on transient vendors.
- 9-207. Display of permit.
- 9-208. Suspension or revocation of permit.
- 9-209. Expiration and renewal of permit.
- 9-210. Violation and penalty.

**9-201. Definitions.** Unless otherwise expressly stated, whenever used in this chapter, the following words shall have the meaning given to them in this section:

(1) "Peddler" means any person, firm or corporation, either a resident or a nonresident of the town, who has no permanent regular place of business and who goes from dwelling to dwelling, business to business, place to place, or from street to street, carrying or transporting goods, wares or merchandise and offering or exposing the same for sale.

(2) "Solicitor" means any person, firm or corporation who goes from dwelling to dwelling, business to business, place to place, or from street to street, taking or attempting to take orders for any goods, wares or merchandise, or personal property of any nature whatever for future delivery, except that the term shall not include solicitors for charitable and religious purposes and solicitors for subscriptions as those terms are defined below.

(3) "Solicitor for charitable or religious purposes" means any person, firm, corporation or organization who or which solicits contributions from the public, either on the streets of the town or from door to door, business to business, place to place, or from street to street, for any charitable or religious organization, and who does not sell or offer to sell any single item at a cost to the purchaser in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00). No organization shall qualify as a "charitable" or "religious" organization unless the organization meets one of the following conditions:

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

Privilege taxes: title 5.

Trespass by peddlers, etc.: § 11-501.

(a) Has a current exemption certificate from the Internal Revenue Service issued under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1954, as amended.

(b) Is a member of United Way, Community Chest or similar "umbrella" organizations for charitable or religious organizations.

(c) Has been in continued existence as a charitable or religious organization in Gibson County for a period of two (2) years prior to the date of its application for registration under this chapter.

(4) "Solicitor for subscriptions" means any person who solicits subscriptions from the public, either on the streets of the town, or from door to door, business to business, place to place, or from street to street, and who offers for sale subscriptions to magazines or other materials protected by provisions of the Constitution of the United States.

(5) "Transient vendor<sup>1</sup>" means any person who brings into temporary premises and exhibits stocks of merchandise to the public for the purpose of selling or offering to sell the merchandise to the public. Transient vendor does not include any person selling goods by sample, brochure, or sales catalog for future delivery; or to sales resulting from the prior invitation to the seller by the owner or occupant of a residence. For purposes of this definition, "merchandise" means any consumer item that is or is represented to be new or not previously owned by a consumer, and "temporary premises" means any public or quasi-public place including a hotel, rooming house, storeroom, building or part of a building, tent, vacant lot, railroad car, or motor vehicle which is temporarily occupied for the purpose of exhibiting stocks of merchandise to the public. Premises are not temporary if the same person has conducted business at those premises for more than six (6) consecutive months or has occupied the premises as his or her permanent residence for more than six (6) consecutive months.

(6) "Street barker" means any peddler who does business during recognized festival or parade days in the town and who limits his business to

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<sup>1</sup>State law references

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 62-30-101 et seq. contains permit requirements for "transitory vendors."

The definition of "transient vendors" is taken from Tennessee Code Annotated, § 62-30-101(3). Note also that Tennessee Code Annotated, § 67-4-709(a) prescribes that transient vendors shall pay a tax of \$50.00 for each 14 day period in each county and/or municipality in which such vendors sell or offer to sell merchandise for which they are issued a business license, but that they are not liable for the gross receipts portion of the tax provided for in Tennessee Code Annotated, § 67-4-709(b).

selling or offering to sell novelty items and similar goods in the area of the festival or parade.

**9-202. Exemptions.** The terms of this chapter shall neither apply to persons selling at wholesale to dealers, nor to newsboys, nor to bona fide merchants who merely deliver goods in the regular course of business, nor to persons selling agricultural products, who, in fact, themselves produced the products being sold.

**9-203. Permit required.** No person, firm or corporation shall operate a business as a peddler, transient vendor, solicitor or street barker, and no solicitor for charitable or religious purposes or solicitor for subscriptions shall solicit within the town unless the same has obtained a permit from the town in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

**9-204. Permit procedure.** (1) Application form. A sworn application containing the following information shall be completed and filed with the town recorder by each applicant for a permit as a peddler, transient vendor, solicitor, or street barker and by each applicant for a permit as a solicitor for charitable or religious purposes or as a solicitor for subscriptions:

(a) The complete name and permanent address of the business or organization the applicant represents.

(b) A brief description of the type of business and the goods to be sold.

(c) The dates for which the applicant intends to do business or make solicitations.

(d) The names and permanent addresses of each person who will make sales or solicitations within the town.

(e) The make, model, complete description, and license tag number and state of issue, of each vehicle to be used to make sales or solicitations, whether or not such vehicle is owned individually by the person making sales or solicitations, by the business or organization itself, or rented or borrowed from another business or person.

(f) Tennessee State sales tax number, if applicable.

(2) Permit fee. Each applicant for a permit as a peddler, transient vendor, solicitor or street barker shall submit with his application a nonrefundable fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00). There shall be no fee for an application for a permit as a solicitor for charitable purposes or as a solicitor for subscriptions.

(3) Permit issued. Upon the completion of the application form and the payment of the permit fee, where required, the recorder shall issue a permit and provide a copy of the same to the applicant.

(4) Submission of application form to chief of police. Immediately after the applicant obtains a permit from the town recorder, the town recorder shall submit to the chief of police a copy of the application form and the permit.

**9-205. Restrictions on peddlers, street barkers and solicitors.** No peddler, street barker, solicitor, solicitor for charitable purposes, or solicitor for subscriptions shall:

(1) Be permitted to set up and operate a booth or stand on any street or sidewalk, or in any other public area within the town.

(2) Stand or sit in or near the entrance to any dwelling or place of business, or in any other place which may disrupt or impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

(3) Offer to sell goods or services or solicit in vehicular traffic lanes, or operate a "road block" of any kind.

(4) Call attention to his business or merchandise or to his solicitation efforts by crying out, by blowing a horn, by ringing a bell, or creating other noise, except that the street barker shall be allowed to cry out to call attention to his business or merchandise during recognized parade or festival days of the town.

(5) Enter in or upon any premises or attempt to enter in or upon any premises wherein a sign or placard bearing the notice "Peddlers or Solicitors Prohibited," or similar language carrying the same meaning, is located.

**9-206. Restrictions on transient vendors.** A transient vendor shall not advertise, represent, or hold forth a sale of goods, wares or merchandise as an insurance, bankrupt, insolvent, assignee, trustee, estate, executor, administrator, receiver's manufacturer's wholesale, cancelled order, or misfit sale, or closing-out sale, or a sale of any goods damaged by smoke, fire, water or otherwise, unless such advertisement, representation or holding forth is actually of the character it is advertised, represented or held forth.

**9-207. Display of permit.** Each peddler, street barker, solicitor, solicitor for charitable purposes or solicitor for subscriptions is required to have in his possession a valid permit while making sales or solicitations, and shall be required to display the same to any police officer upon demand.

**9-208. Suspension or revocation of permit.** (1) Suspension by the recorder. The permit issued to any person or organization under this chapter may be suspended by the town recorder for any of the following causes:

(a) Any false statement, material omission, or untrue or misleading information which is contained in or left out of the application; or

(b) Any violation of this chapter.

(2) Suspension or revocation by the board of mayor and aldermen. The permit issued to any person or organization under this chapter may be suspended or revoked by the board of mayor and aldermen, after notice and hearing, for the same causes set out in paragraph (1) above. Notice of the hearing for suspension or revocation of a permit shall be given by the town recorder in writing, setting forth specifically the grounds of complaint and the time and place of the hearing. Such notice shall be mailed to the permit holder at his last known address at least five (5) days prior to the date set for hearing, or it shall be delivered by a police officer in the same manner as a summons at least three (3) days prior to the date set for hearing.

**9-209. Expiration and renewal of permit.** The permit of peddlers, solicitors and transient vendors shall expire on the same date that the permit holder's privilege license expires. The registration of any peddler, solicitor, or transient vendor who for any reason is not subject to the privilege tax shall be issued for six (6) months. The permit of street barkers shall be for a period corresponding to the dates of the recognized parade or festival days of the town. The permit of solicitors for religious or charitable purposes and solicitors for subscriptions shall expire on the date provided in the permit, not to exceed thirty (30) days.

**9-210. Violation and penalty.** In addition to any other action the town may take against a permit holder in violation of this chapter, such violation shall be punishable by a penalty of up to one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense. Each day a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

## CHAPTER 3

### TAXICABS<sup>1</sup>

#### SECTION

- 9-301. Taxicab franchise and privilege license required.
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- 9-303. Liability insurance required.
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- 9-314. Taxicabs not to be used for illegal purposes.
- 9-315. Miscellaneous prohibited conduct by drivers.
- 9-316. Transportation of more than one passenger at the same time.

**9-301. Taxicab franchise and privilege license required.** It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the taxicab business unless he has first obtained a taxicab franchise from the municipality and has a currently effective privilege license. (1968 Code, § 5-401)

**9-302. Requirements as to application and hearing.** No person shall be eligible to apply for a taxicab franchise if he has a bad character or has been convicted of a felony within the last ten (10) years. Applications for taxicab franchises shall be made under oath and in writing to the chief of police. The application shall state the name and address of the applicant, the name and address of the proposed place of business, the number of cabs the applicant desires to operate, the makes and models of said cabs, and such other pertinent information as the chief of police may require. The application shall be accompanied by at least two (2) affidavits of reputable local citizens attesting to the good character and reputation of the applicant. Within ten (10) days after receipt of an application the chief of police shall make a thorough investigation of the applicant; determine if there is a public need for additional taxicab

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference  
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service; present the application to the governing body; and make a recommendation to either grant or refuse a franchise to the applicant. The governing body shall thereupon hold a public hearing at which time witnesses for and against the granting of the franchise shall be heard. In deciding whether or not to grant the franchise the governing body shall consider the public need for additional service, the increased traffic congestion, parking space requirements, and whether or not the safe use of the streets by the public, both vehicular and pedestrian, will be preserved by the granting of such an additional franchise. Those persons already operating taxicabs when this code is adopted shall not be required to make applications under this section but shall be required to comply with all of the other provisions hereof. (1968 Code, § 5-402)

**9-303. Liability insurance required.** No taxicab franchise shall be issued or continued in operation unless there is in full force and effect a liability insurance policy for each vehicle authorized in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for bodily injury or death to any one person, twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for bodily injuries or death to more than one person which are sustained in the same accident, and five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for property damage resulting from any one accident. The insurance policy required by this section shall contain a provision that it shall not be cancelled except after at least twenty (20) days' written notice is given by the insurer to both the insured and the recorder of the municipality. (1968 Code, § 5-403)

**9-304. Revocation or suspension of franchise.** The governing body, after a public hearing, may revoke or suspend any taxicab franchise for misrepresentations or false statements made in the application therefor or for traffic violations or violations of this chapter by the taxicab owner or any driver. (1968 Code, § 5-404)

**9-305. Mechanical condition of vehicles.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any taxicab in the town unless such taxicab is equipped with four (4) wheel brakes, front and rear lights, safe tires, horn, muffler, windshield wipers, and rear vision mirror, all of which shall conform to the requirements of state law. Each taxicab shall be equipped with a handle or latch or other opening device attached to each door of the passenger compartment so that such doors may be operated by the passenger from the inside of the taxicab without the intervention or assistance of the driver. The motor and all mechanical parts shall be kept in such condition or repair as may be reasonably necessary to provide for the safety of the public and the continuous satisfactory operation of the taxicab. (1968 Code, § 5-405)

**9-306. Cleanliness of vehicles.** All taxicabs operated in the municipality shall, at all times, be kept in a reasonably clean and sanitary condition. They shall be thoroughly swept and dusted at least once each day. At least once every week they shall be thoroughly washed and the interior cleaned with a suitable antiseptic solution. (1968 Code, § 5-406)

**9-307. Inspection of vehicles.** All taxicabs shall be inspected at least semiannually by the chief of police to insure that they comply with the requirements of this chapter with respect to mechanical condition, cleanliness, etc. (1968 Code, § 5-407)

**9-308. License and permit required for drivers.** No person shall drive a taxicab unless he is in possession of a state special chauffeur's license and a taxicab driver's permit issued by the chief of police. (1968 Code, § 5-408)

**9-309. Qualifications for driver's permit.** No person shall be issued a taxicab driver's permit unless he complies with the following to the satisfaction of the chief of police:

- (1) Makes written application to the chief of police.
- (2) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age and holds a state special chauffeur's license.
- (3) Undergoes an examination by a physician and is found to be of sound physique, with good eyesight and hearing and not subject to epilepsy, vertigo, heart trouble or any other infirmity of body or mind which might render him unfit for the safe operation of a public vehicle.
- (4) Is clean in dress and person and is not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor or drugs.
- (5) Produces affidavits of good character from two (2) reputable citizens of the municipality who have known him personally and have observed his conduct for at least two (2) years next preceding the date of his application.
- (6) Has not been convicted of a felony, drunk driving, driving under the influence of an intoxicant or drug, or of frequent minor traffic offenses.
- (7) Is familiar with the state and local traffic laws. (1968 Code, § 5-409)

**9-310. Revocation or suspension of driver's permit.** The governing body, after a public hearing, may revoke or suspend any taxicab driver's permit for violation of traffic regulations, for violation of this chapter, or when the driver ceases to possess the qualifications as prescribed in § 9-309. (1968 Code, § 5-410)

**9-311. Drivers not to solicit business.** All taxicab drivers are expressly prohibited from indiscriminately soliciting passengers or from cruising

upon the streets of the municipality for the purpose of obtaining patronage for their cabs. (1968 Code, § 5-411)

**9-312. Parking restricted.** It shall be unlawful to park any taxicab on any street except in such places as have been specifically designated and marked by the municipality for the use of taxicabs. It is provided, however, that taxicabs may stop upon any street for the purpose of picking up or discharging passengers if such stops are made in such manner as not to unreasonably interfere with or obstruct other traffic and provided the passenger loading or discharging is promptly accomplished. (1968 Code, § 5-412)

**9-313. Drivers to use direct routes.** Taxicab drivers shall always deliver their passengers to their destinations by the most direct available route. (1968 Code, § 5-413)

**9-314. Taxicabs not to be used for illegal purposes.** No taxicab shall be used for or in the commission of any illegal act, business, or purpose. (1968 Code, § 5-414)

**9-315. Miscellaneous prohibited conduct by drivers.** It shall be unlawful for any taxicab driver, while on duty, to be under the influence of, or to drink any intoxicating beverage or beer; to use profane or obscene language; to shout or call to prospective passengers; to unnecessarily blow the automobile horn; or to otherwise disturb the peace, quiet and tranquility of the municipality in any way. (1968 Code, § 5-415)

**9-316. Transportation of more than one passenger at the same time.** No person shall be admitted to a taxicab already occupied by a passenger without the consent of such other passenger. (1968 Code, § 5-416)

## CHAPTER 4

### POOL ROOMS

#### SECTION

- 9-401. Permit required.
- 9-402. Application for permit.
- 9-403. Standards regulating the issuance of a permit.
- 9-404. Renewal of a permit.
- 9-405. Hours of operation regulated.
- 9-406. Minors to be kept out; exception.
- 9-407. Revocation of permit.

**9-401. Permit required.** It shall be unlawful for any person to open, maintain, or conduct any place where pool tables or billiard tables are kept for public use for hire unless such person shall have first applied for and obtained a permit or license to do so. (1968 Code, § 5-501)

**9-402. Application for permit.** Any person desiring to open, maintain or conduct a place where pool tables or billiard tables are kept for public use for hire shall make application in writing to the board of mayor and aldermen, which application shall contain the following information:

- (1) Name and address of applicant, age, and date and place of birth.
- (2) Names of all persons having a financial interest in the business.
- (3) Prior convictions, if any, of the applicant, or any person financially interested in the business, of violating any state law or municipal ordinance, with details as to time, place and nature of offense of each such conviction.
- (4) Address of the place where the business is to be operated. (1968 Code, § 5-502)

**9-403. Standards regulating the issuance of a permit.** The board of mayor and aldermen may issue a permit or license to any person making application as provided in § 9-402 hereof, in accordance with the following regulations:

- (1) No permit or license shall be granted to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age at the date of application.
- (2) No permit or license shall be granted if the applicant or any person financially interested in the business has been convicted of violating any state law or municipal ordinance relating to alcoholic beverages or gambling or has been convicted of any felony.
- (3) No permit or license shall be granted if the proposed place of business is on the north side of Main Street between Front Street and Trenton Street.

(4) No permit or license shall be granted if the proposed place of business is located in any block where fifty percent (50%) or more of the land is used or zoned for residential purposes.

(5) No permit or license shall be granted if the applicant or any person financially interested in the business has had such permit or license revoked as provided in § 9-408 hereof.

(6) If the applicant meets the foregoing regulations, the permit or license shall be issued upon the payment of a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) per table,<sup>1</sup> and said permit or license shall be valid for a term of one (1) year unless sooner revoked. (1968 Code, § 5-503)

**9-404. Renewal of a permit.** Said permit or license may be renewed annually, upon submission of an application as provided in § 9-402 hereof, at least thirty (30) days in advance of the renewal date, provided there is compliance with the regulations set forth in § 9-403. Continuation of the business without such annual renewal of the permit or license shall be unlawful. (1968 Code, § 5-504)

**9-405. Hours of operation regulated.** It shall be unlawful for any person to open, maintain, conduct, or operate any place where pool tables or billiard tables are kept for public use or hire at any time on Sunday or between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on other days. (1968 Code, § 5-505)

**9-406. Minors to be kept out; exception.** It shall be unlawful for any person engaged regularly, or otherwise, in keeping billiard, bagatelle, or pool rooms or tables, their employees, agents, servants, or other persons for them, knowingly to permit any person under the age of sixteen (16) years to play on said tables at any game of billiards, bagatelle, pool, or other games requiring the use of cue and balls, without first having obtained the written consent of the father and mother of such minor, if living; if the father is dead, then the mother, guardian, or other person having legal control of such minor; or if the minor be in attendance as a student at some literary institution, then the written consent of the principal or person in charge of such school; provided that this section shall not apply to the use of billiards, bagatelle, and pool tables in private residences. (1968 Code, § 5-506)

**9-407. Revocation of permit.** Any permit or license granted under this chapter shall be subject to revocation:

(1) If any false statement is made in the application provided for in §§ 9-402 and 9-404; or

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<sup>1</sup>See Title 6 in this code for privilege tax provisions.

(2) If the permit holder or any person financially interested in the business is convicted of violating any state law or municipal ordinance relating to alcoholic beverages or gambling or is convicted of any felony, or if any employee of the business is continued in such employment after having been so convicted; or

(3) If, with the knowledge of the permit holder, any person becomes financially interested or is employed in the business who has been convicted of violating any state law or municipal ordinance relating to alcoholic beverages or gambling or has been convicted of any felony. (1968 Code, § 5-508)

**TITLE 10****ANIMAL CONTROL****CHAPTER**

1. IN GENERAL.
2. DOGS AND CATS.

**CHAPTER 1****IN GENERAL****SECTION**

- 10-101. Running at large prohibited.
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- 10-104. Adequate food, water, and shelter, etc., to be provided.
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- 10-106. Seizure and disposition of animals.
- 10-107. Inspection of premises.
- 10-108. Issuance of orders and notices.

