

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

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

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**6-101. Police officers subject to chief's orders.** All police officers shall obey and comply with such orders and administrative rules and regulations as the police chief may officially issue. (2005 Code, § 6-101)

**6-102. Police officers to preserve law and order, etc.** Police officers shall preserve law and order within the municipality. They shall patrol the municipality and shall assist the general sessions court during the trial of cases. Police officers shall also promptly serve any legal process issued by the general sessions court. (2005 Code, § 6-102)

**6-103. Police department records.** The police department shall keep a comprehensive and detailed daily record, in permanent form, showing:

- (1) All known or reported offenses and/or crimes committed within the corporate limits;
- (2) All arrests made by police officers; and
- (3) All police investigations made, funerals, convoyed fire calls answered, and other miscellaneous activities of the police department. (2005 Code, § 6-103)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Issuance of citations in lieu of arrest in traffic cases: title 15, chapter 7.

**6-104. Police officers may require assistance.** It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to refuse to aid a police officer in maintaining law and order or in making a lawful arrest when such person's assistance is requested by the police officer and is reasonably necessary. (2005 Code, § 6-104)

## CHAPTER 2

### ARREST PROCEDURES

#### SECTION

6-201. When police officers to make arrests.

6-202. Disposition of persons arrested.

**6-201. When police officers 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 police officer 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; and

(3) Whenever a felony has in fact been committed and the officer has reasonable cause to believe the person has committed it. (2005 Code, § 6-201)

**6-202. Disposition of persons arrested.** Unless otherwise authorized by law, when any person is arrested he shall be brought before a court of competent jurisdiction or allowed to post bond. (2005 Code, § 6-202, modified)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Issuance of citation in lieu of arrest in traffic cases: title 15, chapter 7.

## CHAPTER 3

### CITATIONS, WARRANTS, AND SUMMONSES

#### SECTION

6-301. Citations in lieu of arrest in non-traffic cases.

6-302. Summonses in lieu of arrest.

**6-301. Citations in lieu of arrest in non-traffic cases.**<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, §§ 7-63-101, *et seq.*, the board of mayor and aldermen appoints the chief in the fire department and the building inspector in the building department special police officers having the authority to issue citations in lieu of arrest. The building inspector in the building department shall have the authority to issue citations in lieu of arrest for violations of the building, utility and housing codes adopted in title 12 of this municipal code of ordinances.

The citation in lieu of arrest shall contain the name and address of the person being cited and such other information necessary to identify and give the person cited notice of the charges against him, and state a specific date and place for the offender to appear and answer the charges against him. The citation shall also contain an agreement to appear, which shall be signed by the offender. If the offender refuses to sign the agreement to appear, the special officer in whose presence the offense was committed shall immediately arrest the offender and dispose of him in accordance with *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 7-63-104.

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his agreement to appear in court, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which the citation in lieu of arrest was issued. (2005 Code, § 6-301, modified)

**6-302. Summonses in lieu of arrest.** Pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, §§ 7-63-201, *et seq.*, which authorizes the board of mayor and aldermen to designate certain city enforcement officers the authority to issue ordinance summonses in the areas of sanitation, litter control and animal control, the board designates the health officer to issue ordinance summonses in those areas. The health officer may not arrest violators or issue citations in lieu of arrest, but upon witnessing a violation of any ordinance, law or regulation in the areas of sanitation, litter control or animal control, may issue an ordinance summons and give the summons to the offender.

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Issuance of citations in lieu of arrest in traffic cases: title 15, chapter 7.

The ordinance summons shall contain the name and address of the person being summoned and such other information necessary to identify and give the person summoned notice of the charge against him, and state a specific date and place for the offender to appear and answer the charges against him.

The ordinance summons shall also contain an agreement to appear, which shall be signed by the offender. If the offender refuses to sign the agreement to appear, the enforcement officer in whose presence the offense occurred may:

- (1) Have a summons issued by the clerk of the city court; or
- (2) May seek the assistance of a police officer to witness the violation.

The police officer who witnesses the violation may issue a citation in lieu of arrest for the violation, or arrest the offender for failure to sign the citation in lieu of arrest. If the police officer makes an arrest, he shall dispose of the person arrested as provided in § 6-301 above.

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his agreement to appear in court, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which the ordinance summons was issued (2005 Code, § 6-302)