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PREFACE

The Dresden Municipal Code contains the codification and revision of the ordinances of the City of Dresden, 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 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 city 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 12. . . [A]ny action of the Board having a regulatory or penal effect, awarding franchises, or required to be done by ordinance under this Charter or the general laws of the State, shall be done only by ordinance. Other actions may be accomplished by resolutions or motions. Ordinances and resolutions shall be in written form before being introduced. The enacting clause of ordinances shall be "Be it ordained by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Dresden." Every ordinance must be approved on two (2) readings and there shall be no more than one (1) reading on any one (1) day. An ordinance may receive first reading upon its introduction. Ordinances shall take effect upon final reading, adoption and being signed by the Mayor unless a different effective date is designated in the ordinance.

All ordinances shall be signed by the Mayor before they shall become effective. The Mayor shall affix his approval or disapproval within five days after adoption by the Board. If the Mayor withholds his signature for five days, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, the ordinance shall become effective for failure to veto. The Mayor shall state his reasons for vetoing an ordinance in writing and shall transmit his reasons and the ordinance back to the Board for its action. the Board may pass; the ordinance over the veto by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board.

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CHAPTER

1. BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.
2. MAYOR.
3. RECORDER.
4. DEPARTMENTS.

CHAPTER 1

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SECTION

- 1-101. Time and place of regular meetings.
- 1-102. General rules of order.

1-101. Time and place of regular meetings. The board of mayor and aldermen shall hold regular monthly meetings on the date and time specified by ordinance. (1988 Code, § 1-101, modified)

1-102. General rules of order. The rules of order and parliamentary procedure contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the transaction of business by and before the board of mayor and aldermen at its meetings in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with provisions of the charter or this code. (1988 Code, § 1-102, modified)

¹Charter references

See the charter index, the charter itself, and footnote references to the charter in the front of this code.

Municipal code references

Building, and plumbing: title 12.

Fire department: title 7.

Utilities: titles 18 and 19.

Wastewater treatment: title 18.

Zoning: title 14.

CHAPTER 2

MAYOR¹

SECTION

- 1-201. Generally supervises city's affairs.
- 1-202. Executes city's contracts.
- 1-203. To be bonded.

1-201. Generally supervises city's affairs. The mayor shall have general supervision of all city affairs. He shall have control of all municipal improvements and property; shall have exclusive power to make expenditures; shall appoint, subject to confirmation, all department heads; and shall appoint all employees. He may require such reports from officers and employees as he may deem necessary to carry out his responsibilities. (1988 Code, § 1-201)

1-202. Executes city's contracts. The mayor shall execute all contracts as authorized by the board of mayor and aldermen. (1988 Code, § 1-202)

1-203. To be bonded. The mayor shall be bonded in an amount to be determined by the board of mayor and aldermen, with surety acceptable to the board, before assuming the duties of his office. (1988 Code, § 1-203)

¹Charter references

Administrative duties of mayor: section 14.
Bond: section 22.
Board of mayor and aldermen: section 7.
Mayor as presiding officer: section 8.
Municipal elections: section 5.
Oath of office: section 21.
Restrictions on candidates: section 6.

CHAPTER 3

RECORDER¹

SECTION

1-301. To be bonded.

1-302. To keep minutes, etc.

1-303. To perform general administrative duties, etc.

1-301. To be bonded. The recorder shall be bonded in an amount to be determined by the board of mayor and aldermen with surety acceptable to the board before assuming his duties. (1988 Code, § 1-301)

1-302. To keep minutes, etc. The recorder shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the board of mayor and aldermen and shall preserve the original copy of all ordinances in a separate ordinance book. (1988 Code, § 1-302)

1-303. To perform general administrative duties, etc. The recorder shall perform all administrative duties for the board of mayor and aldermen and for the city which are not assigned by the charter, this code, or the board of mayor and aldermen to another corporate officer. He shall also have custody of and be responsible for maintaining all corporate bonds, records, and papers. (1988 Code, § 1-303)

¹Charter references

Bond: section 22.

City recorder: section 15.

Oath of office: section 21.

CHAPTER 4

DEPARTMENTS

SECTION

1-401. Purpose.

1-402. Departments and offices for the City of Dresden.

1-401. Purpose. This chapter establishes departments and offices for the city consistent with the provisions of the existing charter for the City of Dresden. (Ord. #2001-04, June 2001)

1-402. Departments and offices for the City of Dresden. The City of Dresden Municipal Ordinances are amended by declaring and where necessary adding the following as departments and offices for the city with functions and duties as currently being performed by those employees.

- (1) City recorder.
- (2) Police chief.
- (3) Fire chief.
- (4) Public works director.
- (5) Water plant director.
- (6) General administration--city hall.
- (7) Water department--city hall.
- (8) Park director. (Ord. #2001-04, June 2001)

TITLE 2**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ETC.****CHAPTER****1. CITY BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION.****CHAPTER 1****CITY BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION****SECTION**

2-101. Creation, members, terms, compensation, vacancies.

2-101. Creation, members, terms, compensation, vacancies. A board to be known as the "Dresden Beautification Commission" is hereby created. The board shall consist of the mayor or his duly authorized representative and five (5) Dresden residents to be appointed by the mayor and ratified by the board of mayor and aldermen to serve for terms of three (3) years or until their successors are appointed. However, the first members shall be appointed for such terms that the term of two (2) members shall expire annually thereafter. The members of the board shall serve without pay. Any vacancy on the board occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled only for the unexpired term, and such appointment shall be made by the mayor. (1988 Code, § 1-701, modified)

TITLE 3

MUNICIPAL COURT¹

CHAPTER

1. CITY COURT.
2. COURT COSTS AND FEES.

CHAPTER 1

CITY COURT

SECTION

- 3-101. City judge.
- 3-102. Maintenance of docket.
- 3-103. Issuance of arrest warrants.
- 3-104. Issuance of summonses.
- 3-105. Issuance of subpoenas.
- 3-106. Appearance bonds authorized.
- 3-107. Imposition of fines, penalties, and costs.
- 3-108. Appeals.
- 3-109. Bond amounts, conditions, and forms.
- 3-110. Disturbance of proceedings.

3-101. City judge. The officer designated by the charter to handle judicial matters within the city shall preside over the city court and shall be known as the city judge.

Qualifications for the municipal judge are as follows:

- (1) Licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee;
- (2) A member in good standing of the bar of the Tennessee Supreme Court;
- (3) A resident of Weakley County, Tennessee. (1988 Code, § 1-501, modified)

3-102. Maintenance of docket. The city judge shall keep a complete docket of all matters coming before him in his judicial capacity. The docket shall include for each defendant such information as his name; warrant and/or summons numbers; alleged offense; disposition; fines, penalties, and costs

¹Charter references

Bond: section 22.

City judge: section 17.

Oath of office: section 21.

imposed and whether collected; whether committed to jail, and all other information which may be relevant. (1988 Code, § 1-502, modified)

3-103. Issuance of arrest warrants.¹ The city judge shall have the power to issue warrants for the arrest of persons charged with violating municipal ordinances. (1988 Code, § 1-503)

3-104. Issuance of summonses. When a complaint of an alleged ordinance violation is made to the city judge, the judge may in his discretion, in lieu of issuing an arrest warrant, issue a summons ordering the alleged offender personally to appear before the city court at a time specified therein to answer to the charges against him. The summons shall contain a brief description of the offense charged but need not set out verbatim the provisions of the municipal code or ordinance alleged to have been violated. Upon failure of any person to appear before the city court as commanded in a summons lawfully served on him, the cause may be proceeded with ex parte, and the judgment of the court shall be valid and binding subject to the defendant's right of appeal. (1988 Code, § 1-504)

3-105. Issuance of subpoenas. The city judge may subpoena as witnesses all persons whose testimony he believes will be relevant and material to matters coming before his court, and it shall be unlawful for any person lawfully served with such a subpoena to fail or neglect to comply therewith. (1988 Code, § 1-505)

3-106. Appearance bonds authorized. When the city judge is not available or when an alleged offender requests and has reasonable grounds for a delay in the trial of his case, he may, in lieu of remaining in jail pending disposition of his case, be allowed to post an appearance bond with the city judge or, in the absence of the judge, with the city recorder, or in the absence of the city recorder, with the ranking police officer on duty at the time, provided such alleged offender is not under the influence of alcohol or drugs. (1988 Code, § 1-506)

3-107. Imposition of fines, penalties, and costs. All fines, penalties, and costs shall be imposed and recorded by the city judge on the city court docket in open court.

Court costs on each case heard in the city court shall be fixed and assessed at such amount established by the board of mayor and aldermen, and

¹State law reference

For authority to issue arrest warrants see Tennessee Code Annotated, title 40, chapter 5.

this amount shall be in addition to any costs collected on behalf of or as required by the State of Tennessee. (1988 Code, § 1-507, modified)

3-108. Appeals. Any defendant who is dissatisfied with any judgment of the city court against him may, within ten (10) days¹ next after such judgment is rendered, appeal to the next term of the circuit court upon posting a proper appeal bond. (1988 Code, § 1-508)

3-109. Bond amounts, conditions, and forms. An appearance bond in any case before the city court shall be in such amount as the city judge shall prescribe and shall be conditioned that the defendant shall appear for trial before the city court at the stated time and place. An appeal bond in any case shall be in such sum as the city judge shall prescribe and shall be conditioned that if the circuit court shall find against the appellant the fine or penalty and all costs of the trial and appeal shall be promptly paid by the defendant and/or his sureties. An appearance or appeal bond in any case may be made in the form of a cash deposit or by any corporate surety company authorized to do business in Tennessee or by two (2) private persons who individually own real property within the county. No other type bond shall be acceptable. (1988 Code, § 1-509, modified)

3-110. Disturbance of proceedings. It shall be unlawful for any person to create any disturbance of any trial before the city court by making loud or unusual noises, by using indecorous, profane, or blasphemous language, or by any distracting conduct whatsoever. (1988 Code, § 1-510)

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 27-5-101.

CHAPTER 2

COURT COSTS AND FEES

SECTION

3-201. Court costs, etc.

3-201. Court costs, etc. The fines and court costs for the violations stated below are increased as indicated:

T.C.A.	Charge	Fine	State Tax	Court Cost	Total
55-8-152	Speeding (1-5 over limit)	20.00	13.75	100.00	133.75
55-8-152	Speeding (6-15 over limit)	25.00	13.75	100.00	138.75
55-8-152	Speeding (16-25 over limit)	30.00	13.75	100.00	143.75
55-8-152	Speeding (26-35 over limit)	35.00	13.75	100.00	148.75
55-8-152	Speeding (36-45 over limit)	40.00	13.75	100.00	153.75
55-8-152	Speeding (46+ over limit)	45.00	13.75	100.00	158.75
55-10-205	Reckless driving	50.00	13.75	100.00	163.75
55-8-149	Stop sign/light violation	20.00	13.75	100.00	133.75
55-8-130	Failure to yield	20.00	13.75	100.00	133.75
55-8-124	Following too close	20.00	13.75	100.00	133.75
55-8-136	Fail to exercise due care	20.00	13.75	100.00	133.75
55-8-116	Improper passing	20.00	13.75	100.00	133.75
55-8-154	Obstructing traffic	20.00	13.75	100.00	133.75
55-50-301	No drivers license	25.00	13.75	100.00	138.75
55-4-101	Registration violation	20.00	13.75	100.00	133.75
55-9-402	Light law violation	20.00	13.75	100.00	133.75
55-9-603	Seatbelt violation 1st offense	10.00		0.00	10.00
55-9-603	Seatbelt violation 2nd offense	20.00		0.00	20.00
55-9-602	Child passenger restraints	50.00			50.00
Ord. 11-302	Unnecessary noise	25.00		100.00	125.00
55-12-139	Financial responsibility	50.00		100.00	150.00
39-17-305	Disorderly conduct	50.00		100.00	150.00
55-10-416	Open container	25.00		100.00	125.00
39-14-502	Littering	25.00		100.00	125.00
Ord. 10-101	Dogs running at large	25.00		100.00	125.00

T.C.A.	Charge	Fine	State Tax	Court Cost	Total
	Riding unauthorized motor vehicle	25.00		100.00	125.00
55-9-107	Window tint violation	25.00		100.00	125.00
	Contempt of court	50.00			50.00
	Improper parking	20.00	1.00		21.00
	Improper parking for trucks on Hwy 22	50.00	1.00		51.00
55-8-199	Texting while driving	50.00		10.00	60.00
55-50-601	Possession of suspended DL				
	Driving school			100.00	

(as added by Ord. #2015-01, Feb. 2015)

TITLE 4**MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL****CHAPTER**

1. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM.
2. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT REGULATIONS.