**10-101. Running at large prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person owning or being in charge of any cows, sheep, horses, mules, goats, or any chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, or other domestic fowl, cattle, or livestock, knowingly or negligently to permit any of them to run at large in any street, alley, or unenclosed lot within the corporate limits.

Any person, including its owner, knowingly or negligently permitting an animal to run at large may be prosecuted under this section even if the animal is picked up and disposed of under other provisions of this chapter, whether or not the disposition includes returning the animal to its owner. (1968 Code, § 3-101, modified)

**10-102. Keeping near a residence or business restricted.** No person shall keep any animal or fowl enumerated in the preceding section within one thousand (1,000) feet of any residence, place of business, or public street without approval from the health officer. The health officer shall give approval only when in his sound judgment the keeping of such an animal in a yard or building will not injuriously affect the public health. (1968 Code, § 3-102)

**10-103. Pen or enclosure to be kept clean.** When animals or fowls are kept within the corporate limits, the building, structure, corral, pen, or enclosure in which they are kept shall at all times be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. (1968 Code, § 3-103)

**10-104. Adequate food, water, and shelter, etc., to be provided.** No animal or fowl shall be kept or confined in any place where the food, water, shelter, and ventilation are not adequate and sufficient for the preservation of its health and safety.

All feed shall be stored and kept in a rat-proof and fly-tight building, box, or receptacle.

It shall be unlawful for any person to beat or otherwise abuse or injure any dumb animal or fowl. (1968 Code, §§ 3-104 and 3-106)

**10-105. Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited.** No animal or fowl shall be kept in such a place or condition as to become a nuisance because of either noise, odor, contagious disease, or other reason. (1968 Code, § 3-105)

**10-106. Seizure and disposition of animals.** Any animal or fowl found running at large or otherwise being kept in violation of this chapter may be seized by any police officer or other properly designated officer or official and confined in a pound provided or designated by the board of mayor and aldermen. If the owner is known he shall be given notice in person, by telephone, or by a postcard addressed to his last-known mailing address. If the owner is not known or cannot be located, a notice describing the impounded animal or fowl will be posted in at least three (3) public places within the corporate limits. In either case the notice shall state that the impounded animal or fowl must be claimed within five (5) days by paying the pound costs or the same will be humanely destroyed or sold. If not claimed by the owner, the animal or fowl shall be sold or humanely destroyed, or it may otherwise be disposed of as authorized by the board of mayor and aldermen.

The pound keeper shall collect from each person claiming an impounded animal or fowl reasonable fees, in accordance with a schedule approved by the board of mayor and aldermen, to cover the costs of impoundment and maintenance. (1968 Code, § 3-107)

**10-107. Inspections of premises.** For the purpose of making inspections to insure compliance with the provisions of this title, the health officer, or his authorized representative, shall be authorized to enter, at any reasonable time, any premises where he has reasonable cause to believe an animal or fowl is being kept in violation of this chapter. (1968 Code, § 3-108)

**10-108. Issuance of orders and notices.** It shall be the duty of the health officer or his authorized representative to issue orders requiring the removal of animals and fowls from within the corporate limits when the keeping of such animals and fowls is in violation of this chapter. The health officer or his authorized representative may issue orders requiring the owners of animals and fowls, or owners, tenants, and lessees of properties where such animals and fowls are quartered, to routinely clean stalls, stables, pens, and yards and to maintain such appurtenances in a clean and sanitary condition. Failure to maintain premises in a satisfactory condition at any and all times following the receipt of such orders from the health officer will be considered as justification to cause the removal of such animals or fowls from within the corporate town limits. (1968 Code, § 3-109)

## CHAPTER 2

### DOGS AND CATS

#### SECTION

- 10-201. Rabies vaccination and registration required.
- 10-202. Dogs to wear tags.
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- 10-204. Vicious dogs to be securely restrained.
- 10-205. Noisy dogs prohibited.
- 10-206. Confinement of dogs suspected of being rabid.
- 10-207. Seizure and disposition of dogs.
- 10-208. Destruction of vicious or infected dogs running at large.
- 10-209. Violation and penalty.

**10-201. Rabies vaccination and registration required.** It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog or cat without having the same duly vaccinated against rabies and registered in accordance with the provisions of the "Tennessee Anti-Rabies Law" (Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 68-8-101 through 68-8-114) or other applicable law. (1968 Code, § 3-201)

**10-202. Dogs to wear tags.** It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog which does not wear a tag evidencing the vaccination and registration required by the preceding section. (1968 Code, § 3-202)

**10-203. Running at large prohibited.**<sup>1</sup> It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to permit any dog owned by him or under his control to run at large within the corporate limits.

Any person knowingly permitting a dog to run at large, including the owner of the dog, may be prosecuted under this section even if the dog is picked up and disposed of under the provisions of this chapter, whether or not the disposition includes returning the animal to its owner. (1968 Code, § 3-203, modified)

**10-204. Vicious dogs to be securely restrained.** It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog known to be vicious or dangerous unless such dog is so confined and/or otherwise securely restrained as to provide reasonably for the protection of other animals and persons. (1968 Code, § 3-204)

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 68-8-108 and 68-8-109.

**10-205. Noisy dogs prohibited.** No person shall own, keep, or harbor any dog which, by loud and frequent barking, whining, or howling, disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood. (1968 Code, § 3-205)

**10-206. Confinement of dogs suspected of being rabid.** If any dog has bitten any person or is suspected of having bitten any person or is for any reason suspected of being infected with rabies, the chief of police or any other properly designated officer or official may cause such dog to be confined or isolated for such time as he deems reasonably necessary to determine if such dog is rabid. (1968 Code, § 3-206)

**10-207. Seizure and disposition of dogs.** Any dog found running at large may be seized by any police officer or other properly designated officer or official and placed in a pound provided or designated by the board of mayor and aldermen. If the dog is wearing a tag the owner shall be notified in person, by telephone, or by a postcard addressed to his last-known mailing address to appear within five (5) days and redeem his dog by paying a reasonable pound fee, in accordance with a schedule approved by the board of mayor and aldermen, or the dog will be sold or humanely destroyed. If the dog is not wearing a tag it shall be sold or humanely destroyed unless legally claimed by the owner within two (2) days. No dog shall be released in any event from the pound unless or until such dog has been vaccinated and has a tag evidencing such vaccination placed on its collar. (1968 Code, § 3-207)

**10-208. Destruction of vicious or infected dogs running at large.** When, because of its viciousness or apparent infection with rabies, a dog found running at large cannot be safely impounded it may be summarily destroyed by any policeman or other properly designated officer.<sup>1</sup> (1968 Code, § 3-207)

**10-209. Violation and penalty.** Any violation of this title shall constitute a civil offense and shall, upon conviction, be punishable under the general penalty provision of this code. Each day a violation shall be allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

For a Tennessee Supreme Court case upholding the summary destruction of dogs pursuant to appropriate legislation, see Darnell v. Shapard, 156 Tenn. 544, 3 S.W.2d 661 (1928).

**TITLE 11**

**MUNICIPAL OFFENSES<sup>1</sup>**

**CHAPTER**

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**CHAPTER 1**

**ALCOHOL<sup>2</sup>**

**SECTION**

- 11-101. Drinking alcoholic beverages in public, etc.  
11-102. Minors in beer places.

**11-101. Drinking alcoholic beverages in public, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any person to drink, consume or have an open can or bottle of beer or intoxicating liquor in or on any public street, alley, avenue, highway, sidewalk, public park, public school ground or other public place. (1968 Code, § 10-229, modified)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

Animal control: title 10.

Housing and utilities: title 12.

Fireworks and explosives: title 7.

Traffic offenses: title 15.

Streets and sidewalks (non-traffic): title 16.

<sup>2</sup>Municipal code reference

Sale of alcoholic beverages, including beer: title 8.

State law reference

See Tennessee Code Annotated § 33-8-203 (Arrest for Public Intoxication, cities may not pass separate legislation).

**11-102. Minors in beer places.** No person under the age of twenty-one (21) shall loiter in or around or otherwise frequent any place where beer is sold at retail for on premises consumption. (1968 Code, § 10-222)

**CHAPTER 2****FORTUNE TELLING, ETC.****SECTION**

11-201. Fortune telling, etc.

**11-201. Fortune telling, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct the business of, solicit for, or ply the trade of fortune teller, clairvoyant, hypnotist, spiritualist, palmist, phrenologist, or other mystic endowed with supernatural powers. (1968 Code, § 10-235)

## CHAPTER 3

### OFFENSES AGAINST THE PEACE AND QUIET

#### SECTION

11-301. Disturbing the peace.

11-302. Anti-noise regulations.

**11-301. Disturbing the peace.** No person shall disturb, tend to disturb, or aid in disturbing the peace of others by violent, tumultuous, offensive, or obstreperous conduct, and no person shall knowingly permit such conduct upon any premises owned or possessed by him or under his control. (1968 Code, § 10-202)

**11-302. Anti-noise regulations.** Subject to the provisions of this section, the creating of any unreasonably loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise is prohibited. Noise of such character, intensity, or duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual, or in disturbance of the public peace and welfare, is prohibited.

(1) Miscellaneous prohibited noises enumerated. The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noises in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:

(a) Blowing horns. The sounding of any horn or other device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, truck, or vehicle while not in motion except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching, apparently out of control, or if in motion, only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.

(b) Radios, phonographs, etc. The playing of any radio, phonograph, or any musical instrument or sound device, including but not limited to loudspeakers or other devices for reproduction or amplification of sound, either independently of or in connection with motion pictures, radio, or television, in such a manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours between 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any office or hospital, or in any dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity.

(c) Yelling, shouting, etc. Yelling, shouting, whistling, or singing on the public streets, particularly between the hours of 11:00

P.M. and 7:00 A.M., or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of any person in any hospital, dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity.

(d) Pets. The keeping of any animal, bird, or fowl which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity.

(e) Use of vehicle. The use of any automobile, motorcycle, truck, or vehicle so out of repair, so loaded, or in such manner as to cause loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, or other noise.

(f) Blowing whistles. The blowing of any steam whistle attached to any stationary boiler, except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of fire or danger, or upon request of proper town authorities.

(g) Exhaust discharge. To discharge into the open air the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motor vehicle, or boat engine, except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.

(h) Building operations. The erection (including excavation), demolition, alteration, or repair of any building in any residential area or section or the construction or repair of streets and highways in any residential area or section, other than between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. on week days, except in case of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety, and then only with a permit from the building inspector granted for a period while the emergency continues not to exceed thirty (30) days. If the building inspector should determine that the public health and safety will not be impaired by the erection, demolition, alteration, or repair of any building or the excavation of streets and highways between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., and if he shall further determine that loss or inconvenience would result to any party in interest through delay, he may grant permission for such work to be done between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. upon application being made at the time the permit for the work is awarded or during the process of the work.

(i) Noises near schools, hospitals, churches, etc. The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any hospital or adjacent to any school, institution of learning, church, or court while the same is in session.

(j) Loading and unloading operations. The creation of any loud and excessive noise in connection with the loading or unloading of any vehicle or the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crates, and other containers.

(k) Noises to attract attention. The use of any drum, loudspeaker, or other instrument or device emitting noise for the purpose of attracting attention to any performance, show, or sale or display of merchandise.

(l) Loudspeakers or amplifiers on vehicles. The use of mechanical loudspeakers or amplifiers on trucks or other moving or standing vehicles for advertising or other purposes.

(2) Exceptions. None of the terms or prohibitions hereof shall apply to or be enforced against:

(a) Town vehicles. Any vehicle of the town while engaged upon necessary public business.

(b) Repair of streets, etc. Excavations or repairs of bridges, streets, or highways at night, by or on behalf of the town, the county, or the state, when the public welfare and convenience renders it impracticable to perform such work during the day.

(c) Noncommercial and nonprofit use of loudspeakers or amplifiers. The reasonable use of amplifiers or loudspeakers in the course of public addresses which are noncommercial in character and in the course of advertising functions sponsored by nonprofit organizations. However, no such use shall be made until a permit therefor is secured from the board of mayor and aldermen. Hours for the use of an amplified or public address system will be designated in the permit so issued and the use of such systems shall be restricted to the hours so designated in the permit. (1968 Code, § 10-234)

**CHAPTER 4****FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND MISSILES****SECTION**

11-401. Air rifles, etc.

11-402. Throwing missiles.

11-403. Discharge of firearms.

**11-401. Air rifles, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any person in the town to discharge any air gun, air pistol, air rifle, "BB" gun, or sling shot capable of discharging a bullet or pellet, made of metal, plastic or any other kind of material, whether propelled by spring, compressed air, expanding gas, explosive, or other force-producing means or method. (1968 Code, § 10-213)

**11-402. Throwing missiles.** It shall be unlawful for any person to maliciously throw any stone, snowball, bottle, or any other missile upon or at any vehicle, building, tree, or other public or private property or upon or at any person. (1968 Code, § 10-214)

**11-403. Discharge of firearms.** It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to discharge a firearm within the corporate limits. (1968 Code, § 10-212)

## CHAPTER 5

TRESPASSING AND INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC

## SECTION

11-501. Trespassing.

11-502. Interference with traffic.

**11-501. Trespassing.**<sup>1</sup> (1) On premises open to the public.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to defy a lawful order, personally communicated to him by the owner or other authorized person, not to enter or remain upon the premises of another, including premises which are at the time open to the public.

(b) The owner of the premises, or his authorized agent, may lawfully order another not to enter or remain upon the premises if such person is committing, or commits, any act which interferes with, or tends to interfere with, the normal, orderly, peaceful or efficient conduct of the activities of such premises.

(2) On premises closed or partially closed to public. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly enter or remain upon the premises of another which is not open to the public, notwithstanding that another part of the premises is at the time open to the public.

(3) Vacant buildings. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter or remain upon the premises of a vacated building after notice against trespass is personally communicated to him by the owner or other authorized person or is posted in a conspicuous manner.

(4) Lots and buildings in general. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter or remain on or in any lot or parcel of land or any building or other structure after notice against trespass is personally communicated to him by the owner or other authorized person or is posted in a conspicuous manner.

(5) Peddlers, etc. It shall also be unlawful and deemed to be a trespass for any peddler, canvasser, solicitor, transient merchant, or other person to fail to promptly leave the private premises of any person who requests or directs him to leave.<sup>2</sup> (1968 Code, § 10-226, modified)

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

Subsections (1) through (4) of this section were taken substantially from Tennessee Code Annotated, § 39-14-405.

<sup>2</sup>Municipal code reference

Provisions governing peddlers: title 9, chapter 1.

**11-502. Interference with traffic.** It shall be unlawful for any person to stand, sit, or engage in any activity whatever on any public street, sidewalk, bridge, or public ground in such a manner as to prevent, obstruct, or interfere with the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic thereon. (1968 Code, § 10-233)

**CHAPTER 6****MISCELLANEOUS****SECTION**

11-601. Abandoned refrigerators, etc.

11-602. Caves, wells, cisterns, etc.

11-603. Posting notices, etc.

11-604. Violation and penalty.

**11-601. Abandoned refrigerators, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any person to leave in any place accessible to children any abandoned, unattended, unused, or discarded refrigerator, icebox, or other container with any type latching or locking door without first removing therefrom the latch, lock, or door or otherwise sealing the door in such a manner that it cannot be opened by any child. (1968 Code, § 10-223)

**11-602. Caves, wells, cisterns, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any person to permit to be maintained on property owned or occupied by him any cave, well, cistern, or other such opening in the ground which is dangerous to life and limb without an adequate cover or safeguard. (1968 Code, § 10-232)

**11-603. Posting notices, etc.** No person shall paint, make, or fasten, in any way, any show-card, poster, or other advertising device or sign upon any public or private property unless legally authorized to do so. (1968 Code, § 10-227)

**11-604. Violation and penalty.** A violation of any provision of this title shall be punishable under the general penalty provision of this code.

## CHAPTER 7

### CURFEW REGULATIONS

#### SECTION

11-701. Curfew established--exceptions--duties of apprehending authority.

**11-701. Curfew established--exceptions--duties of apprehending authority.** (1) It is unlawful for any minor between seventeen (17) and eighteen (18) years of age to remain in or upon any public street, highway, park, vacant lot, establishment or other public place within the county during the following time frames:

(a) Monday through Thursday between the hours of eleven o'clock P.M. (11:00 P.M.) to six o'clock A.M. (6:00 A.M.).

(b) Friday through Sunday between the hours of twelve o'clock (12:00) Midnight to six o'clock (6:00 A.M.).

(2) It is unlawful for any minor sixteen (16) years of age and under to remain in or upon any public street, highway, park, vacant lot, establishment or other public place within the county during the following time frames:

(a) Monday through Thursday between the hours of ten o'clock P.M. (10:00 P.M.) to six o'clock A.M. (6:00 A.M.).

(b) Friday through Sunday between the hours of eleven o'clock P.M. (11:00 P.M.) to six o'clock A.M. (6:00 A.M.).

(3) It is unlawful for a parent or guardian of a minor to knowingly permit or by inefficient control to allow such minor to be or remain upon any street or establishment under circumstances not constituting an exception to, or otherwise beyond the scope of subsections (1) and (2). The term "knowingly" includes knowledge which a parent or guardian should reasonably be expected to have concerning the whereabouts of a minor in that parent's legal custody. The term "knowingly" is intended to continue to keep neglectful or careless parents up to a reasonable community standard of parental responsibility through an objective test. It is not a defense that a parent was completely indifferent to the activities or conduct or whereabouts of such minor child.

(4) The following are valid exceptions to the operation of the curfew:

(a) At any time, if a minor is accompanied by such minor's parent or guardian;

(b) When accompanied by an adult authorized by a parent or guardian of such minor to take such parent or guardian's place in accompanying the minor for a designated period of time and purpose within a specified area;

(c) Until the hour of twelve-thirty A.M. (12:30 A.M.), if the minor is on an errand as directed by such minor's parent;

(d) If the minor is legally employed, for the period from forty-five (45) minutes before to forty-five (45) minutes after work, while going directly between the minor's home and place of employment. This exception shall also apply if the minor is in a public place during the curfew hours in the course of the minor's employment. To come within this exception, the minor must be carrying written evidence of employment which is issued by the employer;

(e) Until the hour of twelve-thirty A.M. (12:30 A.M.) if the minor is on the property of or the sidewalk directly adjacent to the place where such minor resides or the place immediately adjacent thereto, if the owner of the adjacent building does not communicate an objection to the minor and the law enforcement officer;

(f) When returning home by a direct route from (and within thirty (30) minutes of the termination of) a school activity or an activity of a religious or other voluntary association, or a place of public entertainment, such as a movie, play or sporting event. This exception does not apply beyond one o'clock A.M. (1:00 A.M.).

