



Sample Ordinance: Adopt Amendments by Ordinance

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Sample 1: Adopting building codes by reference with intent to adopt amendments by ordinance. **NOTE:** This sample adopts the *International Building Code* and follows the ordinance adoption procedures of the general law mayor-aldermanic charter.⁴³ It must be modified for cities adopting a different code or operating under a different charter.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance to adopt the *International Building Code* by reference.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF _____, TENNESSEE, THAT:

Section 1. *International building code adopted.* Pursuant to authority granted by *Tennessee Code Annotated* §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of establishing the minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare through structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, energy conservation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment, the *International Building Code*, _____ edition, as prepared and adopted by the International Code Council is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the international building code.

Section 2. Modifications. (1) Definitions. Whenever in the international building code reference is made to the duties of a certain official named therein, that designated official of the City of _____ who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in said code shall be deemed to be the responsible official insofar as enforcing the provisions of the international building code are concerned.

(2) Permit fees. The schedule of permit fees shall be as follows: _____ [Insert building fees here]

Section 3. Available in recorder’s office. Pursuant to the requirements of T.C.A. § 6-54-502 one (1) copy of the *International 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.

Section 4. Violations and penalty. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the *International Building Code* as herein adopted by reference and modified. The violation of any section of this chapter shall be punishable by a penalty of up to fifty dollars (\$50). Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 5. Date of effect. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed 1st reading _____, 20 _____.

Passed 2nd reading _____, 20 _____.

Mayor

Recorder

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