CHAPTER 1**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM**¹**SECTION**

- 4-101. Title.
- 4-102. Purpose.
- 4-103. Coverage.
- 4-104. Standards authorized.
- 4-105. Variances from standards authorized.
- 4-106. Administration.
- 4-107. Funding the program plan.

4-101. Title. This section shall be known as "The Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan" for the employees of City of Dresden (Ord. #____, March 2003, as replaced by Ord. #2014-06, April 2014, and Ord. #2019-04, June 2019 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

4-102. Purpose. The City of Dresden in electing to update the established program plan will maintain an effective and comprehensive occupational safety and health program plan for its employees and shall:

(1) Provide a safe and healthful place and condition of employment that includes:

- (a) Top management commitment and employee involvement;
- (b) Continually analyze the worksite to identify all hazards and potential hazards;
- (c) Develop and maintain methods for preventing or controlling the existing or potential hazards; and
- (d) Train managers, supervisors, and employees to understand and deal with worksite hazards.

¹The Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan for the City of Dresden is included in this municipal code as Appendix A.

(2) Acquire, maintain and require the use of safety equipment, personal protective equipment and devices reasonably necessary to protect employees.

(3) Record, keep, preserve, and make available to the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, or persons within the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to whom such responsibilities have been delegated, adequate records of all occupational accidents and illnesses and personal injuries for proper evaluation and necessary corrective action as required.

(4) Consult with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development with regard to the adequacy of the form and content of records.

(5) Consult with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, as appropriate, regarding safety and health problems which are considered to be unusual or peculiar and are such that they cannot be achieved under a standard promulgated by the state.

(6) Provide reasonable opportunity for the participation of employees in the effectuation of the objectives of this Program Plan, including the opportunity to make anonymous complaints concerning conditions or practices injurious to employee safety and health.

(7) Provide for education and training of personnel for the fair and efficient administration of occupational safety and health standards, and provide for education and notification of all employees of the existence of this program plan. (Ord. #____, March 2003, as replaced by Ord. #2014-06, April 2014, and Ord. #2019-04, June 2019 **Ch2_03-07-22**)

4-103. Coverage. The provisions of the occupational safety and health program plan for the employees of City of Dresden shall apply to all employees of each administrative department, commission, board, division, or other agency whether part-time or full-time, seasonal or permanent. (Ord. #____, March 2003, as replaced by Ord. #2014-06, April 2014, and Ord. #2019-04, June 2019 **Ch2_03-07-22**)

4-104. Standards authorized. The occupational safety and health standards adopted by the City of Dresden are the same as, but not limited to, the State of Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Standards promulgated, or which may be promulgated, in accordance with Section 6 of the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1972 (Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 3). (Ord. #____, March 2003, as replaced by Ord. #2014-06, April 2014, and Ord. #2019-04, June 2019 **Ch2_03-07-22**)

4-105. Variances from standards authorized. Upon written application to the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development of the State of Tennessee, we may request an order granting a temporary variance from any approved standards. Applications for variances shall be in accordance

with Rules of Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Occupational Safety and Health, VARIANCES FROM OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS, CHAPTER 0800-01-02, as authorized by Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50. Prior to requesting such temporary variance, we will notify or serve notice to our employees, their designated representatives, or interested parties and present them with an opportunity for a hearing. The posting of notice on the main bulletin board shall be deemed sufficient notice to employees. (Ord. #____, March 2003, as replaced by Ord. #2014-06, April 2014, and Ord. #2019-04, June 2019 **Ch2_03-07-22**)

4-106. Administration. For the purposes of this chapter, city recorder is designated as the safety director of occupational safety and health to perform duties and to exercise powers assigned to plan, develop, and administer this program plan. The safety director shall develop a plan of operation for the program plan in accordance with Rules of Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Occupational Safety and Health, SAFETY AND HEALTH PROVISIONS FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR, CHAPTER 0800-01-05, as authorized by Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50. (Ord. #____, March 2003, as replaced by Ord. #2014-06, April 2014, and Ord. #2019-04, June 2019 **Ch2_03-07-22**)

4-107. Funding the program plan. Sufficient funds for administering and staffing the program plan pursuant to this chapter shall be made available as authorized by the City of Dresden. (Ord. #____, March 2003, as replaced by Ord. #2014-06, April 2014, and Ord. #2019-04, June 2019 **Ch2_03-07-22**)

CHAPTER 2

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT REGULATIONS

SECTION

- 4-201. Purpose.
- 4-202. Enforcement.
- 4-203. Travel policy.
- 4-204. Travel reimbursement rate schedules.
- 4-205. Administrative procedures.
- 4-206. Travel reconciliation.
- 4-207. Disciplinary action.

4-201. Purpose. The purpose of this chapter and referenced regulations is to bring the city into compliance with the Public Acts 1993, Chapter 433. This Act requires Tennessee municipalities to adopt travel and expense regulations covering expenses incurred by "any mayor and any member of the local governing body and any board or committee member elected or appointed by the mayor or local governing body, and any official or employee of the municipality whose salary is set by charter or general law."

To provide consistent travel regulations and reimbursement, this chapter is expanded to cover regular city employees. It is the intent of this policy to assure fair and equitable treatment to all individuals traveling on city business at city expense. (Ord. #93-01, Aug. 1993)

4-202. Enforcement. The chief administrative officer (CAO) of the city or his or her designee shall be responsible for the enforcement of these travel regulations. (Ord. #93-01, Aug. 1993)

4-203. Travel policy. (1) In the interpretation and application of this chapter, the term "traveler" or "authorized traveler" means any elected or appointed municipal officer or employee, including members of municipal boards and committees appointed by the mayor or the municipal governing body, and the employees of such boards and committees who are traveling on official municipal business and whose travel was authorized in accordance with this chapter. "Authorized traveler" shall not include the spouse, children, other relatives, friends, or companions accompanying the authorized traveler on city business, unless the person(s) otherwise qualifies as an authorized traveler under this chapter.

(2) Authorized travelers are entitled to reimbursement of certain expenditures incurred while traveling on official business for the city. Reimbursable expenses shall include expenses for transportation; lodging; meals; registration fees for conferences, conventions, and seminars; and other actual and necessary expenses related to official business as determined by the

CAO. Under certain conditions, entertainment expenses may be eligible for reimbursement.

(3) Authorized travelers can request either a travel advance for the projected cost of authorized travel, or advance billing directly to the city for registration fees, air fares, meals, lodging, conferences, and similar expenses.

Travel advance requests are not considered documentation of travel expenses. If travel advances exceed documented expenses, the traveler must immediately reimburse the city. It will be the responsibility of the CAO to initiate action to recover any undocumented travel advances.

(4) Travel advances are available only for special travel and only after completion and approval of the travel authorization form.

(5) The travel expense reimbursement form will be used to document all expense claims.

(6) To qualify for reimbursement, travel expenses must be:

(a) Directly related to the conduct of the city business for which travel was authorized, and

(b) Actual, reasonable, and necessary under the circumstances.

The CAO may make exceptions for unusual circumstances.

Expenses considered excessive will not be allowed.

(7) Claims of five dollars (\$5.00) or more for travel expense reimbursement must be supported by the original paid receipt for lodging, vehicle rental, phone call, public carrier travel, conference fee, and other reimbursable costs.

(8) Any person attempting to defraud the city or misuse city travel funds is subject to legal action for recovery of fraudulent travel claims and/or advances. (Ord. #93-01, Aug. 1993)

4-204. Travel reimbursement rate schedules. Authorized travelers shall be reimbursed according to the federal travel regulation rates.

The city's travel reimbursement rates will automatically change when the federal rates are adjusted.

The municipality may pay directly to the provider for expenses such as meals, lodging, and registration fees for conferences, conventions, seminars, and other education programs. (Ord. #93-01, Aug. 1993)

4-205. Administrative procedures. (1) Travel documentation. It is the responsibility of the authorized traveler to:

(a) Prepare and accurately describe the travel,

(b) Certify the accuracy of the reimbursement request,

(c) Note on the reimbursement form all direct payments and travel advances made by the city, and

(d) File the reimbursement form with the necessary supporting documents and original receipts.

(2) Vehicles. (a) Personal vehicle. Employees should use city vehicles when possible. Use of a private vehicle must be approved in advance by the CAO. The city will pay a mileage rate not to exceed the rate allowed by the federal reimbursement schedule. The miles for reimbursement shall be paid from origin to destination and back by the most direct route. Necessary vicinity travel related to official city business will be reimbursed. However mileage in excess of the Rand-McNally mileage must be documented as necessary and business related. If an indirect route is taken, the Rand-McNally mileage table will be used to determine the mileage to be reimbursed.

If a privately owned automobile is used by two or more travelers on the same trip, only the traveler who owns or has custody of the automobile will be reimbursed for mileage. It is the responsibility of the traveler to provide adequate insurance to hold harmless the city for any liability from the use of the private vehicle.

Travelers will not be reimbursed for automotive repair or breakdowns when using their personal vehicle.

(b) City vehicle. The city may require the employee to drive a city vehicle. If a city vehicle is provided, the traveler is responsible for seeing that the vehicle is used properly and only for acceptable business. The employee will be reimbursed for expenses directly related to the actual and normal use of the city vehicle when proper documentation is provided. Out-of-town repair cost to the city vehicle in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) must be cleared with the proper city official before the repair is authorized.

(c) Fines for traffic or parking violations will not be reimbursed by the city.

(d) Reasonable tolls will be allowed when the most direct travel route requires them.

Reimbursement claims for taxis, limousines, or other ground transportation must be listed separately on the expense form, claiming the destination and amount of each fare.

(3) Lodging. The amount allocated for lodging shall not ordinarily exceed the maximum per diem rates authorized by the federal rate schedule.

(a) Original lodging receipts must be submitted with the reimbursement form. Photocopies are not acceptable.

(b) If a traveler exceeds the maximum lodging per diem, excess costs are the responsibility of the traveler.

(c) If the best rate is secured, and it still exceeds the maximum lodging per diem, the CAO may authorize a higher reimbursement amount.

Even if it costs more, travelers may be allowed to stay at the officially designated hotel of the meeting; however, more moderately priced accommodation must be requested whenever possible. It will be

the traveler's responsibility to provide documentation of the "officially designated meeting site" room rates, if these rates are higher than the normal reimbursable amounts.

(4) Meals and incidentals. Receipts are required for meals and incidentals. The authorized traveler may be reimbursed up to the daily amount based on the rate schedule and the authorized length of stay.

Whether meals may be claimed depends on when the traveler leaves and returns to the official station. The traveler's official station is home or work, whichever produces the least cost to the city. When partial day travel is involved, the current per diem allowance is determined as follows:

<u>Meal</u>	<u>If departure before</u>	<u>If return after</u>
Breakfast	7:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.
Lunch	11:00 A.M.	1:30 P.M.
Dinner	5:00 P.M.	6:30 P.M.

(5) Miscellaneous expenses. (a) Registration fees for approved conferences, conventions, seminars, meetings, and other educational programs will be allowed and will generally include the cost of official banquets, meals, lodging, and registration fees.