(g) In the case of reasonable necessity, but only after such minor's parent has communicated to law enforcement personnel the facts establishing such reasonable necessity relating to specified streets at a designated time for a described purpose including place or origin and destination. A copy of such communication, or the record thereof, an appropriate notation of the time it was received and of the names and addresses of such parent or guardian and minor constitute evidence of qualification under this exception;

(h) When exercising First Amendment rights protected by the United States Constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech and the right of assembly. A minor shall show evidence of the good faith of such exercise and provide notice to the town officials by first delivering to the appropriate law enforcement authority a written communication, signed by such minor, with the minor's home address and telephone number, addressed to the mayor of the county specifying when, where and in what manner the minor will be on the streets at night during hours when the curfew is still otherwise applicable to the minor in the exercise of a First Amendment right specified in such communication; and

(i) When a minor is, with parental consent, in a motor vehicle engaged in good faith interstate travel.

Each of the foregoing exceptions, and the limitations are severable.

(5) When any child is in violation of this section, the apprehending officer shall act in one (1) of the following ways:

(a) In the case of a first violation, and if in the opinion of the officer such action would be effective, take the child to the child's home and warn and counsel the parents or guardians; or

(b) Issue a summons to the child and/or parents or guardians to appear in city court; or

(c) Issue a summons to the child and/or parents or guardians to appear at the juvenile court; or

(d) Bring the child into the custody of the juvenile court for disposition.

(6)(a) A minor violating the provisions of this section shall commit an unruly act disposition of which shall be governed pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, title 37.

(b) Any parent, guardian, or other person having the care, custody and control of a minor violating the provisions of this section shall be fined no more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense; each violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute a separate offense.

## TITLE 12

### BUILDING, UTILITY, ETC. CODES

#### CHAPTER

1. BUILDING CODE.
2. PLUMBING CODE.
3. ELECTRICAL CODE.
4. GAS CODE.
5. HOUSING CODE.
6. MODEL ENERGY CODE.

#### 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 Standard Building Code<sup>2</sup>, 1994 edition, with 1996 revisions, 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

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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 Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

the building code. (1968 Code, § 4-101, as amended by Ord. #1993-3, Aug. 1993, modified)

**12-102. Modifications.** (1) Definitions. Whenever the building code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority" or the "Chief Administrator," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the board of mayor and aldermen. 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 board of mayor and aldermen 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 Appendix "B" of the building code is amended so that the fees to be collected shall be exactly one-half of the sums therein prescribed. Section 110 of the building code is hereby deleted. (1968 Code, § 4-102, modified)

**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. (1968 Code, § 4-103, as amended by Ord. #1993-3, Aug. 1993)

**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. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense. (1968 Code, § 4-104, modified)

## CHAPTER 2

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

#### SECTION

- 12-201. Plumbing code adopted.
- 12-202. Modifications.
- 12-203. Available in recorder's office.
- 12-204. Violations and penalty.

**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 town, when such plumbing is or is to be connected with the town water or sewerage system, the Standard Plumbing Code,<sup>2</sup> 1994 edition with 1995/1996 revisions, 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. (1968 Code, § 4-201, as amended by Ord. #1993-7, Aug. 1993, modified)

**12-202. Modifications. Definitions.** 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 board of mayor and aldermen.

Wherever "Town Engineer," "Engineering Department," "Plumbing Official," or "Inspector" is named or referred to, it shall mean the person appointed or designated by the board of mayor and aldermen to administer and enforce the provisions of the plumbing code. Section 110 of the plumbing code is hereby deleted.

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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.

<sup>2</sup>Copies 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. (1968 Code, § 4-203, as amended by Ord. #1993-7, Aug. 1993)

**12-204. Violations and penalty.** 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. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense. (1968 Code, § 4-204, modified)

## CHAPTER 3

### ELECTRICAL CODE<sup>1</sup>

#### SECTION

- 12-301. Electrical code adopted.
- 12-302. Available in recorder's office.
- 12-303. Permit required for doing electrical work.
- 12-304. Violations and penalty.
- 12-305. Enforcement.
- 12-306. Fees.

**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,<sup>2</sup> 1996 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. (1968 Code, § 4-301, as amended by Ord. #1993-6, Aug. 1993, 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. (1968 Code, § 4-302, as amended by Ord. #1993-6, Aug. 1993)

**12-303. Permit required for doing electrical work.** No electrical work shall be done within the town until a permit therefor has been issued by the town. 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. (1968 Code, § 4-303)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Fire protection, fireworks and explosives: title 7.

<sup>2</sup>Copies of this code may be purchased from the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101.

**12-304. Violations and penalty.** It shall be unlawful for any person to do or authorize any electrical work or to use any electricity in such manner or under such circumstances as not to comply with this chapter and/or the requirements and standards prescribed by the electrical code. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense. (1968 Code, § 4-305, modified)

**12-305. Enforcement.** The electrical inspector shall be such person as the board of mayor and aldermen 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. (1968 Code, § 4-305)

**12-306. Fees.** The electrical inspector shall collect the same fees as are authorized in Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-102-143 for electrical inspections by deputy inspectors of the state fire marshal. (1968 Code, § 4-306, as amended by Ord. #1993-6, Aug. 1993, modified)

**CHAPTER 4****GAS CODE<sup>1</sup>****SECTION**

- 12-401. Title and definitions.
- 12-402. Purpose and scope.
- 12-403. Use of existing piping and appliances.
- 12-404. Bond and license.
- 12-405. Gas inspector and assistants.
- 12-406. Powers and duties of inspector.
- 12-407. Permits.
- 12-408. Inspections.
- 12-409. Certificates.
- 12-410. Fees.
- 12-411. Violations and penalty.
- 12-412. Non-liability.

**12-401. Title and definitions.** This chapter and the code herein adopted by reference shall be known as the gas code of the town. 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 board of mayor and aldermen.

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

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

(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. (1968 Code, § 4-201)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Gas system administration: title 19, chapter 2.

**12-402. 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 conform to the requirements of this chapter and to the Standard Gas Code,<sup>1</sup> 1994 edition with 1996 revisions, which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this chapter as if fully set forth herein. One (1) copy of the gas code shall be kept on file in the office of the town recorder for the use and inspection of the public. (1968 Code, § 4-402, modified)

**12-403. 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. (1968 Code, § 4-403)

**12-404. Bond and license.** (1) No person shall engage in or work at the installation, extension, or alteration of consumer's gas piping or certain gas appliances, until such person shall have secured a license as hereinafter provided, and shall have executed and delivered to the town recorder a good and sufficient bond in the penal sum of \$10,000, with corporate surety, conditioned for the faithful performance of all such work, entered upon or contracted for, in strict accordance and compliance with the provisions of the gas code. The bond herein required shall expire on the first day of January next following its approval by the town recorder, and thereafter on the first day of January of each year a new bond, in form and substance as herein required, shall be given by such person to cover all such work as shall be done during such year.

(2) Upon approval of said bond, the person desiring to do such work shall secure from the town recorder a nontransferable license which shall run until the first day of January next succeeding its issuance, unless sooner revoked. The person obtaining a license shall pay any applicable license fees to the town recorder; provided, however, any license obtained after the 1st day of July of any year shall be computed at the rate of one-half (1/2) of the annual fee.

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<sup>1</sup>Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

(3) Nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting an individual from installing or repairing his own appliances or installing, extending, replacing, altering, or repairing consumer's piping on his own premises, or as requiring a license or a bond from an individual doing such work on his own premises; provided, however, all such work must be done in conformity with all other provisions of the gas code, including those relating to permits, inspections, and fees. (1968 Code, § 4-404)

**12-405. 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 board of mayor and aldermen and the compensation for such office shall be determined at the time of appointment. (1968 Code, § 4-405)

**12-406. 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.

(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. (1968 Code, § 4-406)

**12-407. 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 town 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. (1968 Code, § 4-407)

**12-408. Inspections.** (1) A rough piping inspection shall be made after all new piping authorized by the permit has been installed, and before any such piping has been covered or concealed or any fixtures or gas appliances have been attached thereto.

(2) A final piping inspection shall be made after all piping authorized by the permit has been installed and after all portions thereof which are to be concealed by plastering or otherwise have been so concealed, and before any fixtures or gas appliances have been attached thereto. This inspection shall include a pressure test, at which time the piping shall stand an air pressure equal to not less than the pressure of a column of mercury six (6) inches in height, and the piping shall hold this air pressure for a period of at least ten (10) minutes without any perceptible drop. A mercury column gauge shall be used for the test. All tools, apparatus, labor, and assistance necessary for the test shall be furnished by the installer of such piping. (1968 Code, § (1968 Code, § 4-408)

**12-409. Certificates.** The inspector shall issue a certificate of approval at the completion of the work for which a permit for consumer piping has been issued if after inspection it is found that such work complies with the provisions of the gas code. A duplicate of each certificate issued covering consumer's gas piping shall be delivered to the gas company and used as its authority to render gas service. (1968 Code, § 4-409)

**12-410. Fees.** (1) The total fees for inspection of consumer's gas piping at one location (including both rough and final piping inspection) shall be \$1.50 for one to five outlets, inclusive, and \$0.50 for each outlet above five.

(2) The fees for inspecting conversion burners, floor furnaces, boilers, or central heating plants shall be \$1.50 for each unit.

(3) The fees for inspecting vented wall furnaces and water heaters shall be \$1.00 for each unit.

(4) If the inspector is called back, after correction of defects noted, an additional fee of \$1.00 shall be made for each such return inspection.

(5) Any and all fees shall be paid by the person to whom the permit is issued. (1968 Code, § 4-410)

**12-411. Violations and penalties.** 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. (1968 Code, § 4-411)

**12-412. Non-liability.** 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. (1968 Code, § 4-412)

## CHAPTER 5

### HOUSING CODE

#### SECTION

12-501. Housing code adopted.

12-502. Modifications.

12-503. Available in recorder's office.

12-504. Violations and penalty.

**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,<sup>1</sup> 1994 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. (1968 Code, § 4-501, as amended by Ord. #1993-4, Aug. 1993, modified)

**12-502. Modifications.** (1) Definitions. Wherever the housing code refers to the "Housing Official" it shall mean the person appointed or designated by the board of mayor and aldermen to administer and enforce the provisions of the housing code. Wherever the "Department of Law" is referred to it shall mean the town attorney. Wherever the "Chief Appointing Authority" is referred to it shall mean the board of mayor and aldermen.

(2) Penalty clause deleted. Section 108 of the housing code is deleted.

**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. (1968 Code, § 4-503, as amended by Ord. #1993-4, Aug. 1993)

**12-504. Violations and penalty.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the housing code as herein

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<sup>1</sup>Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

adopted by reference and modified. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense. (1968 Code, § 4-504, modified)

## CHAPTER 6

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

#### SECTION

- 12-601. Model energy code adopted.
- 12-602. Modifications.
- 12-603. Available in recorder's office.
- 12-604. Violations 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 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.

**12-602. Modifications.** Whenever the energy code refers to the "responsible government agency," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the Town of Rutherford. When the "building official" is named it shall, for the purposes of the energy code, mean such person as the board of mayor and aldermen 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.

**12-603. 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. Violations 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. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

## TITLE 13

### PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS<sup>1</sup>

#### CHAPTER

1. MISCELLANEOUS.
2. SLUM CLEARANCE.
3. JUNKYARDS.

#### CHAPTER 1

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### SECTION

- 13-101. Health officer.
- 13-102. Smoke, soot, cinders, etc.
- 13-103. Stagnant water.
- 13-104. Weeds and grass.
- 13-105. Dead animals.
- 13-106. Health and sanitation nuisances.
- 13-107. House trailers.
- 13-108. Violations and penalty.

**13-101. Health officer.** The "health officer" shall be such municipal, county, or state officer as the governing body shall appoint or designate to administer and enforce health and sanitation regulations within the municipality. (1968 Code, § 8-401)

**13-102. Smoke, soot, cinders, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or cause the escape of such quantities of dense smoke, soot, cinders, noxious acids, fumes, dust, or gases as to be detrimental to or to endanger the health, comfort, and safety of the public or so as to cause or have a tendency to cause injury or damage to property or business. (1968 Code, § 8-405)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

Abandoned motor vehicles: title 15, chapter 9.

Animal control: title 10.

Littering streets, etc.: § 16-107.

Wastewater treatment: title 18, chapter 2.

**13-103. Stagnant water.** It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to allow any pool of stagnant water to accumulate and stand on his property without treating it so as effectively to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes. (1968 Code, § 8-406)

**13-104. Weeds and grass.** Every owner or tenant of property shall periodically cut the grass and other vegetation commonly recognized as weeds on his property, and it shall be unlawful for any person to fail to comply with an order by the town recorder to cut such vegetation when it has reached a height of over one (1) foot. (1968 Code, § 8-407)

**13-105. Dead animals.** Any person owning or having possession of any dead animal not intended for use as food shall promptly bury the same or notify the town recorder and dispose of such animal in such manner as the town recorder shall direct. (1968 Code, § 8-408)

**13-106. Health and sanitation nuisances.** It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any premises owned, occupied, or controlled by him to become or remain in a filthy condition, or permit the use or occupation of same in such a manner as to create noxious or offensive smells and odors in connection therewith, or to allow the accumulation or creation of unwholesome and offensive matter or the breeding of flies, rodents, or other vermin on the premises to the menace of the public health or the annoyance of people residing within the vicinity. (1968 Code, § 8-409)

**13-107. House trailers.** It shall be unlawful for any person to park, locate, or occupy any house trailer or portable building unless it complies with all plumbing, electrical, sanitary, and building provisions applicable to stationary structures and the proposed location conforms to the zoning provisions of the municipality and unless a permit therefor shall have been first duly issued by the building official, as provided for in the building code. (1968 Code, § 8-404)

**13-108. Violations and penalty.** Violations of this chapter shall subject the offender to 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.

## CHAPTER 2

### SLUM CLEARANCE<sup>1</sup>

#### SECTION

- 13-201. Findings of board.
- 13-202. Definitions.
- 13-203. "Public officer" designated; powers.
- 13-204. Initiation of proceedings; hearings.
- 13-205. Orders to owners of unfit structures.
- 13-206. When public officer may repair, etc.
- 13-207. When public officer may remove or demolish.
- 13-208. Lien for expenses; sale of salvage materials; other powers not limited.
- 13-209. Basis for a finding of unfitness.
- 13-210. Service of complaints or orders.
- 13-211. Enjoining enforcement of orders.
- 13-212. Additional powers of public officer.
- 13-213. Powers conferred are supplemental.
- 13-214. Structures unfit for human habitation deemed unlawful.

**13-201. Findings of board.** Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 13-21-101, et seq., the board of mayor and aldermen finds that there exists in the town structures which are unfit for human occupation due to dilapidation, defects increasing the hazards of fire, accident or other calamities, lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities, or due to other conditions rendering such dwellings unsafe or unsanitary, or dangerous or detrimental to the health, safety and morals, or otherwise inimical to the welfare of the residents of the town and hereby ordains that such structures shall be required to be repaired or closed and/or demolished in the manner herein provided. (Ord. #1993-1, July 1993, modified)

**13-202. Definitions.** (1) "Dwelling" means any building or structure, or part thereof, used and occupied for human occupation or use or intended to be so used, and includes any outhouses and appurtenances belonging thereto or usually enjoyed therewith.

(2) "Governing body" shall mean the board of mayor and aldermen charged with governing the town.

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, title 13, chapter 21.

(3) "Municipality" shall mean the Town of Rutherford, Tennessee, and the areas encompassed within existing town limits or as hereafter annexed.

(4) "Owner" shall mean the holder of title in fee simple and every mortgagee of record.

(5) "Parties in interest" shall mean all individuals, associations, corporations and others who have interests of record in a dwelling and any who are in possession thereof.

(6) "Place of public accommodation" means any building or structure in which goods are supplied or services performed, or in which the trade of the general public is solicited.

(7) "Public authority" shall mean any housing authority or any officer who is in charge of any department or branch of the government of the town or state relating to health, fire, building regulations, or other activities concerning structures in the town.

(8) "Public officer" shall mean the officer or officers who are authorized by this chapter to exercise the powers prescribed herein and pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 13-21-101, et seq.

(9) "Structure" means any dwelling or place of public accommodation or vacant building or structure suitable as a dwelling or place of public accommodation. (Ord. #1993-1, July 1993)

**13-203. "Public officer" designated; powers.** There is hereby designated and appointed a "public officer" to exercise the powers prescribed by this chapter, which powers shall be supplemental to all others held by the public officer.

**13-204. Initiation of proceedings; hearings.** Whenever a petition is filed with the public officer by a public authority or by at least five (5) residents of the town charging that any structure is unfit for human occupancy or use, or whenever it appears to the public officer (on his own motion) that any structure is unfit for human occupation or use, the public officer shall, if his preliminary investigation discloses a basis for such charges, issue and cause to be served upon the owner of, and parties in interest of, such structure a complaint stating the charges in that respect and containing a notice that a hearing will be held before the public officer (or his designated agent) at a place therein fixed, not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days after the service of the complaint; and the owner and parties in interest shall have the right to file an answer to the complaint and to appear in person, or otherwise, and give testimony at the time and place fixed in the complaint; and the rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity shall not be controlling in hearings before the public officer. (Ord. #1993-1, July 1993)

**13-205. Orders to owners of unfit structures.** If, after such notice and hearing as provided for in the preceding section, the public officer determines that the structure under consideration is unfit for human occupation or use, he shall state in writing his finding of fact in support of such determination and shall issue and cause to be served upon the owner thereof an order:

(1) If the repair, alteration or improvement of the structure can be made at a reasonable cost in relation to the value of the structure (not exceeding fifty percent [50%] of the reasonable value), requiring the owner, within the time specified in the order, to repair, alter, or improve such structure to render it fit for human occupation or use or to vacate and close the structure for human occupation or use; or

(2) If the repair, alteration or improvement of said structure cannot be made at a reasonable cost in relation to the value of the structure (not to exceed fifty percent [50%] of the value of the premises), requiring the owner within the time specified in the order, to remove or demolish such structure. (Ord. #1993-1, July 1993)

**13-206. When public officer may repair, etc.** If the owner fails to comply with the order to repair, alter, or improve or to vacate and close the structure as specified in the preceding section hereof, the public officer may cause such structure to be repaired, altered, or improved, or to be vacated and closed; and the public officer may cause to be posted on the main entrance of any dwelling so closed, a placard with the following words: "This building is unfit for human occupation or use. The use or occupation of this building for human occupation or use is prohibited and unlawful." (Ord. #1993-1, July 1993)

**13-207. When public officer may remove or demolish.** If the owner fails to comply with an order, as specified above, to remove or demolish the structure, the public officer may cause such structure to be removed and demolished. (Ord. #1993-1, July 1993)

**13-208. Lien for expenses; sale of salvaged materials; other powers not limited.** The amount of the cost of such repairs, alterations or improvements, or vacating and closing, or removal or demolition by the public officer shall be assessed against the owner of the property, and shall upon the filing of the notice with the office of the register of deeds of Gibson County, be a lien on the property in favor of the municipality, second only to liens of the state, county and municipality for taxes, any lien of the municipality for special assessments, and any valid lien, right, or interest in such property duly recorded or duly perfected by filing, prior to the filing of such notice. These costs shall be collected by the municipal tax collector or county trustee at the same

time and in the same manner as property taxes are collected. If the owner fails to pay the costs, they may be collected at the same time and in the same manner as delinquent property taxes are collected and shall be subject to the same penalty and interest as delinquent property taxes. In addition, the municipality may collect the costs assessed against the owner through an action for debt filed in any court of competent jurisdiction. The municipality may bring one (1) action for debt against more than one or all of the owners of properties against whom said costs have been assessed and the fact that multiple owners have been joined in one (1) action shall not be considered by the court as a misjoinder of parties. If the structure is removed or demolished by the public officer, he shall sell the materials of such structure and shall credit the proceeds of such sale against the cost of the removal or demolition, and any balance remaining shall be deposited in the chancery court of Gibson County by the public officer, shall be secured in such manner as may be directed by such court, and shall be disbursed by such court to the person found to be entitled thereto by final order or decree of such court. Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair or limit in any way the power of the Town of Rutherford to define and declare nuisances and to cause their removal or abatement, by summary proceedings or otherwise. (Ord. #1993-1, July 1993, modified)

**13-209. Basis for a finding of unfitness.** The public officer defined herein shall have the power and may determine that a structure is unfit for human occupation and use if he finds that conditions exist in such structure which are dangerous or injurious to the health, safety or morals of the occupants or users of such structure, the occupants or users of neighboring structures or other residents of the Town of Rutherford. Such conditions may include the following (without limiting the generality of the foregoing): defects therein increasing the hazards of fire, accident, or other calamities; lack of adequate ventilation, light, or sanitary facilities; dilapidation; disrepair; structural defects; or uncleanness. (Ord. #1993-1, July 1993)

**13-210. Service of complaints or orders.** Complaints or orders issued by the public officer pursuant to this chapter shall be served upon persons, either personally or by registered mail, but if the whereabouts of such persons are unknown and the same cannot be ascertained by the public officer in the exercise of reasonable diligence, and the public officer shall make an affidavit to that effect, then the serving of such complaint or order upon such persons may be made by publishing the same once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the Tri-City Reporter, a newspaper with its principal office in Dyer, Tennessee, or other such a newspaper as may then be the newspaper with its principal office nearest Rutherford, Tennessee. In addition, a copy of such complaint or order shall be posted in a conspicuous place on premises affected

by the complaint or order. A copy of such complaint or order shall also be filed for record in the Register's Office of Gibson County, Tennessee, and such filing shall have the same force and effect as other lis pendens notices provided by law. (Ord. #1993-1, July 1993)

**13-211. Enjoining enforcement of orders.** Any person affected by an order issued by the public officer served pursuant to this chapter may file a bill in chancery court for an injunction restraining the public officer from carrying out the provisions of the order, and the court may, upon the filing of such suit, issue a temporary injunction restraining the public officer pending the final disposition of the cause; provided, however, that within sixty (60) days after the posting and service of the order of the public officer, such person shall file such bill in the court.

