

**THE
COVINGTON
MUNICIPAL
CODE**

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PREFACE

The Covington Municipal Code contains the codification and revision of the ordinances of the City of Covington, Tennessee. By referring to the historical citation appearing at the end of each section, the user can determine the origin of each particular section. The absence of a historical citation means that the section was added by the codifier. The word "modified" in the historical citation indicates significant modification of the original ordinance.

The code is arranged into titles, chapters, and sections. Related matter is kept together, so far as possible, within the same title. Each section number is complete within itself, containing the title number, the chapter number, and the section of the chapter of which it is a part. Specifically, the first digit, followed by a hyphen, identifies the title number. The second digit identifies the chapter number, and the last two digits identify the section number. For example, title 2, chapter 1, section 6, is designated as section 2-106.

By utilizing the table of contents and the analysis preceding each title and chapter of the code, together with the cross references and explanations included as footnotes, the user should locate all the provisions in the code relating to any question that might arise. However, the user should note that most of the administrative ordinances (e.g. Annual Budget, Zoning Map Amendments, Tax Assessments, etc...) do not appear in the code. Likewise, ordinances that have been passed since the last update of the code do not appear here. Therefore, the user should refer to the city's ordinance book or the city recorder for a comprehensive and up to date review of the city's ordinances.

Following this preface is an outline of the ordinance adoption procedures, if any, prescribed by the city's charter.

The code has been arranged and prepared in loose-leaf form to facilitate keeping it up to date. MTAS will provide updating service under the following conditions:

- (1) That all ordinances relating to subjects treated in the code or which should be added to the code are adopted as amending, adding, or deleting specific chapters or sections of the code (see section 7 of the adopting ordinance).
- (2) That one copy of every ordinance adopted by the city is kept in a separate ordinance book and forwarded to MTAS annually.
- (3) That the city agrees to pay the annual update fee as provided in the MTAS codification service charges policy in effect at the time of the update.

When the foregoing conditions are met MTAS will reproduce replacement pages for the code to reflect the amendments and additions made by such

ordinances. This service will be performed at least annually and more often if justified by the volume of amendments. Replacement pages will be supplied with detailed instructions for utilizing them so as again to make the code complete and up to date.

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**ORDINANCE ADOPTION PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED BY THE
CITY CHARTER**

SECTION 16. . . . All ordinances and resolutions, before being introduced and received and considered by the Board, shall be reduced to writing. No ordinance shall be adopted without first having been passed on three (3) separate occasions, and no more than one (1) passage may be on one (1) day. Any ordinance may be rejected on its first, second or third consideration. No ordinance or resolution shall be adopted unless passed by the affirmative vote of at least four (4) aldermen. However, it shall not be necessary to take any aye and no votes except on third consideration, and at which consideration the names of the Aldermen voting for and against the same shall be entered on the minutes. Any ordinance introduced may pass the first consideration on the day on which it is introduced. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall not suspend its rules so as to take up and pass an ordinance on more than one (1) consideration on the same day.

Form of ordinances

SECTION 17. All ordinances of the said City of Covington shall begin with an enacting clause as follows, to wit: "Be it enacted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of Covington, " and shall conclude with a provision as follows: "This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the corporation demanding it." But this section shall not prevent the Board of Mayor and Aldermen from substituting such time as they may desire in the concluding clause for the words "from and after its passage" and in such cases such ordinance shall take effect from and after the time stated.