(b) The traveler may be reimbursed for personal phone calls while on official travel, but the amount will be limited to five dollars (\$5.00) per day.

(c) A four dollar (\$4.00) allowance will be reimbursable for hotel/motel check-in and baggage handling expenses.

(d) Laundry, valet service, tips, and gratuities are considered personal expenses and are not reimbursable.

(6) Entertainment. The city may pay for certain entertainment expenses provided that:

(a) The entertainment is appropriate in the conduct of city business;

(b) The entertainment is approved by the CAO;

(c) The group or individuals involved are identified; and

(d) Documentation is attached to the expense form to support the entertainment expense claim. (Ord. #93-01, Aug. 1993)

4-206. Travel reconciliation. (1) If the city provided a travel advance or made advanced payment, the traveler should include that information on the expense form. In the case of advances, the form should have a reconciliation summary, reflecting total claimed expenses with advances and city pre-payments indicated. The balance due the traveler or the refund due the city

should be clearly shown--below the total claim on the form or in a cover memo attached to the front of the form.

(2) If the traveler received a travel advance and spent less than the advance, the traveler should attach a check made payable to the city for that difference.

(3) The CAO will address special circumstances and issues not covered in this chapter on a case-by-case basis. (Ord. #93-01, Aug. 1993)

4-207. Disciplinary action. Violation of the travel rules can result in disciplinary action for employees. Travel fraud can result in criminal prosecution of officials and/or employees. (Ord. #93-01, Aug. 1993)

TITLE 5

MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND TAXATION¹

CHAPTER

1. REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.
2. PRIVILEGE TAXES.
3. WHOLESALE BEER TAX.

CHAPTER 1

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

SECTION

- 5-101. When due and payable.
 5-102. When delinquent--penalty and interest.

5-101. When due and payable.² Taxes levied by the city against real and personal property shall become due and payable annually on the first Monday of October of the year for which levied. (1988 Code, § 6-101)

¹Charter references

- Collection of delinquent taxes: section 31.
- County may collect taxes: section 38.
- Disbursement by check: section 40.
- Official depository: section 41.
- Omitted property: section 34.
- Property taxes: section 33.
- Tax due dates and tax bills: section 36.
- Tax levy: section 35.
- Taxes not to be excused: section 39.

²Charter reference

- Tax due dates and tax bills: section 36.

State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 67-1-701, 67-1-702 and 67-1-801, read together, permit a municipality to collect its own property taxes if its charter authorizes it to do so, or to turn over the collection of its property taxes to the county trustee. Apparently, under those same provisions, if a municipality collects its own property taxes, tax due and delinquency dates are as prescribed by the charter; if the county trustee collects the, the tax due date is the first Monday in October, and the delinquency date is the following March 1.

5-102. When delinquent--penalty and interest.¹ All real property taxes shall become delinquent on and after the first day of March next after they become due and payable. They shall thereupon be subject to such penalty and interest as is authorized and prescribed by the state law for delinquent county real property taxes.² (1988 Code, § 6-102)

¹Charter and state law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 67-5-2010(b) provides that if the county trustee collects the municipality's property taxes, a penalty of 1/2 of 1% and interest of 1% shall be added on the first day of March, following the tax due date and on the first day of each succeeding month.

²Charter and state law references

A municipality has the option of collecting delinquent property taxes any one of three ways:

- (1) Under the provisions of its charter for the collection of delinquent property taxes.
- (2) Under Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-55-201--6-55-206.
- (3) By the county trustee under Tennessee Code Annotated, § 67-5-2005.

CHAPTER 2

PRIVILEGE TAXES

SECTION

5-201. Tax levied.

5-202. License required.

5-201. Tax levied. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this code, there is hereby levied on all vocations, occupations, and businesses declared by the general laws of the state to be privileges taxable by municipalities, an annual privilege tax in the maximum amount allowed by state laws. The taxes provided for in the state's "Business Tax Act" (Tennessee Code Annotated, § 67-4-701, et seq.) are hereby expressly enacted, ordained, and levied on the businesses, business activities, vocations, and occupations carried on within the city at the rates and in the manner prescribed by the act. (1988 Code, § 6-201)

5-202. License required. No person shall exercise any such privilege within the city without a currently effective privilege license, which shall be issued by the recorder to each applicant therefor upon the applicant's payment of the appropriate privilege tax. (1988 Code, § 6-202)

CHAPTER 3

WHOLESALE BEER TAX

SECTION

5-301. To be collected.

5-301. To be collected. The city recorder is hereby directed to take appropriate action to assure payment to the city of the wholesale beer tax levied by the "Wholesale Beer Tax Act," as set out in Tennessee Code Annotated, title 57, chapter 6.¹ (1988 Code, § 6-301)

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, title 57, chapter 6 provides for a tax of 17% on the sale of beer at wholesale. Every wholesaler is required to remit to each municipality the amount of the net tax on beer wholesale sales to retailers and other persons within the corporate limits of the municipality.

TITLE 6**LAW ENFORCEMENT****CHAPTER**

1. POLICE AND ARREST.
2. JAIL.

CHAPTER 1**POLICE AND ARREST¹****SECTION**

- 6-101. Policemen subject to chief's orders.
- 6-102. Policemen to preserve law and order, etc.
- 6-103. When policemen to make arrests.
- 6-104. Disposition of persons arrested.
- 6-105. Citations in lieu of arrest in non-traffic cases.
- 6-106. Police department records.

6-101. Policemen subject to chief's orders. All policemen shall obey and comply with such orders and administrative rules and regulations as the police chief may officially issue. (1988 Code, § 1-401)

6-102. Policemen to preserve law and order, etc. Policemen shall preserve law and order within the city. They shall patrol the city and shall assist the city court during the trial of cases. Policemen shall also promptly serve any legal process issued by the city court. (1988 Code, § 1-402)

6-103. When policemen to make arrests. Unless otherwise authorized or directed in this code or other applicable law, an arrest of the person shall be made by a policeman 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.
- (3) Whenever a felony has in fact been committed and the officer has reasonable cause to believe the person has committed it. (1988 Code, § 1-403)

¹Municipal code reference

Escape from custody: § 11-501.

Traffic citations, etc.: title 15, chapter 8.

6-104. Disposition of persons arrested. (1) For code or ordinance violations. Unless otherwise provided by law, a person arrested for a violation of this code or other city ordinances shall be brought before the city court. However, if the city court is not in session, the arrested person shall be allowed to post bond with the city court clerk, or, if the city court clerk is not available, with the ranking police officer on duty. If the arrested person fails or refuses to post bond, he shall be confined pending his release by the city judge. In addition, if the arrested person is under the influence of alcohol or drugs when arrested, even if he is arrested for an offense unrelated to the consumption of alcohol or drugs, the person shall be confined until he does not pose a danger to himself or to any other person.

(2) Felonies or misdemeanors. A person arrested for a felony or a misdemeanor shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable federal and state law and the rules of the court which has jurisdiction over the offender. (1988 Code, § 1-404)

6-105. Citations in lieu of arrest in non-traffic cases.¹ Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 7-63-101 et seq., the board of mayor and aldermen appoints the fire 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 fire chief in the fire department shall have the authority to issue citations in lieu of arrest for violations of the fire code adopted in title 7, chapter 2 of this municipal code of ordinances. 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. 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. (1988 Code, § 1-405)

6-106. Police department records. The police department shall keep a comprehensive and detailed daily record, in permanent form, showing at a minimum:

¹Municipal code reference

Issuance of citations in lieu of arrest in traffic cases: title 15, chapter 8.

(1) All known or reported offenses and/or crimes committed within the corporate limits.

(2) All arrests made by policemen.

(3) All police investigations made, funerals convoyed, fire calls answered, and other miscellaneous activities of the police department (1988 Code, § 1-406)

CHAPTER 2

JAIL

SECTION

6-201. County jail to be used.

6-202. Inmates to be worked.

6-203. Compensation of inmates.

6-201. County jail to be used. The county jail is hereby designated as the municipal jail, subject to such contractual arrangement as may be worked out with the county. (1988 Code, § 1-601, modified)

6-202. Inmates to be worked. All persons committed to the jail, to the extent that their physical condition shall permit, shall be required to perform such public work or labor as may be lawfully prescribed for the county prisoners. (1988 Code, § 1-602, modified)

6-203. Compensation of inmates. Each jail inmate shall be allowed five dollars (\$5.00) per day as credit toward payment of the fines and costs assessed against him. (1988 Code, § 1-603, modified)

TITLE 7

FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS¹

CHAPTER

1. FIRE DISTRICT.
2. FIRE CODE.
3. FIRE DEPARTMENT.
4. FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.
5. FIREWORKS.

CHAPTER 1

FIRE DISTRICT

SECTION

7-101. Fire district described.

7-101. Fire district described. The corporate fire district shall include the area enclosed by Main Street, Wilson Street, Maple Street, and Poplar Street, otherwise known as "town square" and shall extend one (1) block from the town square in all directions. (1988 Code, § 7-101)

¹Municipal code reference
Building code: title 12.

CHAPTER 2

FIRE CODE¹

SECTION

- 7-201. Fire code adopted.
- 7-202. Enforcement.
- 7-203. Modifications.
- 7-204. Gasoline trucks.
- 7-205. Variances.
- 7-206. Violations and penalties.

7-201. Fire code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures, and premises, and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations, the International Fire Code,² 2003 edition, as recommended by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted by reference and included as a part of this code. Pursuant to the requirement of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the international fire code has been filed with the city recorder and is available for public use and inspection. Said international fire code is adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein and shall be controlling within the corporate limits.

7-202. Enforcement. The international fire code herein adopted by reference shall be enforced by the chief of the fire department. He shall have the same powers as the state fire marshal.

7-203. Modifications. The International Fire Code adopted in § 7-201 above is modified by deleting therefrom section 108, titled “Board of Appeals,” in its entirety; § 7-206 below shall control appeals.

7-204. Gasoline trucks. No person shall operate or park any gasoline tank truck within the central business district or within any residential area at any time except for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, the expeditious delivery of gasoline.

¹Municipal code reference

Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

²Copies of this code are available from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213-1206.

7-205. Variances. The chief of the fire department may recommend to the board of mayor and aldermen variances from the provisions of the international fire code upon application in writing by any property owner or lessee, or the duly authorized agent of either, when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the code, provided that the spirit of the code shall be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done. The particulars of such variances when granted or allowed shall be contained in a resolution of the board of mayor and aldermen.

7-206. Violations and penalties. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or the International Fire Code herein adopted, or fail to comply therewith, or violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder; or build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been modified by the board of mayor and aldermen or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein. The violation of any section of this chapter shall be punishable by a penalty under the general penalty provision of this code. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense. The application of a penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

CHAPTER 3

FIRE DEPARTMENT¹

SECTION

- 7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership.
- 7-302. Objectives.
- 7-303. Organization, rules, and regulations.
- 7-304. Records and reports.
- 7-305. Tenure and compensation of members.
- 7-306. Chief responsible for training and maintenance.
- 7-307. Chief to be assistant to state officer.
- 7-308. Reimbursement for response to false alarms and/or false reporting of fires.

7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership. There is hereby established a fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the board of mayor and aldermen. All apparatus, equipment, and supplies shall be purchased by or through the city and shall be and remain the property of the city. The fire department shall be composed of a chief and such number of physically-fit subordinate officers and firemen as the board of mayor and aldermen shall appoint. (1988 Code, § 7-301)

7-302. Objectives. The fire department shall have as its objectives:

- (1) To prevent uncontrolled fires from starting.
- (2) To prevent the loss of life and property because of fires.
- (3) To confine fires to their places of origin.
- (4) To extinguish uncontrolled fires.
- (5) To prevent loss of life from asphyxiation or drowning.
- (6) To perform such rescue work as its equipment and/or the training of its personnel makes practicable. (1988 Code, § 7-302)

7-303. Organization, rules, and regulations. The chief of the fire department shall set up the organization of the department, make definite assignments to individuals, and shall formulate and enforce such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the fire department, under the direction of the board of mayor and aldermen. (1988 Code, § 7-303)

¹Municipal code references

Open burning: title 13, chapter 5.