The remedy provided herein shall be the exclusive remedy and no person affected by an order of the public officer shall be entitled to recover any damages for action taken pursuant to any order of the public officer, or because of noncompliance by such person with any order of the public officer.

**13-212. Additional powers of public officer.** The public officer, in order to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this chapter, shall have the following powers in addition to those otherwise granted herein:

- (1) To investigate conditions of the structures in the town in order to determine which structures therein are unfit for human occupation or use;
- (2) To administer oaths, affirmations, examine witnesses and receive evidence;
- (3) To enter upon premises for the purpose of making examination, provided that such entry shall be made in such manner as to cause the least possible inconvenience to the persons in possession;
- (4) To appoint and fix the duties of such officers, agents and employees as he deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter; and
- (5) To delegate any of his functions and powers under this chapter to such officers and agents as he may designate. (Ord. #1993-1, July 1993)

**13-213. Powers conferred are supplemental.** This chapter shall not be construed to abrogate or impair the powers of the town with regard to the enforcement of the provisions of its charter or any other ordinances or regulations, nor to prevent or punish violations thereof, and the powers conferred by this chapter shall be in addition and supplemental to the powers conferred by the charter and other laws. (Ord. #1993-1, July 1993)

**13-214. Structures unfit for human habitation deemed unlawful.** It shall be unlawful for any owner of record to create, maintain or permit to be

maintained in the town structures which are unfit for human occupation due to dilapidation, defects increasing the hazards of fire, accident or other calamities, lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities, or due to other conditions rendering such dwellings unsafe or unsanitary, or dangerous or detrimental to the health, safety and morals, or otherwise inimical to the welfare of the residents of the town.

Violations of this section shall subject the offender to 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.

**CHAPTER 3****JUNKYARDS****SECTION**

13-301. Junkyards.

13-302. Violations and penalty.

**13-301. Junkyards.**<sup>1</sup> All junkyards within the corporate limits shall be operated and maintained subject to the following regulations:

(1) All junk stored or kept in such yards shall be so kept that it will not catch and hold water in which mosquitoes may breed and so that it will not constitute a place, or places in which rats, mice, or other vermin may be harbored, reared, or propagated.

(2) All such junkyards shall be enclosed within close fitting plank or metal solid fences touching the ground on the bottom and being not less than six (6) feet in height, such fence to be built so that it will be impossible for stray cats and/or stray dogs to have access to such junkyards.

(3) Such yards shall be so maintained as to be in a sanitary condition and so as not to be a menace to the public health or safety. (1968 Code, § 8-410)

**13-302. Violations and penalty.** Violations of this chapter shall subject the offender to 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.

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

The provisions of this section were taken substantially from the Bristol ordinance upheld by the Tennessee Court of Appeals as being a reasonable and valid exercise of the police power in the case of Hagaman v. Slaughter, 49 Tenn. App. 338, 354 S.W.2d 818 (1961).

**TITLE 14****ZONING AND LAND USE CONTROL****CHAPTER**

1. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION.
2. ZONING ORDINANCE.

**CHAPTER 1****MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION****SECTION**

- 14-101. Creation and membership.  
14-102. Organization, powers, duties, etc.

**14-101. Creation and membership.** Pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 13-4-101 there is hereby created a municipal planning commission, hereinafter referred to as the planning commission. The planning commission shall consist of five (5) members; two (2) of these shall be the mayor and another member of the board of mayor and aldermen selected by the board of mayor and aldermen; the other three (3) members shall be appointed by the mayor. All members of the planning commission shall serve as such without compensation. Except for the initial appointments, the terms of the three (3) members appointed by the mayor shall be for three (3) years each. The three (3) members first appointed shall be appointed for terms of one (1), two (2), and three (3) years respectively so that the term of one (1) member expires each year. The terms of the mayor and the member selected by the board of mayor and aldermen shall run concurrently with their terms of office. Any vacancy in an appointive membership shall be filled for the unexpired term by the mayor, who shall also have the authority to remove any appointive member at his will and pleasure. (1968 Code, § 11-101, modified)

**14-102. Organization, powers, duties, etc.** The planning commission shall be organized and shall carry out its powers, functions, and duties in accordance with all applicable provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, title 13. (1968 Code, § 11-102)

**CHAPTER 2**

**ZONING ORDINANCE**

**SECTION**

14-201. Land use to be governed by zoning ordinance.

**14-201. Land use to be governed by zoning ordinance.** Land use within the Town of Rutherford shall be governed by the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Rutherford, Tennessee, and any amendments thereto.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The zoning ordinance, and any amendments thereto, are published as separate documents and are of record in the office of the city recorder.

## TITLE 15

### MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING<sup>1</sup>

#### CHAPTER

1. MISCELLANEOUS.
2. EMERGENCY VEHICLES.
3. SPEED LIMITS.
4. TURNING MOVEMENTS.
5. STOPPING AND YIELDING.
6. PARKING.
7. VEHICLE REGISTRATION.
8. ENFORCEMENT.
9. ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES.

#### CHAPTER 1

#### MISCELLANEOUS<sup>2</sup>

#### SECTION

- 15-101. Offenses adopted by reference.
- 15-102. Motor vehicle requirements.
- 15-103. Driving on streets closed for repairs, etc.
- 15-104. Reckless driving.
- 15-105. One-way streets.
- 15-106. Unlaned streets.
- 15-107. Laned streets.
- 15-108. Yellow lines.

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Excavations and obstructions in streets, etc.: title 16.

<sup>2</sup>State law references

Under Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-307, the following offenses are exclusively state offenses and must be tried in a state court or a court having state jurisdiction: driving while intoxicated or drugged, as prohibited by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-401; failing to stop after a traffic accident, as prohibited by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-101, et seq.; driving while license is suspended or revoked, as prohibited by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-7-116; and drag racing, as prohibited by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-501.

- 15-109. Miscellaneous traffic control signs, etc.
- 15-110. General requirements for traffic control signs, etc.
- 15-111. Unauthorized traffic control signs, etc.
- 15-112. Presumption with respect to traffic control signs, etc.
- 15-113. School safety patrols.
- 15-114. Driving through funerals or other processions.
- 15-115. Clinging to vehicles in motion.
- 15-116. Riding on outside of vehicles.
- 15-117. Backing vehicles.
- 15-118. Projections from the rear of vehicles.
- 15-119. Causing unnecessary noise.
- 15-120. Vehicles and operators to be licensed.
- 15-121. Passing.
- 15-122. Motorcycles, motor driven cycles, motorized bicycles, bicycles, etc.

**15-101. Offenses adopted by reference.** The offenses against the State of Tennessee enumerated in Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 55-8-101 through 55-8-180, 55-10-101 through 55-10-310, 55-50-301, 55-50-302, 55-50-304, 55-50-305, 55-50-311 and 55-50-312 are hereby adopted, by reference, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-307, as offenses against the Town of Rutherford. Any violation of the above referenced statutes within the corporate limits of the Town of Rutherford is also a violation of this section. (Ord. #1993-8, Aug. 1993)

**15-102. Motor vehicle requirements.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle within the corporate limits unless such vehicle is equipped with properly operating muffler, lights, brakes, horn, and such other equipment as is prescribed and required by Tennessee Code Annotated, title 55, chapter 9. (1968 Code, § 9-101)

**15-103. Driving on streets closed for repairs, etc.** Except for necessary access to property abutting thereon, no motor vehicle shall be driven upon any street that is barricaded or closed for repairs or other lawful purpose. (1968 Code, § 9-106)

**15-104. Reckless driving.** Irrespective of the posted speed limit, no person, including operators of emergency vehicles, shall drive any vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. (1968 Code, § 9-107)

**15-105. One-way streets.** On any street for one-way traffic with posted signs indicating the authorized direction of travel at all intersections offering

access thereto, no person shall operate any vehicle except in the indicated direction. (1968 Code, § 9-109)

**15-106. Unlaned streets.** (1) Upon all unlaned streets of sufficient width, a vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the street except:

(a) When lawfully overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction.

(b) When the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair.

(c) Upon a roadway designated and signposted by the town for one-way traffic.

(2) All vehicles proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall be driven as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn. (1968 Code, § 9-110)

**15-107. Laned streets.** On streets marked with traffic lanes, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to fail or refuse to keep his vehicle within the boundaries of the proper lane for his direction of travel except when lawfully passing another vehicle or preparatory to making a lawful turning movement.

On two (2) lane and three (3) lane streets, the proper lane for travel shall be the right hand lane unless otherwise clearly marked. On streets with four (4) or more lanes, either of the right hand lanes shall be available for use except that traffic moving at less than the normal rate of speed shall use the extreme right hand lane. On one-way streets either lane may be lawfully used in the absence of markings to the contrary. (1968 Code, § 9-111)

**15-108. Yellow lines.** On streets with a yellow line placed to the right of any lane line or center line, such yellow line shall designate a no-passing zone, and no operator shall drive his vehicle or any part thereof across or to the left of such yellow line except when necessary to make a lawful left turn from such street. (1968 Code, § 9-112)

**15-109. Miscellaneous traffic control signs, etc.**<sup>1</sup> It shall be unlawful for any pedestrian or the operator of any vehicle to violate or fail to

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

Stop signs, yield signs, flashing signals, pedestrian control signs, traffic control signals generally: §§ 15-505--15-509.

comply with any traffic control sign, signal, marking, or device placed or erected by the state or the town unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

It shall be unlawful for any pedestrian or the operator of any vehicle willfully to violate or fail to comply with the reasonable directions of any police officer. (1968 Code, § 9-113)

**15-110. General requirements for traffic control signs, etc.** All traffic control signs, signals, markings, and devices shall conform to the latest revision of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways,<sup>1</sup> published by the U. S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and shall, so far as practicable, be uniform as to type and location throughout the town. This section shall not be construed as being mandatory but is merely directive. (1968 Code, § 9-114)

**15-111. Unauthorized traffic control signs, etc.** No person shall place, maintain, or display upon or in view of any street, any unauthorized sign, signal, marking, or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic control sign, signal, marking, or device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to control the movement of traffic or parking of vehicles, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic control sign, signal, marking, or device or any railroad sign or signal. (1968 Code, § 9-115)

**15-112. Presumption with respect to traffic control signs, etc.** When a traffic-control sign, signal, marking, or device has been placed, the presumption shall be that it is official and that it has been lawfully placed by the proper town authority. (1968 Code, § 9-116)

**15-113. School safety patrols.** All motorists and pedestrians shall obey the directions or signals of school safety patrols when such patrols are assigned under the authority of the chief of police and are acting in accordance with instructions; provided, that such persons giving any order, signal, or direction shall at the time be wearing some insignia and/or using authorized flags for giving signals. (1968 Code, § 9-117)

**15-114 Driving through funerals or other processions.** Except when otherwise directed by a police officer, no driver of a vehicle shall drive between the vehicles comprising a funeral or other authorized procession while

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<sup>1</sup>This manual may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

they are in motion and when such vehicles are conspicuously designated. (1968 Code, § 9-118)

**15-115. Clinging to vehicles in motion.** It shall be unlawful for any person traveling upon any bicycle, motorcycle, coaster, sled, roller skates, or any other vehicle to cling to, or attach himself or his vehicle to any other moving vehicle upon any street, alley, or other public way or place. (1968 Code, § 9-120)

**15-116. Riding on outside of vehicles.** It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, or for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle being operated on a street, alley, or other public way or place, to permit any person to ride on any portion of such vehicle not designed or intended for the use of passengers. This section shall not apply to persons engaged in the necessary discharge of lawful duties nor to persons riding in the load-carrying space of trucks. (1968 Code, § 9-121)

**15-117. Backing vehicles.** The driver of a vehicle shall not back the same unless such movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with other traffic. (1968 Code, § 9-122)

**15-118. Projections from the rear of vehicles.** Whenever the load or any projecting portion of any vehicle shall extend beyond the rear of the bed or body thereof, the operator shall display at the end of such load or projection, in such position as to be clearly visible from the rear of such vehicle, a red flag being not less than twelve (12) inches square. Between one-half (1/2) hour after sunset and one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise, there shall be displayed in place of the flag a red light plainly visible under normal atmospheric conditions at least two hundred (200) feet from the rear of such vehicle. (1968 Code, § 9-123)

**15-119. Causing unnecessary noise.** It shall be unlawful for any person to cause unnecessary noise by unnecessarily sounding the horn, "racing" the motor, or causing the "screeching" or "squealing" of the tires on any motor vehicle. (1968 Code, § 9-124)

**15-120. Vehicles and operators to be licensed.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in violation of the "Tennessee Motor Vehicle Title and Registration Law" or the "Uniform Motor Vehicle Operators' and Chauffeurs' License Law." (1968 Code, § 9-125)

**15-121. Passing.** Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the driver of a vehicle passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not

again drive to the right side of the street until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle. The driver of the overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on audible signal and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

When the street is wide enough, the driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass upon the right of another vehicle which is making or about to make a left turn.

The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction either upon the left or upon the right on a street of sufficient width for four (4) or more lanes of moving traffic when such movement can be made in safety.

No person shall drive off the pavement or upon the shoulder of the street in overtaking or passing on the right.

When any vehicle has stopped at a marked crosswalk or at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the street, no operator of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.

No vehicle operator shall attempt to pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless he can see that the way ahead is sufficiently clear and unobstructed to enable him to make the movement in safety. (1968 Code, § 9-126)

**15-122. Motorcycles, motor driven cycles, motorized bicycles, bicycles, etc.** (1) Definitions. For the purpose of the application of this section, the following words shall have the definitions indicated:

(a) "Motorcycle." Every motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground, but excluding a tractor or motorized bicycle.

(b) "Motor-driven cycle." Every motorcycle, including every motor scooter, with a motor capacity that does not exceed five (5) brake horsepower, or with a motor with a cylinder capacity not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five cubic centimeters (125cc);

(c) "Motorized bicycle." A vehicle with two (2) or three (3) wheels, an automatic transmission, and a motor with a cylinder capacity not exceeding fifty (50) cubic centimeters which produces no more than two (2) brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a maximum design speed of no more than thirty (30) miles per hour on level ground.

(2) Every person riding or operating a bicycle, motor cycle, motor driven cycle or motorized bicycle shall be subject to the provisions of all traffic ordinances, rules, and regulations of the town applicable to the driver or operator of other vehicles except as to those provisions which by their nature

can have no application to bicycles, motorcycles, motor driven cycles, or motorized bicycles.

(3) No person operating or riding a bicycle, motorcycle, motor driven cycle or motorized bicycle shall ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, nor shall the operator carry any other person upon such vehicle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon.

(4) No bicycle, motorcycle, motor driven cycle or motorized bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(5) No person operating a bicycle, motorcycle, motor driven cycle or motorized bicycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the rider from keeping both hands upon the handlebars.

(6) No person under the age of sixteen (16) years shall operate any motorcycle, motor driven cycle or motorized bicycle while any other person is a passenger upon said motor vehicle.

(7) Each driver of a motorcycle, motor driven cycle, or motorized bicycle and any passenger thereon shall be required to wear on his head a crash helmet of a type approved by the state's commissioner of safety.

(8) Every motorcycle, motor driven cycle, or motorized bicycle operated upon any public way within the corporate limits shall be equipped with a windshield or, in the alternative, the operator and any passenger on any such motorcycle, motor driven cycle or motorized bicycle shall be required to wear safety goggles, faceshield or glasses containing impact resistant lens for the purpose of preventing any flying object from striking the operator or any passenger in the eyes.

(9) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or ride on any vehicle in violation of this section, and it shall also be unlawful for any parent or guardian knowingly to permit any minor to operate a motorcycle, motor driven cycle or motorized bicycle in violation of this section. (1968 Code, § 9-127)

## CHAPTER 2

### EMERGENCY VEHICLES

#### SECTION

- 15-201. Authorized emergency vehicles defined.
- 15-202. Operation of authorized emergency vehicles.
- 15-203. Following emergency vehicles.
- 15-204. Running over fire hoses, etc.

**15-201. Authorized emergency vehicles defined.** Authorized emergency vehicles shall be fire department vehicles, police vehicles, and such ambulances and other emergency vehicles as are designated by the chief of police. (1968 Code, § 9-102)

**15-202. Operation of authorized emergency vehicles.**<sup>1</sup> (1) The exemptions herein granted for an authorized emergency vehicle shall apply only when the driver of any such vehicle while in motion sounds an audible signal by bell, siren, or exhaust whistle and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one (1) lighted lamp displaying a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the front of such vehicle, except that an authorized emergency vehicle operated as a police vehicle need not be equipped with or display a red light visible from in front of the vehicle.

