CITY OF CLIFTON, TENNESSEE
ORDINANCE NO. 263

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON, TENNESSEE.

WHEREAS some of the ordinances of the City of Clifton are obsolete, and

WHEREAS some of the other ordinances of the City are inconsistent with each other or are
otherwise inadequate, and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of the City of Clifton, Tennessee, has caused its
ordinances of a general, continuing, and permanent application or of a penal nature to be
codified and revised and the same are embodied in a code of ordinances known as the “Clifton
Municipal Code,” now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF CLIFTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Ordinances codified. The ordinances of the City of Clifton of a general,
continuing, and permanent application or of a penal nature, as codified and revised in the
following “titles,” namely “titles” 1 to 20, both inclusive, are ordained and adopted as the

Section 2. Ordinances repealed. All ordinances of a general, continuing, and
permanent application or of a penal nature not contained in the municipal code are hereby
repealed from and after the effective date of said code, except as hereinafter provided in
Section 3 below.

Section 3. Ordinances saved from repeal. The repeal provided for in Section 2 of this
ordinance shall not affect: Any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture
incurred, or any contract or right established or accruing before the effective date of the
municipal code; any ordinance or resolution promising or requiring the payment of money by
or to the city or authorizing the issuance of any bonds or other evidence of said city’s
indebtedness; any appropriation ordinance or ordinance providing for the levy of taxes or any
budget ordinance; any contract or obligation assumed by or in favor of said city; any ordinance
establishing a social security system or providing coverage under that system; any
administrative ordinances or resolutions not in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of
such code; the portion of any ordinance not in conflict with such code which regulates speed,
direction of travel, passing, stopping, yielding, standing, or parking on any specifically named
public street or way; any right or franchise granted by the city; any ordinance dedicating,
naming, establishing, locating, relocating, opening, paving, widening, vacating etc., any street
or public way; any ordinance establishing and prescribing the grade of any street; any
ordinance providing for local improvements and special assessments therefor; any ordinance
dedicating or accepting any plat or subdivision; any prosecution, suit, or other proceeding
pending or any judgment rendered on or prior to the effective date of said code; any zoning
ordinance or amendment thereto or amendment to the zoning map; nor shall such repeal
affect any ordinance annexing territory to the city.
Section 4. Continuation of existing provisions. Insofar as the provisions of the municipal code are the same as those of ordinances existing and in force on its effective date, said provisions shall be considered to be continuations thereof and not as new enactments.

Section 5. Penalty clause. Unless otherwise specified in a title, chapter of section of the municipal code, including the codes and ordinances adopted by reference, whenever in the municipal code any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be a civil offense, or whenever in the municipal code the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be a civil offense, the violation of any such provision of the municipal code shall be punished by a civil penalty of not more than fifty dollars ($50.00) and costs for each separate violation; provided, however, that the impositions of a civil penalty under the provisions of this municipal code shall not prevent the revocation of any permit or license or the taking of other punitive or remedial action where called for or permitted under the provisions of the municipal code or other applicable law. In any place in the municipal code the term “it shall be a misdemeanor” or “it shall be an offense” or “it shall be unlawful” or similar terms appears in the context of a penalty provision of this municipal code, it shall mean “it shall be a civil offense.” Anytime the word “fine” or similar term appears in the context of a penalty provision of this municipal code, it shall mean “a civil penalty.”

Each day any violation of the municipal code continues shall constitute a separate civil offense.

Section 6. Severability clause. Each section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, and clause of the municipal code, including the codes and ordinances adopted by reference, is hereby declared to be separable and severable. The invalidity of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, or clause in the municipal code shall not affect the validity of any other portion of said code, and only any portion declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be deleted therefrom.

Section 7. Reproduction and amendment of code. The municipal code shall be reproduced in loose-leaf form. The board of commissioners, by motion or resolution, shall fix, and change from time to time as considered necessary, the prices to be charged for copies of the municipal code and revisions thereto. After adoption of the municipal code, each ordinance affecting the code shall be adopted as amending, adding, or deleting, by numbers, specific chapters or sections of said code. Periodically thereafter all affected pages of the municipal code shall be revised to reflect such amended, added, or deleted material and shall be distributed to city officers and employees having copies of said code and to other persons who have requested and paid for current revisions. Notes shall be inserted at the end of amended or new sections, referring to the numbers of ordinances making the amendments or adding the new provisions, and such references shall be cumulative if a section is amended more than once in order that the current copy of the municipal code will contain references to all ordinances responsible for current provisions. One copy of the municipal code as originally adopted and one copy of each amending ordinance thereafter adopted shall be furnished to the Municipal Technical Advisory Service immediately upon final passage and adoption.
Section 8. Construction of conflicting provisions. Where any provision of the municipal code is in conflict with any other provision in said code, the provision which establishes the higher standard for the promotion and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare shall prevail.

Section 9. Code available for public use. A copy of the municipal code shall be kept available in the recorder’s office for public use and inspection at all reasonable times.

Section 10. Date of effect. This ordinance shall take effect no sooner than fifteen (15) days after first passage thereof, provided that it is read two (2) different days in open session before its adoption, and not less than one-week elapses between first and second readings, the welfare of the city requiring it, and the municipal code, including all the codes and ordinances therein adopted by reference, shall be effective on and after that date.

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[Signatures]

Mayor

City Recorder