Special privileges with respect to traffic: title 15, chapter 2.

7-304. Records and reports. The chief of the fire department shall keep adequate records of all fires, inspections, apparatus, equipment, personnel, and work of the department. He shall submit such written reports on those matters to the mayor as the mayor requires. The mayor shall submit a report on those matters to the board of mayor and aldermen as the board of mayor and aldermen requires. (1988 Code, § 7-304)

7-305. Tenure and compensation of members. The chief shall have the authority to suspend any other member of the fire department when he deems such action to be necessary for the good of the department. (1988 Code, § 7-305)

7-306. Chief responsible for training and maintenance. The chief of the fire department, shall be fully responsible for the training of the firemen and for maintenance of all property and equipment of the fire department, under the direction and subject to the requirements of the board of mayor and aldermen. (1988 Code, § 7-306)

7-307. Chief to be assistant to state officer. Pursuant to requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-102-108, the fire chief is designated as an assistant to the state commissioner of insurance and is subject to all the duties and obligations imposed by Tennessee Code Annotated, title 68, chapter 7, and shall be subject to the directions of the commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof. (1988 Code, § 7-307)

7-308. Reimbursement for response to false alarms and/or false reporting of fires. In the event the Fire Department for the City of Dresden is called upon to respond to a report of fire, whether by telephone, or an in-person report, or by an alarm system, and such report is incorrect in that there is no fire at the location where such fire is alleged to be, the property owner, tenant, occupant, and/or person making such report, whether individually, or through an agent, or through an alarm system, shall be responsible for the costs to the City of Dresden for responding to such false alarm and report.

The fire chief, or the designee of the fire chief, shall submit to the city recorder a summary of such expenses, which shall be billed out to such person or persons described above, and upon the failure to make payment in full within thirty (30) days, except as provided above in the event of an alarm system that has been properly repaired as described in the above subsection, a civil action is authorized to be filed for the recovery of such expenses, including the costs of such proceedings, not limited to court costs and attorney fees.

If a response to a false alarm is the result of an alarm system improperly working, and appropriate documentation is provided to the fire chief or his designee establishing that the alarm system had been properly repaired, provided that such documentation is provided prior to the due date of the

statement for such fire call described above, the expenses due for such initial response may be waived. However, the expenses for additional responses, even if such is due to an alarm system improperly working, will not be waived.

Nothing in this section shall be deemed to be punitive in nature, but only for the recovery of actual costs, with the reasonable usage of any and all equipment being determined and considered as a part of such actual costs. (Ord. #2002-01, Feb. 2002)

CHAPTER 4

FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

SECTION

7-401. Restrictions on fire service outside city limits.

7-402. Fee for residents outside city limits.

7-401. Restrictions on fire service outside city limits. No personnel or equipment of the fire department shall be used for fighting any fire outside the city limits unless the fire is on city owned property or, in the opinion of the fire chief, is in such hazardous proximity to property owned or located within the city as to endanger the city property, or unless the board of mayor and aldermen has developed policies for providing emergency services outside of the city limits or entered into a contract or mutual aid agreement pursuant to the authority of

(1) The Local Government Emergency Assistance Act of 1987, Public Acts of 1987, Chapter 155.¹

¹State law reference

The Local Government Emergency Assistance Act of 1987, Chapter 155, Public Acts of 1987 authorizes any municipality or other local governmental entity to go outside of its boundaries in response to a request for emergency assistance by another local government. It does not create a duty to respond to or to stay at the scene of an emergency outside its jurisdiction.

This act does not require written agreements between the requesting or responding local governments. However, it does require that each local government establish policies and procedures to be followed in requesting and responding to requests for emergency assistance. The policies and procedures must be approved by the boards of mayor and aldermen before they go into effect. The policies and procedures may cover only one service, several services, or all of the services named in the Act. They may also include a provision for compensation for emergency assistance.

The Act provides that the senior officer of the requesting party will be in command at the scene of the emergency.

The Act outlines the liabilities of the requesting and responding governments as follows: (1) Neither the responding party nor its employees shall be liable for
(continued...)

2. Tennessee Code Annotated, § 12-9-101, et seq.¹
3. Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-601.² (1988 Code, § 7-401)

7-402. Fee for residents outside city limits. An annual subscription fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for property owners outside the city limits of Dresden receiving fire protection from the City of Dresden Fire Department is hereby established. (as added by Ord. #2008-08, March 2008)

¹(...continued)

any property damage or bodily injury at the actual scene of any emergency due to actions performed in responding to a request for emergency assistance; (2) The requesting party is not liable for damages to the equipment and personnel of the responding party in response to the request for emergency assistance; and (3) Neither the requesting party nor its employees is liable for damages caused by the negligence of the personnel of the responding party while enroute to or from the scene of the emergency.

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-601 authorizes municipalities (1) To enter into mutual aid agreements with other municipalities, counties, privately incorporated fire departments, utility districts and metropolitan airport authorities which provide for firefighting service, and with individual fire departments to furnish one another with fire fighting assistance. (2) Enter into contracts with organizations of residents and property owners of unincorporated communities to provide the latter with firefighting assistance. (3) Provide fire protection outside their city limits to either areas or citizens on an individual contractual basis whenever an agreement has first been entered into between the municipality providing the fire service and the county or counties in which the fire protection is to be provided.

²Tennessee Code Annotated, § 12-9-101, et seq. is the Interlocal Governmental Cooperation Act which authorizes municipalities and other governments to enter mutual aid agreements of various kinds.

CHAPTER 5

FIREWORKS

SECTION

7-501. Definitions.

7-502. Permissible fireworks.

7-503. Unlawful sale to certain children and other persons; unlawful use of fireworks.

7-504. Limited time period to use fireworks.

7-505. Violations and penalty.

7-501. Definitions. (1) "Fireworks" means any composition or device for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, and which meets the definition of:

(a) All articles of fireworks classified as 1.4G, or referred to as "Consumer Fireworks," or "Class C Common Fireworks,"

(b) Theatrical and novelty, classified as 1.4S, or

(c) Display fireworks, classified as 1.3G as set forth in the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Hazardous Materials Regulation, title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 171-180.

(2) Exceptions to the listed of prohibited items, listed above, are as follows:

(a) Toy caps for use in toy pistols, toy canes, or toy guns, and novelties and trick noisemakers manufactured in accordance with DOT regulations, 49 CFR 173.100(p), and packed and shipped according to those regulations;

(b) Model rockets and model rocket motors designed, sold, and used for the purpose of propelling recoverable aero models;

(c) Propelling or expelling charges consisting of a mixture of sulfur, charcoal, saltpeter are not considered as designed to produce audible effects.

(3) "Permit" means the written authority of the City of Dresden issued under the authority of this section. (as added by Ord. #2018-03, Oct. 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

7-502. Permissible fireworks. It is unlawful for any individual, firm, partnership, or corporation to sell or use within the City of Dresden, except as provided in this chapter, any "fireworks" as defined in § 7-501(1), other than the following:

(1) Those items classified by the U.S. Department of Transportation as 1.4G Consumer Fireworks, or

(2) Those items that comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States

Consumer Product Safety Commission and permitted for use by the general public under its regulations, or

(3) Any display using 1.3G Display Fireworks must be under the control of a licensed pyrotechnics technician. (as added by Ord. #2018-03, Oct. 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

7-503. Unlawful sale to certain children and other persons; unlawful use of fireworks. The following acts regarding fireworks, as defined in this Section, are specifically prohibited:

(1) It is unlawful to sell or offer for sale or to sell any fireworks to children under the age of sixteen (16) years of age or to any intoxicated person;

(2) It is unlawful to ignite or discharge any permissible articles of fireworks within or throw them from a motor vehicle;

(3) It is unlawful to place or throw any ignited article of fireworks into or at a motor vehicle, a residence, a place of business, a religious building or other place of religious worship, or at or near any person or group of persons;

(4) It is unlawful to ignite fireworks on another person's private property unless permission is obtained from the owner or occupant of the property;

(5) It is unlawful to intentionally, knowing, or recklessly launch fireworks onto the real property of persons who have not given permission;

(6) It is unlawful to use fireworks at times, places, or in any manner that endangers other persons;

(7) It is unlawful to ignite fireworks during a burning ban declared by either the State of Tennessee or the City of Dresden Fire Department, except for public (and/or group) displays for which permits have been granted;

(8) It is unlawful to use or ignite fireworks on any publicly owned real property without the written consent of the governing entity that owns said real property; (as added by Ord. #2018-03, Oct. 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

7-504. Limited time period to use fireworks. It is unlawful to discharge or use fireworks except for the following time periods.

(1) During the week of July 4th of each calendar year, the discharge of fireworks shall be permitted three (3) calendar days before the July 4th holiday and shall conclude on July 5 at 11:00 P.M. after the July 4th holiday. During this time, fireworks may be discharged between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.;

(2) On December 31 and January 1, fireworks may be discharged between the hours of 8:00 P.M. on December 31 until 1:00 A.M. on January 1;

(3) On other occasions and times as specified through a written permit signed by the mayor (or mayor's designee) and fire chief. (as added by Ord. #2018-03, Oct. 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

7-505. Violations and penalty. Violations of any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a penalty of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per violation, along with all applicable court costs and litigation taxes allowable by law. Each separate infraction of this chapter by a person or entity shall constitute a separate violation of this chapter. (as added by Ord. #2018-03, Oct. 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

TITLE 8**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**¹**CHAPTER**

1. INTOXICATING LIQUORS.
2. BEER.

CHAPTER 1**INTOXICATING LIQUORS****SECTION**

8-101. Prohibited generally.

8-101. Prohibited generally. Except as authorized by applicable laws and/or ordinances², it shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, receive, possess, store, transport, sell, furnish, or solicit orders for any intoxicating liquor within this city. "Intoxicating liquor" shall be defined to include whiskey, wine, "home brew," "moonshine," and all other intoxicating, spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors and beers which contain more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight. (1988 Code, § 2-101)

¹State law reference
Tennessee Code Annotated, title 57.

²State law reference
Tennessee Code Annotated, title 39, chapter 17.

CHAPTER 2

BEER¹

SECTION

- 8-201. Beer board established.
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- 8-210. Issuance of permits to persons convicted of certain crimes prohibited.
- 8-211. Prohibited conduct or activities by beer permit holders.
- 8-212. Suspension and revocation of beer permits.

8-201. Beer board established. There is hereby established a board which shall be known and designated as the beer board. The beer board shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the mayor subject to approval by the board. The term of each member shall be two (2) years. (Ord. #93-3, April 1993)

8-202. Meetings of the beer board. All meetings of the beer board shall be open to the public. The board shall hold regular meetings in the city hall at such times as it shall prescribe. When there is business to come before the beer board, a special meeting may be called by the chairman provided he gives a reasonable notice thereof to each member. The board may adjourn a meeting at any time to another time and place. (Ord. #93-3, April 1993)

8-203. Record of beer board proceedings to be kept. (1) The members of the beer board shall elect from among themselves a member who shall serve as chairman of the board who shall preside at all meetings. The members of the beer board shall elect from among themselves a member who shall serve as secretary of the board and shall make a record of the proceedings of all meetings.

- (2) The record shall contain at least the following:
 - (a) The date of each meeting;

¹State law reference

For a leading case on a municipality's authority to regulate beer, see the Tennessee Supreme Court decision in Watkins v. Naifeh, 635 S.W.2d 104 (1982).