(2) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency call, or when in the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, or when responding to but not upon returning from a fire alarm, may exercise the privileges set forth in this section, subject to the conditions herein stated.

(3) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle may park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this title; proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down to ascertain that the intersection is clear; exceed the maximum speed limit and disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions so long as he does not endanger life or property.

(4) The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Operation of other vehicle upon the approach of emergency vehicles:  
§ 15-501.

consequences of his reckless disregard for the safety of others. (1968 Code, § 9-103)

**15-203. Following emergency vehicles.** No driver of any vehicle shall follow any authorized emergency vehicle apparently travelling in response to an emergency call closer than five hundred (500) feet or drive or park such vehicle within the block where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm. (1968 Code, § 9-104)

**15-204. Running over fire hoses, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any person to drive over any hose lines or other equipment of the fire department except in obedience to the direction of a fireman or policeman. (1968 Code, § 9-105)

## CHAPTER 3

### SPEED LIMITS

#### SECTION

15-301. In general.

15-302. At intersections.

15-303. In school zones.

15-304. In congested areas.

**15-301. In general.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle upon any highway or street at a rate of speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour except where official signs have been posted indicating other speed limits, in which cases the posted speed limit shall apply. (1968 Code, § 9-201)

**15-302. At intersections.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle through any intersection at a rate of speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour unless such person is driving on a street regulated by traffic control signals or signs which require traffic to stop or yield on the intersecting streets. (1968 Code, § 9-202)

**15-303. In school zones.** Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-152, the town shall have the authority to enact special speed limits in school zones. Such special speed limits shall be enacted based on an engineering investigation; shall not be less than fifteen (15) miles per hour; and shall be in effect only when proper signs are posted with a warning flasher or flashers in operation. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any such special speed limit enacted and in effect in accordance with this paragraph.

In school zones where the board of mayor and aldermen has not established special speed limits as provided for above, any person who shall drive at a speed exceeding fifteen (15) miles per hour when passing a school during a recess period when a warning flasher or flashers are in operation, or during a period of forty (40) minutes before the opening hour of a school, or a period of forty (40) minutes after the closing hour of a school, while children are actually going to or leaving school, shall be prima facie guilty of reckless driving. (1968 Code, § 9-203, modified)

**15-304. In congested areas.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle through any congested area at a rate of speed in excess of any posted speed limit when such speed limit has been posted by authority of the municipality. (1968 Code, § 9-204)

## CHAPTER 4

### TURNING MOVEMENTS

#### SECTION

15-401. Generally.

15-402. Right turns.

15-403. Left turns on two-way roadways.

15-404. Left turns on other than two-way roadways.

15-405. U-turns.

**15-401. Generally.** No person operating a motor vehicle shall make any turning movement which might affect any pedestrian or the operation of any other vehicle without first ascertaining that such movement can be made in safety and signaling his intention in accordance with the requirements of the state law.<sup>1</sup> (1968 Code, § 9-301)

**15-402. Right turns.** Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway. (1968 Code, § 9-302)

**15-403. Left turns on two-way roadways.** At any intersection where traffic is permitted to move in both directions on each roadway entering the intersection, an approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the center line thereof and by passing to the right of the intersection of the center lines of the two roadways. (1968 Code, § 9-303)

**15-404. Left turns on other than two-way roadways.** At any intersection where traffic is restricted to one direction on one or more of the roadways, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn left at any such intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection, as nearly as practicable, in the left hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in such direction upon the roadway being entered. (1968 Code, § 9-304)

**15-405. U-turns.** U-turns are prohibited. (1968 Code, § 9-305)

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-143.

## CHAPTER 5

### STOPPING AND YIELDING

#### SECTION

- 15-501. Upon approach of authorized emergency vehicles.
- 15-502. When emerging from alleys, etc.
- 15-503. To prevent obstructing an intersection.
- 15-504. At railroad crossings.
- 15-505. At "stop" signs.
- 15-506. At "yield" signs.
- 15-507. At traffic control signals generally.
- 15-508. At flashing traffic control signals.
- 15-509. At pedestrian control signals.
- 15-510. Stops to be signaled.

**15-501. Upon approach of authorized emergency vehicles.**<sup>1</sup> Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible and/or visual signals meeting the requirements of the laws of this state, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer. (1968 Code, § 9-401)

**15-502. When emerging from alleys, etc.** The drivers of all vehicles emerging from alleys, parking lots, driveways, or buildings shall stop such vehicles immediately prior to driving onto any sidewalk or street. They shall not proceed to drive onto the sidewalk or street until they can safely do so without colliding or interfering with approaching pedestrians or vehicles. (1968 Code, § 9-402)

**15-503. To prevent obstructing an intersection.** No driver shall enter any intersection or marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of such intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle he is operating without obstructing the passage of traffic in or on the intersecting street or crosswalk. This provision shall be effective notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed. (1968 Code, § 9-403)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Special privileges of emergency vehicles: title 15, chapter 2.

**15-504. At railroad crossings.** Any driver of a vehicle approaching a railroad grade crossing shall stop within not less than fifteen (15) feet from the nearest rail of such railroad and shall not proceed further while any of the following conditions exist:

(1) A clearly visible electrical or mechanical signal device gives warning of the approach of a railroad train.

(2) A crossing gate is lowered or a human flagman signals the approach of a railroad train.

(3) A railroad train is approaching within approximately fifteen hundred (1500) feet of the highway crossing and is emitting an audible signal indicating its approach.

(4) An approaching railroad train is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to the crossing. (1968 Code, § 9-404)

**15-505. At "stop" signs.** The driver of a vehicle facing a "stop" sign shall bring his vehicle to a complete stop immediately before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if there is no crosswalk, then immediately before entering the intersection, and shall remain standing until he can proceed through the intersection in safety. (1968 Code, § 9-405)

**15-506. At "yield" signs.** The drivers of all vehicles shall yield the right of way to approaching vehicles before proceeding at all places where "yield" signs have been posted. (1968 Code, § 9-406)

**15-507. At traffic control signals generally.** Traffic control signals exhibiting the words "Go," "Caution," or "Stop," or exhibiting different colored lights successively one at a time, or with arrows, shall show the following colors only and shall apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

(1) Green alone, or "Go":

(a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits such turn. But vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited.

(b) Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

(2) Steady yellow alone, or "Caution":

(a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal is thereby warned that the red or "Stop" signal will be exhibited immediately thereafter, and such vehicular traffic shall not enter or be crossing the intersection when the red or "Stop" signal is exhibited.

(b) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway unless authorized so to do by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.

(3) Steady red alone, or "Stop":

(a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until green or "Go" is shown alone. Provided, however, that generally a right turn on a red signal shall be permitted at all intersections within the town, provided that the prospective turning car comes to a full and complete stop before turning and that the turning car yields the right of way to pedestrians and cross traffic traveling in accordance with their traffic signal. However, said turn shall not endanger other traffic lawfully using said intersection. A right turn on red shall be permitted at all intersections except those clearly marked by a "No Turns On Red" sign, which may be erected by the town at intersections which the town decides require no right turns on red in the interest of traffic safety.

(b) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway unless authorized so to do by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.

(4) Steady red with green arrow:

(a) Vehicular traffic facing such signal may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow but shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within a crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

(b) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway unless authorized so to do by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.

(5) In the event an official traffic control signal is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this section shall be applicable except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Any stop required shall be made at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made, but in the absence of any such sign or marking the stop shall be made a vehicle length short of the signal. (1968 Code, § 9-407)

**15-508. At flashing traffic control signals.** (1) Whenever an illuminated flashing red or yellow signal is used in a traffic sign or signal placed or erected in the town it shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:

(a) Flashing red (stop signal). When a red lens is illuminated with intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a limit line when marked, or if none, then before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.

(b) Flashing yellow (caution signal). When a yellow lens is illuminated with intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past such signal only with caution.

(2) This section shall not apply at railroad grade crossings. Conduct of drivers of vehicles approaching railroad grade crossings shall be governed by the rules set forth in § 15-504 of this code. (1968 Code, § 9-408)

**15-509. At pedestrian control signals**. Wherever special pedestrian control signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or "Wait" or "Don't Walk" have been placed or erected by the town, such signals shall apply as follows:

(1) Walk. Pedestrians facing such signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by the drivers of all vehicles.

(2) Wait or Don't Walk. No pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of such signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed his crossing on the walk signal shall proceed to the nearest sidewalk or safety zone while the wait signal is showing. (1968 Code, § 9-409)

**15-510. Stops to be signaled**. No person operating a motor vehicle shall stop such vehicle, whether in obedience to a traffic sign or signal or otherwise, without first signaling his intention in accordance with the requirements of the state law,<sup>1</sup> except in an emergency. (1968 Code, § 9-410)

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-143.

## CHAPTER 6

### PARKING

#### SECTION

- 15-601. Generally.
- 15-602. Angle parking.
- 15-603. Occupancy of more than one space.
- 15-604. Where prohibited.
- 15-605. Loading and unloading zones.
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- 15-608. Unlawful parking in parking meter spaces.
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- 15-610. Unlawful to deface or tamper with meters.
- 15-611. Unlawful to deposit slugs in meters.
- 15-612. Presumption with respect to illegal parking.

**15-601. Generally.** No person shall leave any motor vehicle unattended on any street without first setting the brakes thereon, stopping the motor, removing the ignition key, and turning the front wheels of such vehicle toward the nearest curb or gutter of the street.

Except as hereinafter provided, every vehicle parked upon a street within this town shall be so parked that its right wheels are approximately parallel to and within eighteen (18) inches of the right edge or curb of the street. On one-way streets where the town has not placed signs prohibiting the same, vehicles may be permitted to park on the left side of the street, and in such cases the left wheels shall be required to be within eighteen (18) inches of the left edge or curb of the street.

Notwithstanding anything else in this code to the contrary, no person shall park or leave a vehicle parked on any public street or alley within the fire limits between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M. or on any other public street or alley for more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours without the prior approval of the chief of police.

Furthermore, no person shall wash, grease, or work on any vehicle, except to make repairs necessitated by an emergency, while such vehicle is parked on a public street. (1968 Code, § 9-501)

**15-602. Angle parking.** On those streets which have been signed or marked by the town for angle parking, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle indicated by such signs or markings. No person shall

angle park any vehicle which has a trailer attached thereto or which has a length in excess of twenty-four (24) feet. (1968 Code, § 9-502)

**15-603. Occupancy of more than one space.** No person shall park a vehicle in any designated parking space so that any part of such vehicle occupies more than one such space or protrudes beyond the official markings on the street or curb designating such space unless the vehicle is too large to be parked within a single designated space. (1968 Code, § 9-503)

**15-604. Where prohibited.** No person shall park a vehicle in violation of any sign placed or erected by the municipality, nor:

- (1) On a sidewalk.
  - (2) In front of a public or private driveway.
  - (3) Within an intersection or within fifteen (15) feet thereof.
  - (4) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.
  - (5) Within a pedestrian crosswalk.
  - (6) Within fifty (50) feet of a railroad crossing.
  - (7) Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station, and on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five (75) feet of the entrance.
  - (8) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when other traffic would be obstructed.
  - (9) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
  - (10) Upon any bridge.
  - (11) Alongside any curb painted yellow or red by the municipality.
- (1968 Code, § 9-504)

**15-605. Loading and unloading zones.** No person shall park a vehicle for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or merchandise in any place marked by the town as a loading and unloading zone. (1968 Code, § 9-505)

**15-606. Regulation by parking meters.** In the absence of an official sign to the contrary which has been installed by the town, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., on all days except Sundays and holidays declared by the board of mayor and aldermen, parking shall be regulated by parking meters where the same have been installed by the town. The presumption shall be that all installed parking meters were lawfully installed by the town. (1968 Code, § 9-506)

**15-607. Lawful parking in parking meter spaces.** Any parking space regulated by a parking meter may be lawfully occupied by a vehicle only after a proper coin has been deposited in the parking meter and the said meter has been activated or placed in operation in accordance with the instructions printed thereon. (1968 Code, § 9-507)

**15-608. Unlawful parking in parking meter spaces.** It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any vehicle to park or allow his vehicle to be parked in a parking space regulated by a parking meter for more than the maximum period of time which can be purchased at one time. Insertion of additional coin or coins in the meter to purchase additional time is unlawful.

No owner or operator of any vehicle shall park or allow his vehicle to be parked in such a space when the parking meter therefor indicates no parking time allowed, whether such indication is the result of a failure to deposit a coin or to operate the lever or other actuating device on the meter, or the result of the automatic operation of the meter following the expiration of the lawful parking time subsequent to depositing a coin therein at the time the vehicle was parked. (1968 Code, § 9-508)

**15-609. Unlawful to occupy more than one parking meter space.** It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any vehicle to park or allow his vehicle to be parked across any line or marking designating a parking meter space or otherwise so that such vehicle is not entirely within the designated parking meter space; provided, however, that vehicles which are too large to park within one space may be permitted to occupy two adjoining spaces provided proper coins are placed in both meters. (1968 Code, § 9-509)

**15-610. Unlawful to deface or tamper with meters.** It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to open, deface, tamper with, willfully break, destroy, or impair the usefulness of any parking meter. (1968 Code, § 9-510)

**15-611. Unlawful to deposit slugs in meters.** It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit in a parking meter any slug or other substitute for a coin of the United States. (1968 Code, § 9-511)

**15-612. Presumption with respect to illegal parking.** When any unoccupied vehicle is found parked in violation of any provision of this chapter, there shall be a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle is responsible for such illegal parking. (1968 Code, § 9-512)

## CHAPTER 7

### VEHICLE REGISTRATION

#### SECTION

- 15-701. Vehicles to be registered.
- 15-702. License fee.
- 15-703. License tag or certificate to be displayed.
- 15-704. Use of funds.
- 15-705. Violations.

**15-701. Vehicles to be registered.** All resident owners or operators of passenger automobiles within the Town of Rutherford and operates a passenger automobile within the corporate limits shall be required to register such vehicle with the town recorder annually and pay the license fee levied in § 15-702; provided, tourists and non-resident owners of passenger automobiles shall be allowed to operate their vehicles upon the streets and highways of the Town of Rutherford for a period of thirty (30) days without registering or obtaining a license. (1968 Code, § 9-601, modified)

**15-702. License fee.** An annual license fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) is hereby levied on each vehicle subject to the registration requirements of § 15-701. Such license fee shall be due and payable on the first day of July of each year and shall be paid to the town recorder or his duly appointed representative.

Owners or operators who acquire passenger automobiles subject to the provisions of this chapter for which no license has been secured, on or after the first day of February in any year, shall only be required to pay a license fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for the remainder of the year. (1968 Code, § 9-602, modified)

**15-703. License tag or certificate to be displayed.** Upon payment of the applicable license fee by the vehicle owner or operator, the town recorder shall issue a serially numbered tag or sticker which the owner or operator shall firmly attach to his vehicle so that it may be readily observed from the outside of the vehicle. (1968 Code, § 9-603)

**15-704. Use of funds.** The revenue from the license fees collected under this chapter shall be used in paying for the cost of administration of this chapter, the enforcement of its provisions, for the promotion of traffic safety and installation of signs, signals, markings and other safety devices, and for regulating traffic on the streets of the town. (1968 Code, § 9-604)

**15-705. Violations.** It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator of a motor vehicle to which this chapter is applicable to violate or fail to comply with any provision of this chapter. Each day a motor vehicle is operated without the owner thereof having complied with the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a separate offense. (1968 Code, § 9-605)

## CHAPTER 8

### ENFORCEMENT

#### SECTION

- 15-801. Issuance of traffic citations.
- 15-802. Failure to obey citation.
- 15-803. Illegal parking.
- 15-804. Impoundment of vehicles.
- 15-805. Violation and penalty.

**15-801. Issuance of traffic citations.**<sup>1</sup> When a police officer halts a traffic violator other than for the purpose of giving a warning, and does not take such person into custody under arrest, he shall take the name, address, and operator's license number of said person, the license number of the motor vehicle involved, and such other pertinent information as may be necessary, and shall issue to him a written traffic citation containing a notice to answer to the charge against him in the city court at a specified time. The officer, upon receiving the written promise of the alleged violator to answer as specified in the citation, shall release such person from custody. It shall be unlawful for any alleged violator to give false or misleading information as to his name or address. (1968 Code, § 9-701)

**15-802. Failure to obey citation.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his written promise to appear in court after giving said promise to an officer upon the issuance of a traffic citation, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which the citation was originally issued. (1968 Code, § 9-702)

**15-803. Illegal parking.** Whenever any motor vehicle without a driver is found parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by this code, the officer finding such vehicle shall take its license number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user, and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a citation for the driver and/or owner to answer for the violation within ten (10) days during the hours and at a place specified in the citation. (1968 Code, § 9-703)

**15-804. Impoundment of vehicles.** Members of the police department are hereby authorized, when reasonably necessary for the security of the vehicle

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 7-63-101, et seq.

or to prevent obstruction of traffic, to remove from the streets and impound any vehicle whose operator is arrested or any unattended vehicle which is parked so as to constitute an obstruction or hazard to normal traffic. Any impounded vehicle shall be stored until the owner or other person entitled thereto claims it, gives satisfactory evidence of ownership or right to possession, and pays all applicable fees and costs of impoundment and storage, or until it is otherwise lawfully disposed of. The fee for impounding a vehicle shall be five dollars (\$5.00) and the storage cost shall be one dollar (\$1.00) for each twenty-four hour period or fraction thereof that the vehicle is stored. (1968 Code, § 9-704)

**15-805. Violation and penalty.** Any violation of this title shall be a civil offense punishable as follows:

(1) Traffic citations. Traffic citations shall be punishable by a civil penalty up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each separate offense.

(2) Parking citations. (a) Parking meter. If the offense is a parking meter violation, the offender may, within ten (10) days, have the charge against him disposed of by paying to the town recorder a fine of one dollar (\$1.00) provided he waives his right to a judicial hearing. If he appears and waives his right to a judicial hearing after ten (10) days but before a warrant for his arrest is issued, his fine shall be three dollars (\$3.00).

(b) Other parking violations excluding handicapped parking. For other parking violations, excluding handicapped parking violations, the offender may, within ten (10) days, have the charge against him disposed of by paying to the town recorder a fine of three dollars (\$3.00) provided he waives his right to a judicial hearing. If he appears and waives his right to a judicial hearing after thirty (30) days but before a warrant is issued for his arrest, his civil penalty shall be five dollars (\$5.00). (1968 Code, § 9-703, modified)

## CHAPTER 9

### ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES

#### SECTION

- 15-901. Unlawful to store, leave, etc., abandoned motor vehicles.
- 15-902. Abandoned motor vehicles declared nuisance.
- 15-903. Notice to remove abandoned motor vehicles.
- 15-904. Violations after notice.
- 15-905. Removal and disposal of abandoned motor vehicles by the mayor, chief of police or health officer.
- 15-906. Authority to enter upon the premises to remove abandoned motor vehicles.
- 15-907. Right of possessor to remove or house abandoned motor vehicles.
- 15-908. Alternative remedies of the town.

