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PREFACE

The Ripley Municipal Code contains the codification and revision of the ordinances of the City of Ripley, 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 § 2-106.

By utilizing the table of contents, code index 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 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 7. The Mayor and Aldermen are empowered to appoint (but not from their own number) some suitable and capable person to be known as Recorder - Treasurer, who shall hold the office at the pleasure of the Mayor and Aldermen and whose salary shall be fixed by the Mayor and Aldermen, and who shall have the powers, duties and liabilities as are imposed upon the Recorder and Treasurer of the City of Ripley by this Act and shall have such other and further duties and liabilities as may be prescribed and imposed upon him by the Mayor and Aldermen by ordinance or otherwise or by the further provisions of this Act. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall take an oath to be filed in writing with the Mayor of the City to faithfully perform all the duties of his office and to do and perform all that is required of him by the Mayor and Aldermen by ordinance or otherwise. He shall execute a bond payable to the Mayor and Aldermen with security to be approved by them in such amount as the Mayor and Aldermen may prescribe, and conditioned to be void only if he shall fully and truly account for and pay over as may be required by the Mayor and Aldermen all funds of the corporation that may or should come into his hands and to faithfully discharge and perform all other duties required of him by law or the Mayor and Aldermen.

Section 8.

a. A majority of the Mayor and Aldermen shall be a quorum to do business; provided, however, that a smaller number than a quorum may adjourn from day to day, and may compel the attendance of absent members by fines and penalties. No ordinance or resolution or other act of the Mayor and Aldermen shall be passed or become effective unless it receives a majority of the votes of the Mayor and all Aldermen in its favor. An ordinance shall be considered and adopted on at least two (2) separate days; any other form of action of the Mayor and Aldermen shall be considered and adopted on one (1) day.

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