- (b) The names of the board members present and absent;
- (c) The names of the members making and seconding motions;
- (d) The vote of each member on motions; and
- (e) The type and restrictions placed upon each beer permit issued. (Ord. #93-3, April 1993)

8-204. Requirements for beer board quorum and action. The attendance of at least a majority of the members of the beer board shall be required to constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business. Matters before the board shall be decided by a majority of the members present if a quorum is constituted. (1988 Code, § 2-204)

8-205. Powers and duties of the beer board. The beer board shall have the power and it is hereby directed to regulate the selling, storing for sale, distributing for sale, and manufacturing of beer within this city in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. (1988 Code, § 2-205)

8-206. "Beer" defined. The term "beer" as used in this chapter shall mean and include all beers, ales, and other malt liquors having an alcoholic content of not more than five percent (5%) by weight. (1988 Code, § 2-206)

8-207. Permit required for engaging in beer business. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, store for sale, distribute for sale, or manufacture beer without first making application to and obtaining a permit from the beer board. The application shall be made on such form as the board shall prescribe and/or furnish, and shall be accompanied by a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250.00) non-refundable application fee. Each applicant must be a person of good moral character and he must certify that he has read and is familiar with the provisions of this chapter. (1988 Code, § 2-207, modified)

8-208. Beer permits shall be restrictive. All beer permits shall be restrictive as to the type of beer business authorized under them. Separate permits shall be required for selling at retail, storing, distributing, and manufacturing. Beer permits for the retail sale of beer may be further restricted by the board of mayor and aldermen so as to authorize sales only for off premises consumption. It shall be unlawful for any beer permit holder to engage in any type or phase of the beer business not expressly authorized by his permit. It shall likewise be unlawful for him not to comply with any and all express restrictions or conditions which may be written into his permit by the board of mayor and aldermen. (1988 Code, § 2-208)

8-209. Interference with public health, safety, and morals prohibited. No permit authorizing the sale of beer will be issued when such business would cause congestion of traffic or would interfere with hospitals,

schools, or churches or would otherwise interfere with the public health, safety, and morals. In no event will a permit be issued authorizing the manufacture, storage, or sale, of beer within fifty (50) feet of any hospital, school, or church. The distance shall be measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the building from which the beer will be sold, manufactured, or stored to the nearest point on the property line of the hospital, school, or church. (1988 Code, § 2-209.)

8-210. Issuance of permits to persons convicted of certain crimes prohibited. No beer permit shall be issued to any person who has been convicted for the possession, sale, manufacture, or transportation of intoxicating liquor, or any crime involving moral turpitude within the past ten (10) years. (1988 Code, § 2-210)

8-211. Prohibited conduct or activities by beer permit holders. It shall be unlawful for any beer permit holder to:

(1) Employ any person convicted for the possession, sale, manufacture, or transportation of intoxicating liquor, or any crime involving moral turpitude within the past ten (10) years.

(2) Make or allow any sale of beer during such hours and at such times prohibited by the laws of the State of Tennessee, in compliance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 57-5-301(b)(1), and any amendments thereto.

(3) Allow any loud, unusual, or obnoxious noises to emanate from his premises.

(4) Make or allow any sale of beer to a minor under twenty-one (21) years of age.

(5) Make or allow any sale of beer to any intoxicated person or to any feeble-minded, insane, or otherwise mentally incapacitated person.

(6) Allow drunk persons to loiter about his premises.

(7) Serve, sell, or allow the consumption on his premises of any alcoholic beverage with an alcoholic content of more than five percent (5%) by weight. (1988 Code, § 2-211, as amended by Ord. #__, March 2003)

8-212. Suspension and revocation of beer permits. The beer board shall have the power to suspend or revoke any beer permit issued under the provisions of this chapter when the holder thereof is guilty of making a false statement or misrepresentation in his application or of violating any of the provisions of this chapter. However, no beer permit shall be suspended or revoked until a public hearing is held by the board after reasonable notice to all the known parties in interest. Suspension or revocation proceedings may be initiated by the police chief or by any member of the board of mayor and aldermen. (1988 Code, § 2-212)

TITLE 9

BUSINESS, PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.¹

CHAPTER

1. PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.
2. CABLE TELEVISION.
3. ADULT-ORIENTED BUSINESSES.
4. YARD SALES.

CHAPTER 1

PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.²

SECTION

- 9-101. Definitions.
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- 9-107. Display of permit.
- 9-108. Suspension or revocation of permit.
- 9-109. Expiration and renewal of permit.
- 9-110. Enforcement, violations, and penalties.

9-101. Definitions. Unless otherwise expressly stated, whenever used in this chapter, the following words shall have the meaning given to them in this section:

(1) "Peddler," means any person, firm or corporation, either a resident or a nonresident of the city, who has no permanent regular place of business and who goes from dwelling to dwelling, business to business, place to place, or from

¹Municipal code references

Building, and plumbing regulations: title 12.
Junkyards: title 13.
Liquor and beer regulations: title 8.
Noise reductions: title 11.
Zoning: title 14.

²Municipal code references

Privilege taxes: title 5.

street to street, carrying or transporting goods, wares or merchandise and offering or exposing the same for sale.

(2) "Solicitor," means any person, firm or corporation who goes from dwelling to dwelling, business to business, place to place, or from street to street, taking or attempting to take orders for any goods, wares or merchandise, or personal property of any nature whatever for future delivery, except that the term shall not include solicitors for charitable and religious purposes and solicitors for subscriptions as those terms are defined below.

(3) "Solicitor for charitable or religious purposes," means any person, firm, corporation or organization who or which solicits contributions from the public, either on the streets of the city or from door to door, business to business, place to place, or from street to street, for any charitable or religious organization, and who does not sell or offer to sell any single item at a cost to the purchaser in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00). No organization shall qualify as a "charitable" or "religious" organization unless the organization meets at least one of the following criteria:

(a) Has a current exemption certificate from the Internal Revenue Service issued under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1954, as amended.

(b) Is a member of United Way, Community Chest or similar "umbrella" organization for charitable or religious organizations.

(c) Has been in continued existence as a charitable or religious organization in Weakley County for a period of two (2) years prior to the date of its application for registration under this chapter.

(4) "Solicitor for subscriptions," means any person who solicits subscriptions from the public, either on the streets of the city, or from door to door, business to business, place to place, or from street to street, and who offers for sale subscriptions to magazines or other materials protected by provisions of the Constitution of the United States.

(5) "Transient vendor," means any person who brings into temporary premises and exhibits stocks of merchandise to the public for the purpose of selling or offering to sell the merchandise to the public. Transient vendor does not include any person selling goods by sample, brochure, or sales catalog for future delivery; or to sales resulting from the prior invitation to the seller by the owner or occupant of a residence. For purposes of this definition, "merchandise" means any consumer item that is or is represented to be new or not previously owned by a consumer, and "temporary premises" means any public or quasi-public place including a hotel, rooming house, storeroom, building or part of a building, tent, vacant lot, railroad car, or motor vehicle which is temporarily occupied for the purpose of exhibiting stocks of merchandise to the public. Premises are not temporary if the same person has conducted business at those

premises for more than six (6) consecutive months or has occupied the premises as his or her permanent residence for more than six (6) consecutive months.¹

(6) "Street barker," means any peddler who does business during recognized festival or parade days in the city and who limits his business to selling or offering to sell novelty items and similar goods in the area of the festival or parade. (1988 Code, § 5-101)

9-102. Exemptions. The terms of this chapter shall not apply to persons selling at wholesale to dealers, nor to newsboys, nor to bona fide merchants who merely deliver goods in the regular course of business, nor to persons selling agricultural products. (1988 Code, § 5-102)

9-103. Permit required. No person, firm or corporation shall operate a business as a peddler, transient vendor, solicitor or street barker, and no solicitor for charitable or religious purposes or solicitor for subscriptions shall solicit within the city unless the same has obtained a permit from the city in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. (1988 Code, § 5-103)

9-104. Permit procedure. (1) Application form. A sworn application containing the following information shall be completed and filed with the city recorder by each applicant for a permit as a peddler, transient vendor, solicitor, or street barker and by each applicant for a permit as a solicitor for charitable or religious purposes or as a solicitor for subscriptions:

- (a) The complete name and permanent address of the business or organization the applicant represents.
- (b) A brief description of the type of business and the goods to be sold.
- (c) The dates for which the applicant intends to do business or make solicitations.
- (d) The names and permanent addresses of each person who will make sales or solicitations within the city.

¹State law references

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 62-30-101, et seq. contains permit requirements for "transitory vendors."

The definition of "transient vendors" is taken from Tennessee Code Annotated, § 62-30-101(3). Note also that Tennessee Code Annotated, § 67-4-709(a) prescribes that transient vendors shall pay a tax of \$50.00 for each 14 day period in each county and/or municipality in which such vendors sell or offer to sell merchandise for which they are issued a business license, but that they are not liable for the gross receipts portion of the tax provided for in Tennessee Code Annotated, § 67-4-709(b).

(e) The make, model, complete description, and license tag number and state of issue, of each vehicle to be used to make sales or solicitation, whether or not such vehicle is owned individually by the person making sales or solicitations, by the business or organization itself, or rented or borrowed from another business or person.

(f) Tennessee State sales tax number, if applicable.

(2) Permit fee. Each applicant for a permit as a peddler, transient vendor, solicitor or street barker shall submit with his application a nonrefundable fee to be set by resolution of the board of mayor and aldermen. There shall be no fee for an application for a permit as a solicitor for charitable purposes or as a solicitor for subscriptions.

(3) Permit issued. Upon the completion of the application form and the payment of the permit fee, where required, the recorder shall issue a permit and provide a copy of the same to the applicant.

(4) Submission of application form to chief of police. Immediately after the applicant obtains a permit from the city recorder, the city recorder shall submit to the chief of police a copy of the application form and the permit. (1988 Code, § 5-104, modified)

9-105. Restrictions on peddlers, street barkers and solicitors. No peddler, street barker, solicitor, solicitor for charitable purposes, or solicitor for subscriptions shall:

(1) Be permitted to set up and operate a booth or stand on any street or sidewalk, or in any other public area within the city.

(2) Stand or sit in or near the entrance to any dwelling or place of business, or in any other place which may disrupt or impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

(3) Offer to sell goods or services or solicit in vehicular traffic lanes, or operate a "road block" of any kind.

(4) Call attention to his business or merchandise or to his solicitation efforts by crying out, by blowing a horn, by ringing a bell, or creating other noise, except that the street barker shall be allowed to cry out to call attention to his business or merchandise during recognized parade or festival days of the city.

(5) Enter in or upon any premises or attempt to enter in or upon any premises wherein a sign or placard bearing the notice "Peddlers or Solicitors Prohibited," or similar language carrying the same meaning, is located. (1988 Code, § 5-105)

9-106. Restrictions on transient vendors. A transient vendor shall not advertise, represent, or hold forth a sale of goods, wares or merchandise as an insurance, bankrupt, insolvent, assignee, trustee, estate, executor, administrator, receiver's manufacturer's wholesale, cancelled order, or misfit sale, or closing-out sale, or a sale of any goods damaged by smoke, fire, water or

otherwise, unless such advertisement, representation or holding forth is actually of the character it is advertised, represented or held forth. (1988 Code, § 5-106)

9-107. Display of permit. Each peddler, street barker, solicitor, solicitor for charitable purposes or solicitor for subscriptions is required to have in his possession a valid permit while making sales or solicitations, and shall be required to display the same to any police officer upon demand. (1988 Code, § 5-107)

9-108. Suspension or revocation of permit. (1) Suspension by the recorder. The permit issued to any person or organization under this chapter may be suspended by the city recorder for any of the following causes:

(a) Any false statement, material omission, or untrue or misleading information which is contained in or left out of the application; or

(b) Any violation of this chapter.