**15-901. Unlawful to store, leave, etc., abandoned motor vehicles.**

It shall be unlawful to park, store, or leave, or to permit the parking or storing of any licensed or unlicensed motor vehicle of any kind for a period in excess of seventy-two hours which is in a rusted, wrecked, junked, partially dismantled, inoperative, or abandoned condition, whether attended or not, upon any public property including any city street, alley, parking lot, or other city property or private property within the city unless the same is completely enclosed within a building or unless it is connected with a business enterprise operated in a lawful place and manner and licensed as such, when necessary to the operation of such business enterprise. (Ord. #1993-10, Oct. 1993)

**15-902. Abandoned motor vehicles declared a nuisance.** The accumulation and storage of one or more such motor vehicles in violation of the provisions of the chapter shall constitute rubbish and unsightly debris, and a nuisance detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Rutherford, and it shall be the duty of the registered owner of such motor vehicle and of the person in charge or control of the private property upon which such motor vehicle is located, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, to remove the same to a place of lawful storage or to have the motor vehicle housed within a building where it will not be visible from the street. (Ord. #1993-10, Oct. 1993)

**15-903. Notice to remove abandoned motor vehicles.** Whenever there are reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of the provisions of this chapter exists, the mayor, chief of police or health officer shall give or cause to be given written notice that said motor vehicles violates the provisions of this

chapter, and demanding that said motor vehicle be removed to a place of lawful storage within ten days of the serving of such notice said motor vehicles be housed in a building where it will not be visible from the street and advising of the intention of the mayor, chief of police or health officer to remove and impound such motor vehicle if it has not been removed or housed at the end of such time. Such notice shall be given by:

- (1) Affixing such notice to such motor vehicle;
- (2) Sending notice by certified mail to the owner of such motor vehicle at his last known address if the owner is reasonably ascertainable;
- (3) By sending notice by certified mail to the person owning or controlling the property on which such motor vehicle is located;
- (4) Or serving notice by any city officer as with the service of any process; or
- (5) Publication as provided by the laws of the State of Tennessee. (Ord. #1993-10, Oct. 1993)

**15-904. Violation after notice.** Any person who fails, neglects, or refuses to remove the abandoned, wrecked, junked, partially dismantled, or inoperative motor vehicle or to house the same and abate said nuisance in accordance with the notice given pursuant to the provisions of § 15-903 shall be in violation of the provisions of this chapter and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. #1993-10, Oct. 1993)

**15-905. Removal and disposal of abandoned motor vehicles by the mayor, chief of police or health officer.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other procedure prescribed in this chapter for removal of abandoned motor vehicles from any public or private property, if the registered owner of any motor vehicle which is in violation of this chapter or the owner or person in lawful possession or control of the private property upon which the same is located shall fail, neglect, or refuse to remove or house such abandoned, wrecked, junked, partially dismantled, or inoperative motor vehicle in accordance with the notice given pursuant to the provisions of § 15-903, the mayor, chief of police or health officer may remove and impound said motor vehicle until lawfully claimed. If it is not lawfully claimed within a period of ten (10) days, he may dispose of the same at public sale and thereafter maintain an action in the name of the Town of Rutherford in the appropriate court against any person or persons upon whom notice was served as required by § 15-903 to recover the costs of removing, impounding, and disposing of such motor vehicle. In the event the proceeds of any sale thereof shall be insufficient to recover such costs, any such unsatisfied costs shall become a lien upon the real property upon which said motor vehicle was located in violation of this chapter, said lien to be satisfied as any other delinquent tax lien. (Ord. #1993-10, Oct. 1993)

**15-906. Authority to enter upon the premises to remove abandoned motor vehicles.** The mayor, chief of police, health officer or any regularly employed officer of the Rutherford Police Department, contracting agents of the Town of Rutherford and employees of such contracting agents and authorized officers, employees, and agents of the Town of Rutherford are hereby expressly authorized to enter upon private property for such purposes and to remove any motor vehicle in accordance the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. #1993-10, Oct. 1993)

**15-907. Right of possessor to remove or house abandoned motor vehicles.** Any person to whom notice was given pursuant to § 15-903 shall have the right to remove or house such motor vehicle in accordance with said notice at his own expense, at any time prior to the arrival of the mayor, chief of police, health officer or their authorized representative for the purpose of removal of said motor vehicle. (Ord. #1993-10, Oct. 1993)

**15-908. Alternative remedies of the town.** Authority is reserved for the Town of Rutherford to follow the provisions of this chapter or the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 55-16-103 through 55-16-109, or use the provisions of this chapter and referenced code, or portions thereof, jointly, severally, or part jointly and part severally. (Ord. #1993-10, Oct. 1993)

## TITLE 16

### STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, ETC.<sup>1</sup>

#### CHAPTER

1. MISCELLANEOUS.
2. EXCAVATIONS.

#### CHAPTER 1

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### SECTION

- 16-101. Obstructing streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.
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- 16-107. Littering streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.
- 16-108. Obstruction of drainage ditches.
- 16-109. Abutting occupants to keep sidewalks clean, etc.
- 16-110. Parades regulated.
- 16-111. Operation of trains at crossings regulated.
- 16-112. Animals and vehicles on sidewalks.
- 16-113. Fires in streets, etc.
- 16-114. Violations and penalty.

**16-101. Obstructing streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.** No person shall use or occupy any portion of any public street, alley, sidewalk, or right of way for the purpose of storing, selling, or exhibiting any goods, wares, merchandise, or materials. (1968 Code, § 12-201)

**16-102. Trees projecting over streets, etc., regulated.** It shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant to allow any limbs of trees on his property to project over any street, alley or sidewalk at a height of less than fourteen (14) feet. (1968 Code, § 12-202)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Motor vehicle and traffic regulations: title 15.

**16-103. Trees, etc., obstructing view at intersections prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant to have or maintain on his property any tree, shrub, sign, or other obstruction which prevents persons driving vehicles on public streets or alleys from obtaining a clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection. (1968 Code, § 12-203)

**16-104. Projecting signs and awnings, etc., restricted.**

Signs, awnings, or other structures which project over any street or other public way shall be erected subject to the requirements of the building code.<sup>1</sup> (1968 Code, § 12-204)

**16-105. Banners and signs across streets and alleys restricted.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to place or have placed any banner or sign across or above any public street or alley except when expressly authorized by the board of mayor and aldermen after a finding that no hazard will be created by such banner or sign. (1968 Code, § 12-205)

**16-106. Gates or doors opening over streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person owning or occupying property to allow any gate or door to swing open upon or over any street, alley, or sidewalk except when required by law. (1968 Code, § 12-206)

**16-107. Littering streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to litter, place, throw, track, or allow to fall on any street, alley, or sidewalk any refuse, glass, tacks, mud, or other objects or materials which are unsightly or which obstruct or tend to limit or interfere with the use of such public ways and places for their intended purposes. (1968 Code, § 12-207)

**16-108. Obstruction of drainage ditches.** It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or cause the obstruction of any drainage ditch in any public right of way. (1968 Code, § 12-208)

**16-109. Abutting occupants to keep sidewalks clean, etc.** The occupants of property abutting on a sidewalk are required to keep the sidewalk clean. Also, immediately after a snow or sleet, such occupants are required to remove all accumulated snow and ice from the abutting sidewalk. (1968 Code, § 12-209)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Building code: title 12, chapter 1.

**16-110. Parades regulated.** It shall be unlawful for any club, organization, or similar group to hold any meeting, parade, demonstration, or exhibition on the public streets without some responsible representative first securing a permit from the recorder. No permit shall be issued by the recorder unless such activity will not unreasonably interfere with traffic and unless such representative shall agree to see to the immediate cleaning up of all litter which shall be left on the streets as a result of the activity. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful for any person obtaining such a permit to fail to carry out his agreement to immediately clean up the resulting litter. (1968 Code, § 12-210)

**16-111. Operation of trains at crossings regulated.** No person shall operate any railroad train across any street or alley without giving a warning of its approach as required by state law. It shall also be unlawful to stop a railroad train so as to block or obstruct any street or alley for a period of more than five (5) consecutive minutes. (1968 Code, § 12-211)

**16-112. Animals and vehicles on sidewalks.** It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, lead, or tie any animal, or ride, push, pull, or place any vehicle across or upon any sidewalk in such manner as unreasonably interferes with or inconveniences pedestrians using the sidewalk. It shall also be unlawful for any person knowingly to allow any minor under his control to violate this section. (1968 Code, § 12-212)

**16-113. Fires in streets, etc.** It shall be unlawful for any person to set or contribute to any fire in any public street, alley, or sidewalk. (1968 Code, § 12-213)

**16-114. Violations and penalty.** Violations of this chapter shall subject the offender to a penalty of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense.

## CHAPTER 2

### EXCAVATIONS<sup>1</sup>

#### SECTION

- 16-201. Permit required.
- 16-202. Applications.
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- 16-207. Insurance.
- 16-208. Time limits.
- 16-209. Supervision.
- 16-210. Driveway curb cuts.
- 16-211. Violation and penalty.

**16-201. Permit required.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, association, or others, including utility districts to make any excavation in any street, alley, or public place, or to tunnel under any street, alley, or public place without having first obtained a permit as herein required, and without complying with the provisions of this chapter; and it shall also be unlawful to violate, or vary from, the terms of any such permit; provided, however, any person maintaining pipes, lines, or other underground facilities in or under the surface of any street may proceed with an opening without a permit when emergency circumstances demand the work to be done immediately and a permit cannot reasonably and practicably be obtained beforehand. The person shall thereafter apply for a permit on the first regular business day on which the office of the town recorder is open for business, and the permit shall be retroactive to the date when the work was begun. (1968 Code, § 12-101)

**16-202. Applications.** Applications for such permits shall be made to the town recorder, or such person as he may designate to receive such applications, and shall state thereon the location of the intended excavation or tunnel, the size thereof, the purpose thereof, the person, firm, corporation,

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

This chapter was patterned substantially after the ordinance upheld by the Tennessee Supreme Court in the case of City of Paris, Tennessee v. Paris-Henry County Public Utility District, 207 Tenn. 388, 340 S.W.2d 885 (1960).

association, or others doing the actual excavating, the name of the person, firm, corporation, association, or others for whom the work is being done, and shall contain an agreement that the applicant will comply with all ordinances and laws relating to the work to be done. Such application shall be rejected or approved by the town recorder within twenty-four (24) hours of its filing. (1968 Code, § 12-102)

**16-203. Fee.** The fee for such permits shall be two dollars (\$2.00) for excavations which do not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet in area or tunnels not exceeding twenty-five (25) feet in length; and twenty-five cents (25¢) for each additional square foot in the case of excavations, or lineal foot in the case of tunnels; but not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for any permit. (1968 Code, § 12-103)

**16-204. Deposit or bond.** No such permit shall be issued unless and until the applicant therefor has deposited with the town recorder a cash deposit. The deposit shall be in the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) if no pavement is involved or seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) if the excavation is in a paved area and shall insure the proper restoration of the ground and, laying of the pavement, if any. Where the amount of the deposit is clearly inadequate to cover the cost of restoration, the town recorder may increase the amount of the deposit to an amount considered by him to be adequate to cover the cost. From this deposit shall be deducted the expense to the town of relaying the surface of the ground or pavement, and of making the refill if this is done by the town or at its expense. The balance shall be returned to the applicant without interest after the tunnel or excavation is completely refilled and the surface or pavement is restored.

In lieu of a deposit the applicant may deposit with the town recorder a surety bond in such form and amount as the town recorder shall deem adequate to cover the costs to the town if the applicant fails to make proper restoration. (1968 Code, § 12-104)

**16-205. Safety restrictions on excavations.** Any person, firm, corporation, association, or others making any excavation or tunnel shall do so according to the terms and conditions of the application and permit authorizing the work to be done. Sufficient and proper barricades and lights shall be maintained to protect persons and property from injury by or because of the excavation being made. If any sidewalk is blocked by any such work, a temporary sidewalk shall be constructed and provided which shall be safe for travel and convenient for users. (1968 Code, § 12-105)

**16-206. Restoration of streets, etc.** Any person, firm, corporation, association, or others making any excavation or tunnel in or under any street, alley, or public place in this town shall restore the street, alley, or public place to its original condition except for the surfacing, which shall be done by the town but shall be paid for promptly upon completion by such person, firm, corporation, association, or others for which the excavation or tunnel was made. In case of unreasonable delay in restoring the street, alley, or public place, the town recorder shall give notice to the person, firm, corporation, association, or others that unless the excavation or tunnel is refilled properly within a specified reasonable period of time, the town will do the work and charge the expense of doing the same to such person, firm, corporation, association, or others. If within the specified time the conditions of the above notice have not been complied with, the work shall be done by the town, an accurate account of the expense involved shall be kept, and the total cost shall be charged to the person, firm, corporation, association, or others who made the excavation or tunnel. (1968 Code, § 12-106)

**16-207. Insurance.** In addition to making the deposit or giving the bond hereinbefore required to insure that proper restoration is made, each person applying for an excavation permit shall file a certificate of insurance indicating that he is insured against claims for damages for personal injury as well as against claims for property damage which may arise from or out of the performance of the work, whether such performance be by himself, his subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by him. Such insurance shall cover collapse, explosive hazards, and underground work by equipment on the street, and shall include protection against liability arising from completed operations. The amount of the insurance shall be prescribed by the town recorder in accordance with the nature of the risk involved; provided, however, that the liability insurance for bodily injury shall not be less than \$100,000 for each person and \$300,000 for each accident, and for property damages not less than \$50,000 for any one (1) accident, and a \$75,000 aggregate. (1968 Code, § 12-107)

**16-208. Time limits.** Each application for a permit shall state the length of time it is estimated will elapse from the commencement of the work until the restoration of the surface of the ground or pavement, or until the refill is made ready for the pavement to be put on by the town if the town restores such surface pavement. It shall be unlawful to fail to comply with this time limitation unless permission for an extension of time is granted by the town recorder. (1968 Code, § 12-108)

**16-209. Supervision.** The person designated by the board of mayor and aldermen shall from time to time inspect all excavations and tunnels being made in or under any public street, alley, or other public place in the town and see to the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. Notice shall be given to him at least ten (10) hours before the work of refilling any such excavation or tunnel commences. (1968 Code, § 12-109)

**16-210. Driveway curb cuts.** No one shall cut, build, or maintain a driveway across a curb or sidewalk without first obtaining a permit from the recorder. Such a permit will not be issued when the contemplated driveway is to be so located or constructed as to create an unreasonable hazard to pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic. No driveway shall exceed thirty-five (35) feet in width at its outer or street edge and when two (2) or more adjoining driveways are provided for the same property a safety island of not less than ten (10) feet in width at its outer or street edge shall be provided. Driveway aprons shall not extend out into the street. (1968 Code, § 12-110)

**16-211. Violation and penalty.** Any violation of this chapter shall constitute a civil offense and shall be punishable by a civil penalty under the general penalty provision of this code, by revocation of permit, or by both penalty and revocation. Each day a violation shall be allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

## TITLE 17

### REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL<sup>1</sup>

#### CHAPTER

#### 1. REFUSE STORAGE AND COLLECTION.

#### CHAPTER 1

#### REFUSE STORAGE AND COLLECTION

#### SECTION

- 17-101. Definitions.
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- 17-108. Dumping in streams, sewers, and drains prohibited.
- 17-109. Burning refuse.
- 17-110. Service of compliance orders.
- 17-111. Violations.

**17-101. Definitions.** (1) "Refuse." The term, "refuse," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall include garbage, rubbish, ashes, and all other putrescible and non-putrescible, combustible and non-combustible materials originating from the preparation, cooking and consumption of food, market refuse, waste from the handling and sale of produce and other similar unwanted materials, but shall not include sewage, body wastes, or recognizable industrial by-products from all residences and establishments public and private.

(2) "Garbage." The term, "garbage," shall include all putrescible wastes, except sewage and body wastes, including vegetable and animal offal and carcasses of dead animals, but excluding recognizable industrial by-products from all public and private residences and establishments.

(3) "Rubbish." The term "rubbish," shall include all non-putrescible waste materials except ashes from all public and private residences and establishments.

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

(4) "Ashes." The term "ashes," shall include the waste products from coal, wood, and other fuels used for cooking and heating from all public and private residences and establishments.

(5) "Collector." The term "collector," shall mean any person, firm, corporation, or political subdivision, that collects, transports, or disposes of any refuse within the corporate limits of the Town of Rutherford.

(6) "Health officer." The term "health officer," shall mean the health authority of the Town of Rutherford or his authorized representative. (1968 Code, § 8-101)

**17-102. Premises to be kept clean.** That all persons, firms, and corporations within the corporate limits of the Town of Rutherford are hereby required to keep their premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from accumulations of refuse, offal, filth, and trash. That such persons, firms and corporations are hereby required to store such refuse in sanitary containers of the type described in this chapter between intervals of collection or to dispose of such material in a manner prescribed by the Health Officer so as not to cause a nuisance or become injurious to the public health and welfare. (1968 Code, § 8-102)

**17-103. Storage of refuse.** Each owner, occupant, tenant, sub-tenant, lessee or others, using or occupying any building, house, structure or grounds within the corporate limits of the Town of Rutherford, where refuse materials or substances as defined in this chapter accumulate or are likely to accumulate, shall provide an adequate number of suitable containers of a type approved by the health officer, for the storage of such refuse. Such containers shall be constructed of metal strong and durable, not readily corrodible, rodent and insect-proof, of a capacity not exceeding 32 gallons and not less than ten (10) gallons, except that the maximum capacity shall not apply in cases where the town is equipped to handle containers of similar construction mechanically. Such containers shall be equipped with handles to facilitate emptying and shall be equipped with tight fitting lids or covers, constructed of the same material of such design as to preclude the free access of flies and other insects and to prevent the container from collecting water during rains. The lid or cover shall be kept in place at all times except when refuse is being deposited therein or removed therefrom by an official collector. Such storage containers shall be placed in a convenient accessible location for trucking as may be designated by the official refuse collecting agency. (1968 Code, § 8-103)

**17-104. Confiscation of unsatisfactory storage containers.** The official refuse collecting agency of the town is herein authorized to confiscate or to remove unsatisfactory storage containers from the premises of residences and establishments, public and private, when at the discretion of the health officer

such containers are not suitable for the healthful and sanitary storage of refuse substances. Such unsatisfactory containers shall be removed and disposed of at a place and in such manner designated by the official collecting agency only after the owner or owners of such containers have been duly notified of such impending action. (1968 Code, § 8-104)

**17-105. Limits of responsibility of refuse collector.** In no case will it be the responsibility of the refuse collecting agency of the town to shovel or pick up from the ground any accumulations of refuse including leaves, lawn clippings, brush, packing material. All such materials are to be placed in containers of the type described in Section 17-103 or cut and baled, tied, bundled, stacked or packaged so as not to exceed 36 inches in length and 75 pounds in weight. (1968 Code, § 8-105)

**17-106. Collection of refuse.** (1) Collection interval. All refuse (including garbage and rubbish) as heretofore defined shall be collected sufficiently frequent to prevent the occurrence of nuisances and public health problems at intervals of at least once in seven (7) days. The collection of refuse within the Town of Rutherford shall be under the jurisdiction of the Street Department.

