



## Energy Code: Nonexempt Cities

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We hope this information will be useful to you; reference to it will assist you with many of the questions that will arise in your tenure with municipal government. However, the *Tennessee Code Annotated* and other relevant laws or regulations should always be consulted before any action is taken based upon the contents of this document.

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If, however, a city cannot or chooses not to adopt and enforce the minimum standards, the state will enforce the applicable statewide codes in the city. The commissioner of commerce and insurance is authorized to contract with local governments to use their employees for inspections of one- and two-family residences. These contracts can allow inspectors to charge a fee as set out by the state fire marshal's office. These are the state regulations applicable to such inspections, containing the relevant fee schedule:

[https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/commerce/documents/fire\\_prevention/pos...](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/commerce/documents/fire_prevention/pos...) [1]

Deputy building inspectors must be state certified as a:

1. Licensed building inspector;
2. Licensed plumbing inspector; or
3. Licensed mechanical inspector.

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### Links:

[1] [https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/commerce/documents/fire\\_prevention/posts/0780-02-23.20170202.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/commerce/documents/fire_prevention/posts/0780-02-23.20170202.pdf)

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