(2) Suspension or revocation by the board of mayor and aldermen. The permit issued to any person or organization under this chapter may be suspended or revoked by the board of mayor and aldermen, after notice and hearing, for the same causes set out in subsection (1) above. Notice of the hearing for suspension or revocation of a permit shall be given by the city recorder in writing, setting forth specifically the grounds of complaint and the time and place of the hearing. Such notice shall be mailed to the permit holder at his last known address at least five (5) days prior to the date set for hearing, or it shall be delivered by a police officer in the same manner as a summons at least three (3) days prior to the date set for hearing. (1988 Code, § 5-108)

9-109. Expiration and renewal of permit. The permit of peddlers, solicitors and transient vendors shall expire on the same date that the permit holder's privilege license expires. The registration of any peddler, solicitor, or transient vendor who for any reason is not subject to the privilege tax shall be issued for six (6) months. The permit of street barkers shall be for a period corresponding to the dates of the recognized parade or festival days of the city. The permit of solicitors for religious or charitable purposes and solicitors for subscriptions shall expire on the date provided in the permit, not to exceed thirty (30) days. (1988 Code, § 5-109)

9-110. Enforcement, violations, and penalties. The code enforcement officer, public officer, or any law enforcement officer for the Town of Dresden shall be empowered to investigate and enforce the provisions of this title by the issuance of a citation citing such person or persons violating any provision thereof into city court. In addition to any other action the city may take to enforce the provision of this title, such violation shall be punishable by fine up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per offense and the assessment of court cost for

each violation or such other general penalties of this municipal code of ordinances. (1988 Code, § 5-110, as replaced by Ord. #2013-10, June 2013)

CHAPTER 2

CABLE TELEVISION

SECTION

9-201. To be furnished under franchise.

9-201. To be furnished under franchise. Cable television shall be furnished to the City of Dresden under franchise agreements granted by the board of mayor and aldermen. (1988 Code, § 13-401, modified)

CHAPTER 3

ADULT-ORIENTED BUSINESSES

SECTION

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- 9-317. Entertainers and escorts--permits--fees.
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9-301. Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Adult bookstore" means a business that offers, as its principal or predominate stock or trade, sexually oriented material, devices, or paraphernalia, whether determined by the total number of sexually oriented materials, devices or paraphernalia offered for sale or by the retail value of such materials, devices or paraphernalia, specified sexual activities, or any combination or form thereof, whether printed, filmed, recorded or live, and that restricts or purports to restrict admission to adults or to any class of adults. The definition specifically includes items sexually oriented in nature, regardless of how labeled or sold, such as adult novelties, risqué gifts or marital aids.

(2) "Adult cabaret" means an establishment that features as a principal use of its business, entertainers, waiters, or bartenders who expose to public view of the patrons within such establishment, at any time, the bare female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola, human genitals, pubic region, or buttocks, even if partially covered by opaque material

or completely covered by translucent material, including swim suits, lingerie, or latex covering. "Adult cabaret" includes a commercial establishment that features entertainment of an erotic nature, including exotic dancers, strippers, male or female impersonators, or similar entertainers.

(3) "Adult entertainment" means any exhibition of any adult-oriented motion picture, live performance, display or dance of any type, that has as a principal or predominant theme, emphasis, or portion of such performance, any actual or simulated performance of specified sexual activities or exhibition and viewing of specified anatomical areas, removal of articles of clothing or appearing unclothed, pantomime, modeling, or any other personal service offered customers.

(4) "Adult mini-motion picture theater" means an enclosed building with a capacity of fewer than fifty (50) persons regularly used for presenting material distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas as defined in this section, for observation by patrons in the building.

(5) "Adult motion picture theater" means an enclosed building with a capacity of fifty (50) or more persons regularly used for presenting material having as a dominant theme or presenting material distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas as defined in this section, for observation by patrons in the building.

(6) "Adult-oriented establishment" includes, but is not limited to, an adult bookstore, adult motion picture theater, adult mini-motion picture establishment, adult cabaret, escort agency, sexual encounter center, massage parlor, rap parlor, sauna; further, "adult-oriented establishment" means any premises to which the public patrons or members are invited or admitted and that are so physically arranged as to provide booths, cubicles, rooms, compartments or stalls separate from the common areas of the premises for the purpose of viewing adult-oriented motion pictures, or wherein an entertainer provides adult entertainment to a member of the public, a patron or a member, when such adult entertainment is held, conducted, operated or maintained for a profit, direct or indirect. "Adult-oriented establishment" further includes, without being limited to, any adult entertainment studio or any premises that is physically arranged and used as such, whether advertised or represented as an adult entertainment studio, rap studio, exotic dance studio, encounter studio, sensitivity studio, model studio, escort service, escort or any other term of like import.

(7) "Board" means the adult-oriented established board, or, if there is in existence in the town a massage registration board appointed by the town mayor, such board may be substituted for the board.

(8) "Town," as used in this chapter, means the Town of Dresden, Tennessee.

(9) (a) "Employee" means a person who performs any service on the premises of an adult-oriented establishment on a full-time, part-time, or contract basis, whether or not the person is denominated an employee, independent contractor, agent or otherwise, and whether or not such person is paid a salary, wage, or other compensation by the operator of such business.

(b) "Employee" does not include a person exclusively on the premises for repair or maintenance of the premises or equipment on the premises, or for the delivery of goods to the premises, nor does it include an independent accountant, attorney, or other similar professional incidentally visiting the premises solely to perform accounting, legal or other similar professional services; provided, that the accountant, attorney or other similar professional is not a manager, owner, operator, entertainer, or escort connected with the adult-oriented establishment or the providing of adult entertainment.

(10) "Entertainer" means any person who provides entertainment within an "adult-oriented establishment" as defined in this section, whether or not a fee is charged or accepted for entertainment and whether or not entertainment is provided as an employee, escort or an independent contractor.

(11) "Escort" means a person who, for monetary consideration in the form of a fee, commission, salary or tip, dates, socializes, visits, consorts with, accompanies, or offers to date, socialize, visit, consort or accompany to social affairs, entertainment or places of amusement or within any place of public resort or within any private quarters of a place of public resort.

(a) "Service-oriented escort" is an escort that:

- (i) Operates from an open office;
- (ii) Does not employ or use an escort runner;
- (iii) Does not advertise that sexual conduct will be provided to the patron or work for an escort bureau that so advertises; and
- (iv) Does not offer or provide sexual conduct.

(b) "Sexually-oriented escort" is an escort that:

- (i) Employs as an employee, agent, or independent contractor an escort bureau runner;
- (ii) Works for, as an agent, employee, contractor, or is referred to a patron by a sexually-oriented escort bureau;
- (iii) Advertises that sexual conduct will be provided, or works for, as an employee, agent or independent contractor or is referred to a patron by an escort bureau that so advertises;
- (iv) Solicits, offers to provide or does provide acts of sexual conduct to an escort patron, or accepts an offer or solicitation to provide acts of sexual conduct for a fee in addition to the fee charged by the escort bureau;

(v) Works as an escort without having a current valid permit issued under this part in such person's possession at all times while working as an escort; or

(vi) Accepts a fee from a patron who has not first been delivered a contract.

(12) "Escort service" means a "person" as defined in this section, who, for a fee, commission, profit, payment or other monetary consideration, furnishes or offers to furnish escorts or provides or offers to introduce patrons to escorts.

(a) "Service-oriented escort bureau" is an escort bureau that:

(i) Maintains an open office at an established place of business;

(ii) Employs or provides only escorts who possess valid permits issued under this part;

(iii) Does not use an escort bureau runner; and

(iv) Does not advertise that sexual conduct will be provided to a patron.

(b) "Sexually-oriented escort bureau" is an escort bureau that:

(i) Does not maintain an open office;

(ii) Employs as an employee, agent, or independent contractor, uses an escort bureau runner;

(iii) Advertises that sexual conduct will be provided, or that escorts that provide such sexual conduct will be provided, referred, or introduced to a patron;

(iv) Solicits, offers to provide or does provide acts of sexual conduct to an escort patron;

(v) Employs, contracts with or provides or refers escorts who do not possess valid permits issued under this part;

(vi) Does not deliver contracts to every patron or customer; or

(vii) Employs or contracts with a sexually-oriented escort, or refers or provides to a patron, a sexually-oriented escort.

(13) "Massage services" means an establishment or place primarily in the business of providing massage or tanning services where one (1) or more of the employees exposes to public view of the patrons within such establishment, at any time, the bare female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola, human genitals, pubic region, or buttocks, even if partially covered by opaque material or completely covered by translucent material. Massage services shall not include massaged therapy by a state licensed massage therapist.

(14) "Notice" means, when required by this part, placing the document in the United States mail with sufficient first-class postage to carry it to its destination to the address of the person being notified as contained in their application, unless such person has notified the board in writing of such person's

new address. "Receipt of notification" is presumed three (3) days after the mailing of a notice.

(15) "Open office" means an office at the escort service from which the escort business is transacted and that is open to patrons or prospective patrons during all hours during which escorts are working, which is managed or operated by an employee, officer, director or owner of the escort service having authority to bind the service to escort and patron contracts and adjust patron and consumer complaints.

(16) "Operator" means any person, partnership, or corporation operating, conducting or maintaining an adult-oriented establishment.

(17) "Person" means an individual, partnership, limited partnership, firm, corporation or association.

(18) "Rap parlor" means an establishment or place primarily in the business of providing nonprofessional conversation or similar service for adults.

(19) "Sauna" means an establishment or place primarily in the business of providing:

- (a) A steam bath; or
- (b) Massage services.

(20) "Sexual conduct" means the engaging in or the commission of an act of sexual intercourse, oral-genital contact, or the touching of the sexual organs, pubic region, buttocks or female breast of a person for the purpose of arousing or gratifying he sexual desire of another person.

(21) "Sexual encounter center" means a business or commercial enterprise that, as one of its primary purposes, offers for any form of consideration:

- (a) Physical contact in the form of wrestling or tumbling between persons of the opposite sex; or
- (b) Physical contact between male and female persons or persons of the same sex when one (1) or more of the persons exposes to view of the persons within such establishment, at any time, the bare female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola, human genitals, pubic region, or buttocks, even if partially covered by opaque material or completely covered by translucent material.

(22) "Sexual gratification" means sexual conduct as defined in this section.

(23) "Sexual stimulation" means to excite or arouse the prurient interest or to offer or solicit acts of sexual conduct as defined in this section.

(24) "Specified anatomical areas: means:

- (a) Less than completely and opaquely covered:
 - (i) Human genitals;
 - (ii) Pubic region;
 - (iii) Buttocks; and
 - (iv) Female breasts below a point immediately above the top of the areola; and

(b) Human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely opaquely covered.

(25) "Specified criminal acts" means the following criminal offenses as defined by Tennessee Code Annotated or the corresponding violation of another state or country:

- (a) Aggravated rape;
- (b) Rape;
- (c) Rape of a child;
- (d) Aggravated sexual battery;
- (e) Sexual battery by an authority figure;
- (f) Sexual battery;
- (g) Statutory rape;
- (h) Public indecency;
- (i) Prostitution;
- (j) Promoting prostitution;
- (k) Distribution of obscene materials;
- (l) Sale, loan or exhibition to a minor of material harmful to minors;
- (m) The display for sale or rental of material harmful to minors;
- (n) Sexual exploitation of a minor;
- (o) Aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor; and
- (p) Especially aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor.

(26) "Specified services" means massage services, private dances, private modeling, acting as an escort as defined in this part, and any other live adult entertainment as defined in this section; and

(27) "Specified sexual activities" means:

- (a) Human genitals in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal;
 - (b) Acts of human masturbation, sexual intercourse or sodomy;
- or
- (c) Fondling or erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttocks or female breasts. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-302. Board of zoning appeals established as adult-oriented establishment board. (1) The board of zoning appeals is hereby established as the adult-oriented establishment board.

(2) The board shall consist of the membership of the existing board of zoning appeals.

