

**THE
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MUNICIPAL
CODE**

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PREFACE

The Bluff City Municipal Code contains the codification and revision of the ordinances of the Town of Bluff City, 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 section 2-106.

By utilizing the table of contents 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 town's ordinance book or the city recorder for a comprehensive and up to date review of the town's ordinances.

Following this preface is an outline of the ordinance adoption procedures, if any, prescribed by the town'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).
- (2) That one copy of every ordinance adopted by the town is kept in a separate ordinance book and forwarded to MTAS annually.

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(3) That the town 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
TOWN CHARTER**

ARTICLE IV

ORDINANCES

Section 1. Required ordaining clause. All ordinances shall begin, "Be it ordained by the Town of Bluff City, as follows."

Section 2. Number of readings; emergency ordinances; amendment. Ordinances shall be read two (2) different days in open session before their adoption, and not less than one (1) week shall elapse between the first and second readings. Ordinances shall not take effect until ten (10) days after their publication, or the publication of the caption, in a newspaper of general circulation in the town, following their final passage. However, emergency ordinances may be passed on one (1) reading and shall become effective immediately upon passage and shall require no publication. Emergency ordinances shall contain a statement that an emergency exists and shall specify with distinctness the facts and reasons constituting such an emergency. A vote of not less than four (4) aye votes of the members of the board shall be required to pass an emergency ordinance. No ordinance making a grant, renewal or extension of a franchise or other special privileges, or regulating the rate to be charged for its service by any public utility, shall ever be passed as an emergency ordinance.