(2) Permits. No person, firm, or corporation shall engage in the business of collecting refuse or removing the contents of any refuse container (other than the owner of such containers) for any purpose whatsoever, who does not possess a permit to do so from appropriate authority of the Town of Rutherford. Such permits may be issued only after the applicant's capability of complying with the requirements of this chapter has been fully determined. Such permits may be suspended or revoked upon the violation of any of the terms of the chapter.

(3) Collection vehicles. The collection of refuse shall be by means of vehicles with beds constructed of impervious materials and easily cleanable and so constructed that there will be no leakage of liquids draining from the refuse onto the streets and public thoroughfares. Provisions shall be made to prevent the scattering of refuse over the streets and thoroughfares by effective coverings or closed truck beds. (1968 Code, § 8-106)

**17-107. Disposal of refuse.** The disposal of refuse in any quantity by any individual, house-holder, establishment, firm, corporation in any place, public or private, other than the site or sites designated by the constituted authority of the Town of Rutherford is expressly prohibited. All disposal of refuse and garbage shall be by methods approved by the Department of Health, and provided that such methods shall include the maximum practical, rodent, insect, and nuisance control at the place of disposal, and provided that no garbage shall be fed to swine unless said garbage has first been heated to at

least 212 degrees Fahrenheit and held there at least 30 minutes in apparatus and by methods approved by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture as set forth in Title 44, Chapter 2 of the Tennessee Code Annotated. Provided further that animal offal and carcasses of dead animals shall be buried or cremated under circumstances approved by the health officer, or shall be rendered at 40 pounds per square inch steam pressure or higher, or similarly heated by equivalent cooking. (1968 Code, § 8-107)

**17-108. Dumping in streams, sewers, and drains prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to dump refuse in any form into any stream, ditch, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, or other drain within the Town of Rutherford. (1968 Code, § 8-108)

**17-109. Burning refuse.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to burn or attempt to burn refuse on private or public property within the corporate limits of the Town of Rutherford without first securing the approval of the appropriate town departments having jurisdiction. (1968 Code, § 8-109)

**17-110. Service of compliance orders.** It shall be the duty of the health officer or his authorized representative to issue orders requiring the proper handling of garbage and refuse on private and public premises to owners, occupants, tenants or lessees of such properties where violations of this chapter are known to exist and providing that such violations be corrected within the time specified by the health officer. (1968 Code, § 8-110)

**17-111. Violations.** Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter, or who shall fail or refuse to obey any notice issued by the Department of Health or superintendent of the refuse collection department, with reference to the storage, accumulation or disposal of refuse as described in § 17-101, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable as provided by the general penalty clause of this code. (1968 Code, § 8-111)

**TITLE 18****WATER AND SEWERS<sup>1</sup>****CHAPTER**

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2. SEWERS.
3. SEWAGE AND HUMAN EXCRETA DISPOSAL.
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- 18-126. Liability for cutoff failures.
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- 18-128. Interruption of service.

**18-101. Application and scope.** The provisions of this chapter are a part of all contracts for receiving water service from the water department and shall apply whether the service is based upon contract, agreement, signed application, or otherwise. (1968 Code, § 13-101)

**18-102. Definitions.** (1) "Customer" means any person, firm, or corporation who receives water and/or sewer service from the town under either an express or implied contract.

(2) "Household" means any two (2) or more persons living together as a family group.

(3) "Service line" shall consist of the pipe line extending from any water or sewer main of the town to private property. Where a meter and meter box are located on private property, the service line shall be construed to include the pipe line extending from the town's water main to and including the meter and meter box.

(4) "Discount date" shall mean the date ten (10) days after the date of a bill, except when some other date is provided by contract. The discount date is the last date upon which water bills can be paid at net rates.

(5) "Dwelling" means any single structure, with auxiliary buildings, occupied by one or more persons or households for residential purposes.

(6) "Premise" means any structure or group of structures operated as a single business or enterprise, provided, however, the term "premise" shall not include more than one (1) dwelling. (1968 Code, § 13-102)

**18-103. Obtaining service.** A formal application for either original or additional service must be made and be approved by the water department before connection or meter installation orders will be issued and work performed. (1968 Code, § 13-103)

**18-104. Application and contract for service.** Each prospective customer desiring water and/or sewer service will be required to sign a standard form contract before service is supplied. If, for any reason, a customer, after signing a contract for service, does not take such service by reason of not occupying the premises or otherwise, he shall reimburse the town for the expense incurred by reason of its endeavor to furnish such service.

The receipt of a prospective customer's application for service, regardless of whether or not accompanied by a deposit, shall not obligate the water

department to render the service applied for. If the service applied for cannot be supplied in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the liability of the town to the applicant shall be limited to the return of any deposit made by such applicant. (1968 Code, § 13-104)

**18-105. Service charges for temporary service.** Customers requiring temporary service shall pay all costs for connection and disconnection incidental to the supplying and removing of service in addition to the regular charge for water service. (1968 Code, § 13-105)

**18-106. Connection charges.** Service lines will be laid by the water department from its mains to the property line. The location of such lines will be determined by the water department.

Before a new water or sewer service line will be laid by the water department, the applicant shall pay a fee to the water department in the sum of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).

When a service line is completed, the water department shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of such service line from the main to and including the meter and meter box, and such portion of the service line shall belong to the water department. The remaining portion of the service line beyond the meter box shall belong to and be the responsibility of the customer. (1968 Code, § 13-106)

**18-107. Main extensions to developed areas.** The provisions of this section shall apply only to water main extensions of 500 feet or less to areas where there is a demand for water service by the occupants of existing houses. This section shall in no event be applicable to land development projects and subdivision promotion, even though accompanied by the erection of occasional houses within such areas.

Owners of property to be served by a proposed water main extension of the character to which this section applies shall pay to the water department the regular charge for each connection desired immediately and shall also assume one minimum monthly bill for each 100 feet, or fraction thereof, of said proposed extension, the connection charge to be paid and the agreement to pay minimum monthly bills to be signed before the work is begun. The water department shall require a cash deposit as security for such minimum bill agreement, in an amount that does not exceed the estimated cost of the main extension, before making any such requested extension. Beginning with the completion of the water main extension, such persons shall pay water bills at least equal to the minimum monthly charges agreed upon, until the obligation for the payment of such minimum monthly water bills shall have been assumed by other persons acceptable to the water department at which times pro rata

amounts of the cash deposit shall also be returned to the depositors. (1968 Code, § 13-107)

**18-108. Main extensions to other areas.** The provisions of this section shall apply to all areas to which the preceding section is not applicable. Customers desiring water main extension pursuant to this section must pay all of the cost of making such extensions.

For installations under this or the preceding section cement-lined cast iron pipe, class 150 American Water Works Association Standard, not less than six (6) inches in diameter shall be used in the dead end of any line and to form loops or continuous lines, so that fire hydrants may be placed on such lines at locations no farther than 1,000 feet from the most distant part of any dwelling structure and no farther than 600 feet from the most distant part of any commercial, industrial, or public building, such measurements to be based on road or street distances; cement-lined cast iron pipe two (2) inches in diameter, to supply dwellings only, may be used to supplement such lines. All such lines shall be installed either by water department forces or by other forces working directly under the supervision of the water department.

Upon completion of such extensions and their approval by the water department, such water mains shall become the property of the water department. The persons paying the cost of constructing such mains shall execute any written instruments requested by the water department to provide evidence of the water department's title to such mains. In consideration of such mains being transferred to it, the water department shall incorporate said mains as an integral part of the municipal water system and shall furnish water therefrom in accordance with these rules and regulations, subject always to such limitations as may exist because of the size and elevation of said mains. As further consideration, the water department shall repay to the person or persons paying the cost of such a water main extension, for a period of five (5) years, but no longer, from the date of completion of said extension the sum of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for each connection that is made to such main extension; provided, however, that the total payments shall in no event exceed the cost of the said extension paid by such person or persons. Provided also, that before making any such payment the water department shall have the right to require that the customer making the connection in question shall sign a contract for water service for a period of time to be fixed by the water department, but not to exceed three (3) years.

No repayment shall be made for service line connections not made directly to the water main extension in question, even though such service line connections are made to a main extended from, or receiving water through, the main extension in question. (1968 Code, § 13-108)

**18-109. Variances from and effect of preceding rules as to extensions.** Whenever the water department is of the opinion that it is to the best interest of the water system to construct a water main extension without requiring strict compliance with §§ 18-107 and 18-108, such extension may be constructed upon such terms and conditions as shall be approved by a majority of the members of the water department.

The authority to make water main extensions under §§ 18-107 and 18-108 is permissive only and nothing contained therein shall be construed as requiring the water department to make water main extensions or to furnish service to any person or persons. (1968 Code, § 13-109)

**18-110. Meters.** All meters shall be installed, tested, repaired, and removed by the water department.

No one shall do anything which will in any way interfere with or prevent the operation of a meter. No one shall tamper with or work on a water meter without the written permission of the water department. No one shall install any pipe or other device which will cause water to pass through or around a meter without the passage of such water being registered fully by the meter. (1968 Code, § 13-110)

**18-111. Meter tests.** The water department will, at its own expense, make routine tests of meters when it considers such tests desirable.

In testing meters, the water passing through a meter will be weighed or measured at various rates of discharge and under varying pressures. To be considered accurate, the meter registration shall check with the weighed or measured amounts of water within the percentage shown in the following table:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
5/8", 3/4", 1", 2"	2%
3"	3%
4"	4%
6"	5%

The water department will also make tests or inspections of its meters at the request of the customer. However, if a test required by a customer shows a meter to be accurate within the limits stated above, the customer shall pay a meter testing charge in the amount stated in the following table:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Test Charge</u>
5/8", 3/4", 1"	\$2.00
1-1/2", 2"	5.00
3"	8.00
4"	12.00

6" and over

20.00

If such test show a meter not to be accurate within such limits, the cost of such meter test shall be borne by the water department. (1968 Code, § 13-111)

**18-112. Schedule of rates.** All water furnished by the water department shall be measured or estimated in gallons to the nearest multiple of 100 and shall be furnished under such rate schedules as the board of mayor and aldermen may from time to time adopt by ordinance.<sup>1</sup>

**18-113. Multiple services through a single meter.** No customer shall supply water service to more than one dwelling or premise from a single service line and meter without first obtaining the written permission of the water department.

Where the water department allows more than one dwelling or premise to be served through a single service line and meter, the amount of water used by all the dwellings and premises served through a single service line and meter shall be allocated to each separate dwelling or premise served. The water charges for each such dwelling or premise thus served shall be computed just as if each such dwelling or premise had received through a separately metered service the amount of water so allocated to it, such computation to be made at the water department's applicable water schedule, including the provisions as to minimum bills. The separate charges for each dwelling or premise served through a single service line and meter shall then be added together, and the sum thereof shall be billed to the customer in whose name the service is supplied. (1968 Code, § 13-113)

**18-114. Billing.** Bills for residential service will be rendered monthly. Bills for commercial and industrial service may be rendered weekly, semimonthly, or monthly, at the option of the water department.

Water bills must be paid on or before the discount date shown thereon to obtain the net rate, otherwise the gross rate shall apply. Failure to receive a bill will not release a customer from payment obligation, nor extend the discount date.

In the event a bill is not paid on or before five (5) days after the discount date, a written notice shall be mailed to the customer. The notice shall advise the customer that his service may be discontinued without further notice if the bill is not paid on or before ten (10) days after the discount date. The water department shall not be liable for any damages resulting from discontinuing

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<sup>1</sup>Rate schedules are available in the office of the recorder.

service under the provisions of this section, even though payment of the bill. is made at any time on the day that service is actually discontinued.

Should the final date of payment of bill at the net rate fall on Sunday or a holiday, the business day next following the final date will be the last day to obtain the net rate. A net remittance received by mail after the time limit for payment at the net rate will be accepted by the water department if the envelope is datestamped on or before the final date for payment of the net amount.

If a meter fails to register properly, or if a meter is removed to be tested or repaired, or if water is received other than through a meter, the water department reserves the right to render an estimated bill based on the best information available. (1968 Code, § 13-114)

**18-115. Discontinuance or refusal of service.** The water department shall have the right to discontinue service or to refuse to connect service for a violation of, or a failure to comply with, any of the following:

- (1) These rules and regulations.
- (2) The customer's application for service.
- (3) The customer's contract for service.

Such right to discontinue service shall apply to all service received through a single connection or service, even though more than one (1) customer or tenant is furnished service therefrom, and even though the delinquency or violation is limited to only one such customer or tenant.

Discontinuance of service by the water department for any cause stated in these rules and regulations shall not release the customer from liability for service already received or from liability for payments that thereafter become due under other provisions of the customer's contract. (1968 Code, § 13-115)

**18-116. Reconnection charge.** Whenever service has been discontinued as provided for above, a re-connection charge of one dollar (\$1.00) shall be collected by the water department before service is restored. (1968 Code, § 13-116)

**18-117. Termination of service by customer.** Customers who have fulfilled their contract terms and wish to discontinue service must give at least three (3) days written notice to that effect unless the contract specifies otherwise. Notice to discontinue service prior to the expiration of a contract term will not relieve the customer from any minimum or guaranteed payment under such contract or applicable rate schedule.

When service is being furnished to an occupant of premises under a contract not in the occupant's name, the water department reserves the right to impose the following conditions on the right of the customer to discontinue service under such a contract:

(1) Written notice of the customer's desire for such service to be discontinued may be required; and the water department shall have the right to continue such service for a period of not to exceed ten (10) days after receipt of such written notice, during which time the customer shall be responsible for all charges for such service. If the water department should continue service after such ten (10) day period subsequent to the receipt of the customer's written notice to discontinue service, the customer shall not be responsible for charges for any service furnished after the expiration of the ten (10) day period.

(2) During the ten (10) day period, or thereafter, the occupant of premises to which service has been ordered discontinued by a customer other than such occupant, may be allowed by the town to enter into a contract for service in the occupant's own name upon the occupant's complying with these rules and regulations with respect to a new application for service. (1968 Code, § 13-117)

**18-118. Access to customers' premises.** The water department's identified representatives and employees shall be granted access to all customers' premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of reading meters, for testing, inspecting, repairing, removing, and replacing all equipment belonging to the water department, and for inspecting customers' plumbing and premises generally in order to secure compliance with these rules and regulations. (1968 Code, § 13-118)

**18-119. Inspections.** The water department shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to inspect any installation or plumbing system before water service is furnished or at any later time. The water department reserves the right to refuse service or to discontinue service to any premises not in compliance with municipal ordinances regulating building and plumbing, or not in accordance with any special contract, these rules and regulations, or other requirements of the water department.

Any failure to inspect or reject a customer's installation or plumbing system shall not render the water department liable or responsible for any loss or damage which might have been avoided had such inspection or rejection been made. (1968 Code, § 13-119)

**18-120. Customer's responsibility for system's property.** Except as herein elsewhere expressly provided, all meters, service connections, and other equipment furnished by or for the water department shall be and remain the property of the town. Each customer shall provide space for and exercise proper care to protect the property of the town on his premises. In the event of loss or damage to such property arising from the neglect of a customer to care for it properly, the cost of necessary repairs or replacements shall be paid by the customer. (1968 Code, § 13-120)

**18-121. Customer's responsibility for violations.** Where the water department furnishes water service to a customer, such customer shall be responsible for all violations of these rules and regulations which occur on the premises so served. Personal participation by the customer in any such violations shall not be necessary to impose such personal responsibility on him. (1968 Code, § 13-121)

**18-122. Supply and resale of water.** All water shall be supplied within the town exclusively by the water department, and no customer shall, directly or indirectly, sell, sublet, assign, or otherwise dispose of the water or any part thereof except with written permission from the water department. (1968 Code, § 13-122)

**18-123. Unauthorized use of or interference with water supply.** No person shall turn on or turn off any of the water department's stop cocks, valves, hydrants, spigots, or fire plugs without permission or authority from the water department. (1968 Code, § 13-123)

**18-124. Limited use of unmetered private fire line.** Where a private fire line is not metered, no water shall be used from such line or from any fire hydrant thereon, except to fight fire or except when being inspected in the presence of an authorized agent of the water department.

All private fire hydrants shall be sealed by the water department, and shall be inspected at regular intervals to see that they are in proper condition and that no water is being used therefrom in violation of these rules and regulations. When the seal is broken on account of fire, or for any other reason, the customer taking such service shall immediately give the town a written notice of such occurrence. (1968 Code, § 13-124)

**18-125. Damages to property due to water pressure.** The water department shall not be liable to any customer for damages caused to his plumbing or property by high pressure, low pressure, or fluctuations in pressure in the water department's water mains. (1968 Code, § 13-125)

**18-126. Liability for cutoff failures.** The water department's liability shall be limited to the forfeiture of the right to charge a customer for water that is not used but is received from a service line under any of the following circumstances:

- (1) After receipt of at least ten (10) days' written notice to cut off water service, the water department has failed to cut off such service.
- (2) The water department has attempted to cut off a service but such service has not been completely cut off.

(3) The water department has completely cut off a service but subsequently the cutoff develops a leak or is turned on again so that water enters the customer's pipes from the water department's main.

Except to the extent stated above, the water department shall not be liable for any loss or damage resulting from cutoff failures. If a customer wishes to avoid possible damage for cutoff failures, the customer shall rely exclusively on privately owned cutoffs and not on the water department's cutoff. Also, the customer (and not the water department) shall be responsible for seeing that his plumbing is properly drained and is kept properly drained, after his water service has been cut off. (1968 Code, § 13-126)

**18-127. Restricted use of water.** In times of emergencies or in times of water shortage, the town reserves the right to restrict the purposes for which water may be used by a customer and the amount of water which a customer may use. (1968 Code, § 13-127)

**18-128. Interruption of service.** The water department will endeavor to furnish continuous water and sewer service, but does not guarantee to the customer any fixed pressure or continuous service. The water department shall not be liable for any damages for any interruption of service whatsoever.