(3) The terms of the board members shall be coextensive with the terms of the board of zoning appeals with no member serving after the expiration of the member's term or removal from the board of zoning appeals.

(4) A majority of the members to which the board is entitled shall constitute a quorum.

(5) The board shall serve without compensation.

(6) The chair of the board shall be the already appointed chair of the board of zoning appeals and the chair shall notify interested persons and members of board meetings.

(7) The board shall meet as often as required to carry out the provisions of this part.

(8) To further the purposes of this part, the board shall have authority to promulgate procedural rules and any substantive rules consistent with this part that are constitutionally valid and are promulgated in such a way that the board's discretion about whether to grant, deny, revoke, or suspend a license or permit is not unbridled. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-303. License to operate--required. (1) Except as provided in § 9-305, no adult-oriented establishment shall be operated or maintained without first obtaining a license to operate issued by the Dresden Adult-Oriented Establishment Board.

(2) A license may be issued only for one (1) adult-oriented establishment located at a fixed and certain place. Any person, partnership or corporation that desires to operate more than one (1) adult-oriented establishment must have a license for each. No building, premises, structure or other facility that contains any adult-oriented establishment shall contain any other kind of adult-oriented establishment.

(3) No license or interest in a license may be transferred to any person, partnership or corporation.

(4) It is unlawful for any entertainer, employee, escort or operator to knowingly work in or about or to knowingly perform any service directly related to or at the request of the operation of any unlicensed adult-oriented establishment or escort service.

(5) All existing adult-oriented establishments, entertainers, employees, escorts, or operators, at the time this part is given local effect, must submit an application for an appropriate license or permit within one hundred twenty (120) days of this part becoming effective. All existing adult-oriented establishments, entertainers, employees, escorts, or operators, at the time this part is given local effect, who timely submit an application for an appropriate license or permit, as set forth in § 9-305, shall be granted a conditional license or permit maintaining the status quo, pending final judicial review by the trial court. If no timely application is filed within the one-hundred-twenty-day period, or no license or permit is issued by the board or granted through judicial review by the trial court, then the adult-oriented establishment, entertainer, employee, escort, or operator shall cease to operate or to perform such services or entertainment.

(6) No license shall be issued by the board unless the applicant certifies, by proof satisfactory to the board, that the applicant has satisfied the rules, regulations and provisions of the applicable zoning requirements in the

town. Any zoning requirement shall be in addition to and not an alternative to any requirement of this part. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-304. License to operate--application. (1) Any person, partnership, or corporation desiring to secure a license shall make application to the adult-oriented establishment board. A copy of the application shall be distributed promptly to the town police department.

(2) The application for a license shall be upon a form provided by the board. An applicant for a license shall furnish the following information under oath:

- (a) Name and address, including all aliases;
- (b) Written proof that the individual is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (c) The business, occupation or employment of the applicant in an adult-oriented establishment for five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application;
- (d) The adult-oriented establishment or similar business license history of the applicant; whether such applicant, in previously operating in this or any other county, city or state under license, has had such license revoked or suspended, the reason therefore, and the business activity or occupation subject to such action of suspension or revocation;
- (e) Any conviction for or plea of nolo contendere to a specified criminal act as defined in this chapter;
- (f) The address of the adult-oriented establishment to be operated by the applicant;
- (g)
 - (i) If the applicant is a corporation, the application shall specify the name, address, and telephone number of the corporation, the date and the state of incorporation, the name and address of the registered agent for service of process of the corporation, and the names and addresses of the officers and directors of the corporation, and the names and addresses of any persons holding fifty percent (50%) or more of the stock of the corporation.
 - (ii) If the applicant is a partnership, the application shall specify the name and address of the partnership, and the name and address of all general partners of the partnership.
 - (iii) If the partnership is a limited partnership, the application shall specify the name and address of all general partners who have a controlling interest in the partnership; and
- (h) A statement by the applicant that the applicant is familiar with the provisions of this part and is in compliance with this chapter.

(3) Within ten (10) days of receiving the results of the investigation conducted by the board or police department, pursuant to § 9-305(4), the board shall notify the applicant that the application is granted, denied or held for

further investigation. Such additional investigation shall not exceed an additional thirty (30) days unless otherwise agreed to by the applicant. Upon the conclusion of such additional investigation, the board shall advise the applicant in writing whether the application is granted or denied.

(4) Failure or refusal of the applicant to give any information relevant to the investigation of the application, or the applicant's refusal or failure to appear at any reasonable time and place for examination under oath regarding the application or the applicant's refusal to submit to or cooperate with any investigation required by this part constitutes an admission by the applicant that the applicant is ineligible for such license and shall be grounds for denial of the license by the board. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-305. License to operate--qualifications--fees. To receive a license to operate an adult-oriented establishment, an applicant must meet the following standards:

- (1) (a) If the applicant is an individual:
 - (i) The applicant shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
 - (ii) The applicant shall not have had a license revoked within five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application;
 - (iii) The applicant shall not have been convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere to any violation of this chapter within five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application; and
 - (iv) The applicant shall not have been convicted of a "specified criminal act," as defined in § 9-301, for which:
 - (A) Less than two (2) years have elapsed since the date of conviction if the conviction is for a misdemeanor offense;
 - (B) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of conviction if the conviction is for a felony offense;
 - (C) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of conviction for two (2) or more misdemeanor offenses occurring within any twelve-month period.
- (b) The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect on disqualification of the applicant.
- (2) (a) If the applicant is a corporation:
 - (i) All officers, directors and stockholders required to be named shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
 - (ii) No officer, director and stockholder required to be named shall have had an adult-oriented establishment license revoked within five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application;

(iii) No officer, director or stockholder required to be named under shall have been convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere to any violation of this part within five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application; and

(iv) The applicant or officer, director or stockholder required to be named under shall not have been convicted of a "specified criminal act," as defined in § 9-301, for which:

(A) Less than two (2) years have elapsed since the date of conviction if the conviction is for a misdemeanor offense;

(B) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of conviction if the conviction is for a felony offense; and

(C) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of conviction for two (2) or more misdemeanor offenses occurring within any twelve-month period;

(b) The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect on disqualification of the applicant.

(3) (a) If the applicant is a partnership, joint venture or any other type of organization where two (2) or more persons have a financial interest:

(i) All persons having a financial interest in the partnership, joint venture or other type of organization shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age;

(ii) All persons having a financial interest in the partnership, joint venture or other type of organization shall not have had a license revoked within five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application;

(iii) No applicant or person having a financial interest in the partnership, joint venture or other type of organization shall have been convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere to any violation of this chapter within five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application; and

(iv) The applicant or any person having a financial interest required to be disclosed shall not have been convicted of a "specified criminal act," as defined in § 9-301, for which:

(A) Less than two (2) years have elapsed since the date of conviction if the conviction is for a misdemeanor offense;

(B) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of conviction if the conviction is for a felony offense;

(C) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of conviction for two (2) or more misdemeanor offenses occurring within any twelve-month period.

(b) The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect on disqualification of the applicant.

(4) No license shall be issued unless the board or police department has investigated the applicant's qualifications to be licensed. The results of that investigation shall be filed in writing with the board no later than twenty (20) days after the date of the application. The board shall only deny an application for a license for reasons set forth in this chapter.

(5) An applicant who has been convicted of any "specified criminal activities" may not be denied a permit based on those convictions once the time period required in this section has elapsed.

(6) A license fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be submitted with the application for a license. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-306. Inspections--notice of results. (1) In order to effectuate the provisions of this chapter, the board, its authorized representative or police department personnel is empowered to conduct investigations of persons engaged in the operation of any adult-oriented establishment and inspect the license of the operators and establishment for compliance. Refusal of an operation or establishment to permit inspections shall be grounds for revocation, suspension or refusal to issue licenses provided by this chapter.

(2) Within ten (10) days of receiving the results of the investigation conducted pursuant to § 9-305(4), the board shall notify the applicant that the application is granted, denied or held for further investigation. Such additional investigation shall not exceed an additional thirty (30) days, unless otherwise agreed to by the applicant. Upon the conclusion of such additional investigation, the board shall advise the applicant in writing whether the application is granted or denied.

(3) If an additional investigation is held and is not a result of actions by the applicant, upon the expiration of the thirtieth day from the filing of the application, the applicant shall be permitted to operate the business for which the license is sought, unless or until the board or its authorized representative notifies the applicant of a denial of the application and states the reasons for that denial. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-307. Injunctions--contempt. (1) The board has the power and authority to enter into any court of the State of Tennessee having proper jurisdiction to seek an injunction against any person or adult-oriented establishment not in compliance with the provisions of this chapter, and is further empowered to enter into any such court to enforce the provisions of this chapter in order to ensure compliance with such provisions.

(2) Any violation of an injunction obtained under this section is contempt with a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(3) Each day in contempt of such injunction is considered a separate offense.

(4) The circuit, chancery, or criminal courts of this state and the chancellors and judges of the courts shall have full power, authority, and jurisdiction, upon application by sworn detailed petition filed by the board within their respective jurisdictions, to issue any and all proper restraining orders, temporary and permanent injunctions, and any other writs and processes appropriate to carry out and enforce this part. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-308. Revocation, suspension or annulment of licenses. (1) The board shall revoke, suspend or annul a license or permit for any of the following reasons:

(a) Discovery that false or misleading information or data was given on any application or material facts were omitted from any application;

(b) The operator, entertainer, employee, or any escort violates any provision of this chapter; provided, that an operator has a duty to supervise conduct on the premises of the adult-oriented establishment and shall be deemed responsible for the conduct of an entertainer, employee, or escort, if the operator knew, or should have known, of the violation and authorized, approved, or, in the exercise of due diligence, failed to take reasonable efforts to prevent the violation;

(c) The operator, entertainer, employee, or escort becomes ineligible to obtain the appropriate license or permit;

(d) Any cost or fee required to be paid by this chapter is not paid;

(e) Any intoxicating liquor or malt beverage is served or consumed on the premises of the adult-oriented establishment, when an operator, employee, entertainer, or, in the exercise of due diligence, failed to take reasonable efforts to prevent the violation;

(f) An operator who, with actual or constructive knowledge, employs an employee who does not have a permit or provides space on the premises, whether by lease or otherwise, to an independent contractor who performs or works as an entertainer without a permit;

(g) Any operator, employee or entertainer sells, furnishes, gives or displays, or causes to be sold, furnished, given or displayed to any minor any adult-oriented entertainment or adult-oriented material;

(h) Any operator, employee or entertainer denies access of law enforcement personnel to any portion of the licensed premises wherein adult-oriented entertainment is permitted or to any portion of the licensed premises wherein adult-oriented material is displayed or sold;

(i) An operator, who with actual or constructive knowledge, fails to maintain the licensed premises in a sanitary condition by allowing continuing violations of the published health code, rules, or regulations

specifically applicable in that jurisdiction, based upon an inspection by the appropriate health authority for that jurisdiction; and

(j) Any operator employee or entertainer is convicted of a specified criminal act, as defined in § 9-301, provided that such violation occurred on the licensed premises.

(2) (a) Notwithstanding anything in this chapter to the contrary, before revoking or suspending any license or permit, the chair shall give the license holder or permit holder not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days' written notice of the charges against such license holder or permit holder and of the revocation of such license or permit, or of the period of time such license or permit is to be suspended; such notice shall also advise the license holder or permit holder of the license holder's or permit holder's right to request a hearing before the board. In the event the license holder or permit holder does not request in writing a hearing before the board within the time set forth in such notice, the suspension or revocation shall be effective beginning the date set forth in such notice.

(b) If the license holder or permit holder desires to request a hearing before the board to contest the suspension or revocation, such request shall be made in writing to the mayor within ten (10) days of the license holder's or permit holder's receipt of the notification from the board. If the license holder or permit holder timely requests such a hearing, the effective date of a suspension or hearing shall be stayed pending the final outcome of judicial proceedings to determine whether such license or permit has been properly revoked or suspended under the law.

