

**THE
BAXTER
MUNICIPAL
CODE**

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PREFACE

This code is the result of a comprehensive codification of the ordinances of the City of Baxter, Tennessee.

The attention of the user is directed to the arrangement of the code 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 number is the title number followed by a hyphen, then the chapter number with the last two numbers showing the section number within the chapter, so that, for example, title 2, chapter 1, section 6, is designated as section 2-106.

By utilizing the table of contents preceding each title and chapter of the code, together with the cross references and explanations included as footnotes, the user should readily find all provisions in the code relating to any question that might arise.

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 8 of the adopting ordinance for the code).

(2) That one copy of every ordinance adopted by the City is furnished to MTAS immediately after its adoption (see section 8 of the adopting ordinance).

(3) That the City 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).

Presently, 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.

However, the way MTAS does municipal codes and code updates is under review; therefore, this procedure is subject to change in the near future.

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

The Baxter city charter says only the following about ordinances:

1. A majority of aldermen shall constitute a quorum. (Sec. 9)
2. The mayor shall not vote except in case of a tie but shall have the right to veto, in writing, an ordinance or resolution passed by the aldermen.
(Sec. 9)
3. At a subsequent meeting, a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the aldermen is required to pass any ordinance or resolution over the mayor's veto. (Sec. 10)
4. All ordinances shall be signed by the mayor and recorder. (Sec. 10)
5. The ordinance will be placed in the minutes of the board of mayor and aldermen and shall be filed and preserved among the records of the city. (Sec. 10)
6. The records of ordinances shall be open to the public. (Sec. 10)

The Baxter city charter prescribes no ordinance adoption procedures. However, the Baxter Municipal Code, Section 1-104 prescribes certain ordinance and resolution adoption procedures.