In connection with the operation, maintenance, repair, and extension of the municipal water and sewer systems, the water supply may be shut off without notice when necessary or desirable, and each customer must be prepared for such emergencies. The water department shall not be liable for any damages from such interruption of service or for damages from the resumption of service without notice after any such interruption. (1968 Code, § 13-128)

## CHAPTER 2

### SEWERS

#### SECTION

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**18-201. Use of system regulated.** All persons using, desiring, or required to use, the public sanitary sewer system shall comply with the provisions of this chapter and with such written rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the superintendent of the sewer system when such rules and regulations have been approved by the board of mayor and aldermen of the municipality. (1968 Code, § 13-201)

**18-202. Supervision required for connecting to system.** All connections to the public sanitary sewer system must be made under the direct supervision of the superintendent of the sewer system or someone designated by him. (1968 Code, § 13-202)

**18-203. Connection fee.** Connection to the public sanitary sewer system shall not be made until the applicant first pays to the water department a sewer connection fee in the sum of fifty dollars (\$50,00). (1968 Code, § 13-203)

**18-204. Installation of lateral lines, etc.** When connections to the public sanitary sewer system are required and/or permitted the applicant shall be responsible for installing all the necessary lateral lines and facilities from the spur on the sewer main to the property line. All necessary installations within the property lines shall be made by the applicant. (1968 Code, § 13-204)

**18-205. Sewer service charges.** Sewer service charges shall be collected from the person billed for water service to any premises with an accessible sanitary sewer. The sewer service shall be furnished under such rate schedule as the board of mayor and aldermen may adopt from time to time by ordinance,<sup>1</sup> and the service charge shall be added to and combined with the

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<sup>1</sup>A copy of the presently effective ordinance is of record in the city recorder's  
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water service charge. Both charges shall be collected as a unit; no water department employee shall accept payment of water service charges from any customer without receiving at the same time payment of all sewer service charges owed by such customer. Water service may be discontinued for nonpayment of the combined bill. (1968 Code, § 13-205)

**18-206. Extension policies.** Insofar as practicable, the various policies set forth in the preceding chapter with respect to extending water service facilities shall also apply to extending sewer service facilities except that where, in such provisions, a six-inch cement-lined cast iron pipe is specified for water purposes, an eight-inch pipe of salt glazed vitrified clay or other construction approved by the water department shall be substituted for sewer purposes. (1968 Code, § 13-206)

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## CHAPTER 3

### SEWAGE AND HUMAN EXCRETA DISPOSAL<sup>1</sup>

#### SECTION

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**18-301. Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation of this chapter:

- (1) "Accessible sewer." A public sanitary sewer located in a street or alley abutting on the property in question or otherwise within two hundred (200) feet of any boundary of said property measured along the shortest available right-of-way;
- (2) "Health officer." The person duly appointed to such position having jurisdiction, or any person or persons authorized to act as his agent;
- (3) "Human excreta." The bowel and kidney discharges of human beings;
- (4) "Sewage." All water-carried human and household wastes from residences, buildings, or industrial establishments;
- (5) "Approved septic tank system." A watertight covered receptacle of monolithic concrete, either precast or cast in place, constructed according to plans approved by the health officer. Such tanks shall have a capacity of not less than 750 gallons and in the case of homes with more than two (2) bedrooms the capacity of the tank shall be in accordance with the recommendations of the Tennessee Department of Health as provided for in its 1967 bulletin entitled

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Plumbing code: title 12, chapter 2.

"Recommended Guide for Location, Design, and Construction of Septic Tanks and Disposal Fields." The liquid depth may range from 30 inches to 60 inches with the preferred liquid depth of 48 inches. For tanks of a given capacity and depth, the shape of a septic tank is unimportant. The discharge from the septic tank shall be disposed of in such a manner that it may not create a nuisance on the surface of the ground or pollute the underground water supply, and such disposal shall be in accordance with recommendations of the health officer as determined by acceptable soil percolation data;

(6) "Sanitary pit privy." A privy having a fly-tight floor and seat over an excavation in earth, located and constructed in such a manner that flies and animals will be excluded, surface water may not enter the pit, and danger of pollution of the surface of the ground or the underground water supply will be prevented;

(7) "Other approved method of sewage disposal." Any privy, chemical toilet, or other toilet device (other than a sanitary sewer, septic tank, or sanitary pit privy as described above) the type, location, and construction of which have been approved by the health officer;

(8) "Watercourse." Any natural or artificial drain which conveys water either continuously or intermittently. (1968 Code, § 8-201)

**18-302. Places required to have sanitary disposal methods.** Every residence, building, or place where human beings reside, assemble, or are employed within the corporate limits shall be required to have a sanitary method for disposal of sewage and human excreta. (1968 Code, § 8-202)

**18-303. When a connection to the public sewer is required.** Wherever an accessible sewer exists and water under pressure is available, approved plumbing facilities shall be provided and the wastes from such facilities shall be discharged through a connection to said sewer made in compliance with the requirements of the official responsible for the public sewerage system. On any lot or premise accessible to the sewer no other method of sewage disposal shall be employed. (1968 Code, § 8-203)

**18-304. When a septic tank shall be used.** Wherever water carried sewage facilities are installed and their use is permitted by the health officer, and an accessible sewer does not exist, the wastes from such facilities shall be discharged into an approved septic tank system.

No septic tank or other water-carried sewage disposal system except a connection to a public sewer shall be installed without the approval of the health officer or his duly appointed representative. The design, layout, and construction of such systems shall be in accordance with specifications approved by the health officer and the installation shall be under the general supervision of the department of health. (1968 Code, § 8-204)

**18-305. Registration and records of septic tank cleaners, etc.** Every person, firm, or corporation who operates equipment for the purpose of removing digested sludge from septic tanks, cesspools, privies, and other sewage disposal installations on private or public property must register with the health officer and furnish such records of work done within the corporate limits as may be deemed necessary by the health officer. (1968 Code, § 8-205)

**18-306. Use of pit privy or other method of disposal.** Wherever a sanitary method of human excreta disposal is required under § 18-302 and water-carried sewage facilities are not used, a sanitary pit privy or other approved method of disposal shall be provided. (1968 Code, § 8-206)

**18-307. Approval and permit required for septic tanks, privies, etc.** Any person, firm, or corporation proposing to construct a septic tank system, privy, or other sewage disposal facility, requiring the approval of the health officer under this chapter, shall before the initiation of construction obtain the approval of the health officer for the design and location of the system and secure a permit from the health officer for such system. (1968 Code, § 8-207)

**18-308. Owner to provide disposal facilities.** It shall be the duty of the owner of any property upon which facilities for sanitary sewage or human excreta disposal are required by § 18-302, or the agent of the owner to provide such facilities. (1968 Code, § 8-208)

**18-309. Occupant to maintain disposal facilities.** It shall be the duty of the occupant, tenant, lessee, or other person in charge to maintain the facilities for sewage disposal in a clean and sanitary condition at all times and no refuse or other material which may unduly fill up, clog, or otherwise interfere with the operation of such facilities shall be deposited therein. (1968 Code, § 8-209)

**18-310. Only specified methods of disposal to be used.** No sewage or human excreta shall be thrown out, deposited, buried, or otherwise disposed of, except by a sanitary method of disposal as specified in this chapter. (1968 Code, § 8-210)

**18-311. Discharge into watercourses restricted.** No sewage or excreta shall be discharged or deposited into any lake or watercourse except under conditions specified by the health officer and specifically authorized by the Tennessee Stream Pollution Control Board. (1968 Code, § 8-211)

**18-312. Pollution of ground water prohibited.** No sewage, effluent from a septic tank, sewage treatment plant, or discharges from any plumbing facility shall empty into any well, either abandoned or constructed for this purpose, cistern, sinkhole, crevice, ditch, or other opening either natural or artificial in any formation which may permit the pollution of ground water. (1968 Code, § 8-212)

**18-313. Enforcement of chapter.** It shall be the duty of the health officer to make an inspection of the methods of disposal of sewage and human excreta as often as is considered necessary to insure full compliance with the terms of this chapter. Written notification of any violation shall be given by the health officer to the person or persons responsible for the correction of the condition, and correction shall be made within sixty (60) days after notification. If the health officer shall advise any person that the method by which human excreta and sewage is being disposed of constitutes an immediate and serious menace to health such person shall at once take steps to remove the menace, and failure to remove such menace immediately shall be punishable under the general penalty clause for this code; but such person shall be allowed the number of days herein provided within which to make permanent correction. (1968 Code, § 8-213)

**18-314. Carnivals, circuses, etc.** Whenever carnivals, circuses, or other transient groups of persons come within the corporate limits such groups of transients shall provide a sanitary method for disposal of sewage and human excreta. Failure of a carnival, circus, or other transient group to provide such sanitary method of disposal and to make all reasonable changes and corrections proposed by the health officer shall constitute a violation of this section. In these cases the violator shall not be entitled to the notice of sixty (60) days provided for in the preceding section. (1968 Code, § 8-214)

**18-315. Violations.** Any person, persons, firm, association, or corporation or agent thereof, who shall fail, neglect, or refuse to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable under the general penalty clause for this code. (1968 Code, § 8-215)

## CHAPTER 4

### CROSS CONNECTIONS, AUXILIARY INTAKES, ETC.<sup>1</sup>

#### SECTION

- 18-401. Definitions.
- 18-402. Regulated.
- 18-403. Statement required.
- 18-404. Violations.

**18-401. Definitions.** The following definitions and terms shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter:

(1) "Public water supply." The waterworks system furnishing water to the town for general use and which supply is recognized as the public water supply by the Tennessee Department of Health.

(2) "Cross connection." Any physical arrangement whereby the public water supply is connected with any other water supply system, whether public or private, either inside or outside of any building or buildings, in such manner that a flow of water into the public water supply is possible either through the manipulation of valves or because of ineffective check or back pressure valves, or because of any other arrangement.

(3) "Auxiliary intake." Any piping connection or other device whereby water may be secured from a source other than that normally used.

(4) "Bypass." Any system of piping or other arrangement whereby the water may be diverted around any part or portion of a water purification plant.

(5) "Interconnection." Any system of piping or other arrangement whereby the public water supply is connected directly with a sewer, drain, conduit, pool, storage reservoir, or other device which does or may contain sewage or other waste or liquid which would be capable of imparting contamination to the public water supply.

(6) "Person." Any and all persons, natural or artificial, including any individual, firm, or association, and any municipal or private corporation organized or existing under the laws of this or any other state or country. (1968 Code, § 8-301)

**18-402. Regulated.** It shall be unlawful for any person to cause a cross connection to be made, or allow one to exist for any purpose whatsoever, unless the construction and operation of same have been approved by the Tennessee

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Plumbing and related codes: title 12.

Department of Health and the operation of such cross connection, auxiliary intake, bypass or interconnection is at all times under the direct supervision of the superintendant of the water works of the municipality. (1968 Code, § 8-302)

**18-403. Statement required.** Any person whose premises are supplied with water from the public water supply and who also has on the same premises a separate source of water supply, or stores water in an uncovered or unsanitary storage reservoir from which the water stored therein is circulated through a piping system, shall file with the superintendant of the water works a statement of the non-existence of unapproved or unauthorized cross connections, auxiliary intakes, bypasses, or interconnections. Such statement shall also contain an agreement that no cross connection, auxiliary intake, bypass, or interconnection will be permitted upon the premises until the construction and operation of same have received the approval of the Tennessee Department of Public Health, and the operation and maintenance of same have been placed under the direct supervision of the superintendent of the water works. (1968 Code, § 8-303)

**18-404. Violations.** Any person who now has cross-connections, auxiliary intakes, by-passes, or interconnections in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be allowed a reasonable time within which to comply with such provisions. After a thorough investigation of existing conditions and an appraisal of the time required to complete the work, the amount of time to be allowed shall be designated by the superintendent of the water works. In addition to, or in lieu of any fines and penalties that may be judicially assessed for violations of this chapter, the superintendent of the water works shall discontinue the public water supply service at any premises upon which there is found to be a cross-connection, auxiliary intake, by-pass, or interconnection, and service shall not be restored until such cross-connection, auxiliary intake, by-pass, or interconnection has been discontinued. (1968 Code, § 8-304)

**TITLE 19**

**ELECTRICITY AND GAS**

**CHAPTER**

1. ELECTRICITY.
2. GAS.

**CHAPTER 1**

**ELECTRICITY**

**SECTION**

19-101. To be furnished by the Gibson County Electric Membership Corporation.

**19-101. To be furnished by the Gibson County Electric Membership Corporation.** Electricity shall be provided to the Town of Rutherford and its inhabitants by the Gibson County Electric Membership Corporation. The rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the Town of Rutherford and its inhabitants, are stated in the agreements between the parties.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The agreements are of record in the office of the recorder.

**CHAPTER 2**

**GAS**

**SECTION**

19-201. To be furnished by the Gibson County Utility District.

**19-201. To be furnished by the Gibson County Utility District.**  
Gas shall be provided to the Town of Rutherford and its inhabitants by the Gibson County Utility District. The rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the Town of Rutherford and its inhabitants, are stated in the agreements between the parties.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The agreements are of record in the office of the recorder.

**TITLE 20****MISCELLANEOUS****CHAPTER****1. MUNICIPAL CEMETERY.****CHAPTER 1****MUNICIPAL CEMETERY****SECTION**

20-101. Burial permit required.

20-102. Fee for permit.

20-103. Cemetery custodian and his duties.

**20-101. Burial permit required.** It shall be unlawful for any person to bury or cause to be buried any deceased person in the municipal cemetery without first securing a permit from the recorder-treasurer. (1968 Code, § 1-1001)

**20-102. Fee for permit.** The recorder-treasurer shall charge and collect for the issuance of each permit for burial in the municipal cemetery a fee in the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00). (1968 Code, § 1-1002, modified)

**20-103. Cemetery custodian and his duties.** (1) The board of mayor and aldermen shall appoint, annually, a cemetery custodian and the municipality shall bear one-half (1/2) of the compensation to be paid to said custodian.

(2) It shall be the duty of the cemetery custodian to have supervision over the municipal cemetery, to dig or cause to be dug all graves, to be present at all burials, to see that no vehicle is driven over any grave or outside of the public driveways in the cemetery, to keep the cemetery in a neat and orderly condition, to prevent all unlawful trespassing, and to carry out any other orders or regulations that the board of mayor and aldermen shall prescribe.

(3) It shall be unlawful for the custodian to dig or cause to be dug any grave in the cemetery for any person who does not exhibit a permit from the recorder-treasurer for a burial therein, and for a violation of this section, the custodian shall be at once dismissed from office with the right to appeal. (1968 Code, § 1-1003)

## ORDINANCE NO. 1997-1

## AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A COMPREHENSIVE CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF RUTHERFORD, TENNESSEE.

WHEREAS some of the ordinances of the Town of Rutherford are obsolete, and

WHEREAS some of the other ordinances of the town are inconsistent with each other or are otherwise inadequate, and

WHEREAS the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Rutherford, Tennessee, has caused its ordinances of a general, continuing, and permanent application or of a penal nature to be codified and revised and the same are embodied in a code of ordinances known as the "Rutherford Municipal Code," now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RUTHERFORD, TENNESSEE, THAT:

**Section 1. Ordinances codified.** The ordinances of the town of a general, continuing, and permanent application or of a penal nature, as codified and revised in the following "titles," namely "titles" 1 to 20, both inclusive, are ordained and adopted as the "Rutherford Municipal Code," hereinafter referred to as the "Municipal Code."

**Section 2. Ordinances repealed.** All ordinances of a general, continuing, and permanent application or of a penal nature not contained in the municipal code are hereby repealed from and after the effective date of said code, except as hereinafter provided in section 3 below.

**Section 3. Ordinances saved from repeal.** The repeal provided for in section 2 of this ordinance shall not affect: Any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any contract or right established or accruing before the effective date of the municipal code; any ordinance or resolution promising or requiring the payment of money by or to the town or authorizing the issuance of any bonds or other evidence of said town's indebtedness; any appropriation ordinance or ordinance providing for the levy of taxes or any budget ordinance; any contract or obligation assumed by or in favor of said town; any ordinance establishing or authorizing the establishment of a social security system or providing or changing coverage under that system; any administrative ordinances or resolutions not in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of such code; the portion of any ordinance not

in conflict with such code which regulates speed, direction of travel, passing, stopping, yielding, standing, or parking on any specifically named public street or way; any right or franchise granted by the town; any ordinance dedicating, naming, establishing, locating, relocating, opening, closing, paving, widening, vacating, etc., any street or public way; any ordinance establishing and prescribing the grade of any street; any ordinance providing for local improvements and special assessments therefor; any ordinance dedicating or accepting any plat or subdivision; any prosecution, suit, or other proceeding pending or any judgment rendered on or prior to the effective date of said code; any zoning ordinance or amendment thereto or amendment to the zoning map; nor shall such repeal affect any ordinance annexing territory to the town.

**Section 4. Continuation of existing provisions.** Insofar as the provisions of the municipal code are the same as those of ordinances existing and in force on its effective date, said provisions shall be considered to be continuations thereof and not as new enactments.

**Section 5. Penalty clause.** Unless otherwise specified in a title, chapter or section of the municipal code, including the codes and ordinances adopted by reference, whenever in the municipal code any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be a civil offense, or whenever in the municipal code the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be a civil offense, the violation of any such provision of the municipal code shall be punished by a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and costs for each separate violation; provided, however, that the imposition of a civil penalty under the provisions of this municipal code shall not prevent the revocation of any permit or license or the taking of other punitive or remedial action where called for or permitted under the provisions of the municipal code or other applicable law. In any place in the municipal code the term "it shall be a misdemeanor" or "it shall be an offense" or "it shall be unlawful" or similar terms appears in the context of a penalty provision of this municipal code, it shall mean "it shall be a civil offense." Anytime the word "fine" or similar term appears in the context of a penalty provision of this municipal code, it shall mean "a civil penalty."

When a civil penalty is imposed on any person for violating any provision of the municipal code and such person defaults on payment of such penalty, he may be required to perform hard labor, within or without the workhouse, to the extent that his physical condition shall permit, until such civil penalty is discharged by payment, or until such person, being credited

with such sum as may be prescribed for each day's hard labor, has fully discharged said penalty.<sup>1</sup>

Each day any violation of the municipal code continues shall constitute a separate civil offense.

**Section 6. Severability clause.** Each section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, and clause of the municipal code, including the codes and ordinances adopted by reference, is hereby declared to be separable and severable. The invalidity of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, or clause in the municipal code shall not affect the validity of any other portion of said code, and only any portion declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be deleted therefrom.

**Section 7. Reproduction and amendment of code.** The municipal code shall be reproduced in loose-leaf form. The board of mayor and aldermen, by motion or resolution, shall fix, and change from time to time as considered necessary, the prices to be charged for copies of the municipal code and revisions thereto. After adoption of the municipal code, each ordinance affecting the code shall be adopted as amending, adding, or deleting, by numbers, specific chapters or sections of said code. Periodically thereafter all affected pages of the municipal code shall be revised to reflect such amended, added, or deleted material and shall be distributed to town officers and employees having copies of said code and to other persons who have requested and paid for current revisions. Notes shall be inserted at the end of amended or new sections, referring to the numbers of ordinances making the amendments or adding the new provisions, and such references shall be cumulative if a section is amended more than once in order that the current copy of the municipal code will contain references to all ordinances responsible for current provisions. One copy of the municipal code as originally adopted and one copy of each amending ordinance thereafter adopted shall be furnished to the Municipal Technical Advisory Service immediately upon final passage and adoption.

**Section 8. Construction of conflicting provisions.** Where any provision of the municipal code is in conflict with any other provision in said code, the provision which establishes the higher standard for the promotion and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare shall prevail.

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

For authority to allow deferred payment of fines, or payment by installments, see Tennessee Code Annotated, § 40-24-101 et seq.

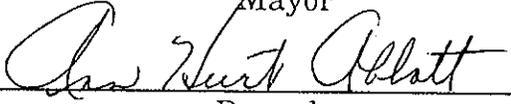
**Section 9. Code available for public use.** A copy of the municipal code shall be kept available in the recorder's office for public use and inspection at all reasonable times.

**Section 10. Date of effect.** This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it, and the municipal code, including all the codes and ordinances therein adopted by reference, shall be effective on and after that date.

Passed 1st reading August 18, 1997

Passed 2nd reading September 15, 1997

  
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Mayor

  
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Recorder