(c) If the license holder or permit holder timely requests such a hearing, a public hearing shall be held within fifteen (15) days of the mayor's receipt of such request before the board, at which time the license holder or permit holder may present evidence contrary to the provisions of this chapter. The board shall hear evidence concerning the basis for such suspension or revocation and shall affirm or reverse the suspension or revocation at the conclusion of such hearing; any such hearing shall be concluded no later than twenty-two (22) days after the license holder's or permit holder's receipt of the notification of the suspension or revocation, unless an extension beyond such time period is requested by the license holder or permit holder and granted by the board.

(3) (a) If the board affirms the suspension or revocation, the city attorney shall institute suit for declaratory judgment in a court of record, within five (5) days of the date of any such affirmation seeking an immediate judicial determination of whether such license or permit has been properly revoked or suspended under the law.

(b) Any operator whose license is revoked shall not be eligible to receive a license for five (5) years from the date of revocation.

(c) The applicant shall be entitled to judicial determination of the issues within two (2) days after joinder of issue, and a decision shall be rendered by the court within two (2) days of the conclusion of the hearing.

(d) The board shall have the burden of showing that a revocation or suspension of a license under this section is not arbitrary or capricious. If a board decision is found by the court to be clearly erroneous, the court may overturn the decision as being arbitrary or capricious. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-309. Hearings on disciplinary actions--judicial review--prohibition on operation of business. (1) As used in this section, "application" means:

- (a) An application for a license;
- (b) An application for a permit;
- (c) An application for a license renewal; and
- (d) An application for a permit renewal.

(2) Whenever an application is denied, the chair shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for such action; such notice shall also advise the applicant of the applicant's right to request a hearing before the board. All adult-oriented establishments, entertainers, employees, escorts, or operators who timely submit an application for renewal of an appropriate license or permit shall be granted a conditional license or permit maintaining the status quo pending review by the board and final judicial review by the trial court. If the applicant desires to request a hearing before the board to contest the denial of an application, such request shall be made in writing to the county mayor of such county within ten (10) days of the applicant's receipt of the notification of the denial of the application. If the applicant timely requests such a hearing, a public hearing shall be held within fifteen (15) days of the mayor's receipt of such request before the board, at which time the applicant may present evidence as to why the application should not be denied. The board shall hear evidence concerning the basis for denial of the application and shall affirm or reverse the denial of an application at the conclusion of such hearing; any such hearing shall be concluded no later than twenty-two (22) days after the applicant's receipt of notification of denial of an application, unless an extension beyond such time period is requested by the applicant and granted by the board.

(3) (a) If the board affirms the denial of an application, the office of the city attorney shall institute suit for declaratory judgment in a court of record, within five (5) days of the date of any such denial seeking an immediate judicial determination of whether such application has been properly denied under the law.

(b) The applicant shall be entitled to judicial determination of the issues within two (2) days after joinder of issue, and a decision shall be rendered by the court within two (2) days of the conclusion of the

hearing. The applicant shall cooperate in expediting completion of service of process by the board when initiating a declaratory action under this part.

(c) The board shall have the burden of showing that the denial of an application under this section is not arbitrary or capricious. If a denial of the application by the board is found by the court to be clearly erroneous, the court may overturn the action as being arbitrary or capricious.

(d) The provisions of this part mandating judicial review shall control over general provisions for declaratory judgment actions in the event of any conflict. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-310. Termination and renewal of licenses—applications—fees.

(1) Every license issued under this part will terminate at the expiration of one (1) year from the date of issuance, unless sooner revoked, and must be renewed before operation is allowed in the following year. Any operator desiring to renew a license shall make application to the board. The application for renewal must be filed not later than sixty (60) days before the license expires. The application for renewal shall be filed in triplicate with and dated by the board. A copy of the application for renewal shall be distributed promptly by the chair of the board to the applicable county sheriff. The application for renewal shall contain such information and data relevant to the renewal request, including information related to the applicant's qualifications or whether there are grounds for denial of renewal, and shall be given under oath or affirmation, as may be required by the board, but not less than the information contained in the original application.

(2) A license renewal fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be submitted with the application for renewal. In addition to the renewal fee, a late penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be assessed against the applicant who files for a renewal less than thirty (30) days before the license expires. If the application is denied, one half (1/2) of the fee shall be returned.

(3) If the police department is aware of any information bearing on the operator's qualifications, the information shall be filed in writing with the board not later than ten (10) days after the date of the application for renewal.

(4) Every permit issued under this part will terminate at the expiration of one (1) year from the date of issuance, unless sooner revoked, and must be renewed before an entertainer is allowed to provide entertainment in an adult-oriented establishment in the following calendar year. Any entertainer desiring to renew a permit shall make application to the board. The application for renewal must be filed not later than thirty (30) days before the permit expires. The application for renewal shall be filed in triplicate with and dated by the board. A copy of the application for renewal shall be distributed promptly by the board to the police department. The application for renewal shall be upon a form provided by the board and shall contain such information and data

relative to the renewal request, such as the applicant's qualifications, or whether there are grounds for denying the renewal, given under oath or affirmation, as may be required by the board.

(5) A permit renewal fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be submitted with the application for renewal. In addition to the renewal fee, a late penalty of five dollars (\$5.00) shall be assessed against the applicant who files for renewal less than thirty (30) days before the license expires. If the application is denied, one half (1/2) of the fee shall be returned.

(6) If the police department is aware of any information bearing on the entertainer's qualifications, that information shall be filed in writing with the board not later than ten (10) days after the date of the application for renewal.

(7) Notwithstanding anything in this part to the contrary, any application for renewal of a license or for renewal for a permit shall be handled, investigated, and approved or denied within the same time periods as those established in this part for original license applications and permit applications. In the event a license renewal application or permit renewal application is denied, the applicant shall have all rights of appeal to the board as set forth in § 9-309. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-311. Hours open for inspection. The public portion of all adult-oriented establishments shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by the police department or such other persons as the board may designate. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-312. Duties and responsibilities of operators, entertainers and employees. (1) The operator shall maintain a register of all employees, entertainers, or escorts, showing for each person the name, permit number issued under this part, any aliases used, home address, age, birth date, sex, height, weight, color of hair and eyes, telephone number, social security number, driver license number, date of employment and termination, and duties associated with the adult-oriented establishment. This information on each employee shall be maintained in the register on the premises for a period of three (3) years following termination.

(2) The operator shall make the register of employees available immediately for inspection by the board or sheriff's department upon demand of a member of the board or sheriff's department at all reasonable times.

(3) Every act or omission by an employee constituting a violation of the provisions of this part shall be deemed the act or omission of the operator if such act or omission occurs either with the authorization, knowledge, or approval of the operator, or as a result of the operator's negligent failure to supervise the employee's conduct, and the operator shall be punishable for such act or omission in the same manner as if the operator committed the act or caused the omission.

(4) An operator shall be responsible for supervising the conduct of all entertainers and employees while on the licensed premises, and shall exercise due diligence in taking reasonable efforts to prevent acts or omissions of any entertainers or employees constituting a violation of the provisions of this part, with the operator's failure to reasonably fulfill this duty constituting a ground for determining whether the operator's license shall be revoked, suspended or renewed.

(5) No employee of an adult-oriented establishment shall allow any minor to loiter around or to frequent an adult-oriented establishment or to allow any minor to view adult entertainment as defined in this part.

(6) Every adult-oriented establishment shall be physically arranged in such a manner that the entire interior portion of the booths, cubicles, rooms or stalls, wherein adult entertainment is provided, shall be visible from the common areas of the premises. Visibility shall not be blocked or obscured by doors, curtains, partitions, drapes or any other obstruction whatsoever.

(7) The operator shall be responsible for and shall provide that any room or area used for the purpose of viewing adult-oriented motion pictures or other types of live adult entertainment shall be readily accessible at all times and shall be continuously opened to view in its entirety.

(8) The license shall be conspicuously displayed in the common area of the premises at all times.

(9) The permit shall be kept by an employee, entertainer, or escort so that it is readily available for display immediately upon request by any member of the county sheriffs department or other appropriate law enforcement official, any board member, or any person designated by the board to assist it in enforcing this part. Each employee, entertainer, or escort shall immediately display or disclose the employee, entertainer, or escort's valid permit number to any customer upon request. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-313. Prohibited activities. (1) No operator, entertainer or employee of an adult-oriented establishment, either on the premises or in relation to the person's role as an operator, entertainer, or employee of an adult-oriented establishment, shall permit to be performed, offer to perform, perform, or allow patrons to perform sexual intercourse or oral or anal copulation or other contact stimulation of the genitalia.

(2) No operator, entertainer or employee of an adult-oriented establishment shall encourage or permit any person upon the premises to touch, caress or fondle the breasts, buttocks, anus or genitals of any operator, entertainer or employee.

(3) No entertainer, employee, or customer shall be permitted to have any physical contact with any other on the premises during any performance and all performances shall only occur upon a stage at least eighteen inches (18") above the immediate floor level and removed at least six feet (6') from the nearest entertainer, employee, or customer.

(4) (a) No employee or entertainer, while on the premises of an adult-oriented establishment, may:

- (i) Engage in sexual intercourse;
- (ii) Engage in deviant sexual conduct;
- (iii) Appear in a state of nudity; or
- (iv) Fondle such person's own genitals or those of another.

(b) For the purpose of this section, "nudity" means the showing of the human male or female genitals or pubic area with less than a fully opaque covering, the showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple, or the showing of the covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state.

(5) If the license holder operates an escort bureau, such bureau shall not be operated as a sexually-oriented escort bureau as defined in this chapter.

(6) No permit holder of an escort bureau shall conduct oneself as a sexually-oriented escort as defined in this chapter.

(7) No license holder shall advertise that such license holder offers sexual stimulation or sexual gratification as defined in this part. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-314. Entertainers or escorts--permits--required. No person shall be an entertainer, employee, or escort in an adult-oriented establishment without a valid permit issued by the board. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-315. Entertainers or escorts--permits--application. (1) Any person desiring to secure a permit as an entertainer, employee, or escort shall make application to the board. The application shall be filed in triplicate with and dated by the board. A copy of the application shall be distributed promptly by the board to the sheriff's department.

(2) The application for a permit shall be upon a form provided by the board. An applicant for a permit shall furnish the following information under oath:

- (a) Name and address, including all aliases;
- (b) Written proof that the individual is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (c) The applicant's height, weight, color of eyes and hair;
- (d) The adult-oriented establishment or similar business permit history of the applicant; whether such person, in previously operating in this or any other city or state under permit, has had such permit revoked or suspended, the reason for the revocation or suspension, and the business activity or occupation subject to such action of suspension or revocation;
- (e) Any conviction for or plea of nolo contendere to "a specified criminal act" as defined in § 9-301;

(f) Two (2) portrait photographs at least two inches by two inches (2" x 2") of the applicant; and

(g) A statement by the applicant that the applicant is familiar with the provisions of this part and is in compliance with the provisions of this part.

(3) Within ten (10) days of receiving the results of the investigation conducted by the board or police department, the board shall notify the applicant that the applicant's application is granted, denied or held for further investigation. Such additional investigation shall not exceed an additional thirty (30) days unless otherwise agreed to by the applicant. Upon the conclusion of such additional investigations, the board shall advise the applicant in writing whether the application is granted or denied.

(4) If an additional investigation is held that is not caused by actions of the applicant, upon the expiration of the thirtieth day from the filing of the application, the applicant shall be permitted conditionally to work as an entertainer, employee, or escort pending final judicial review by the trial court of a decision by the board to deny the application.

(5) Failure or refusal of the applicant to give any information relevant to the investigation of the application, or the applicant's refusal or failure to appear at any reasonable time and place for examination under oath regarding the application, or the applicant's refusal to submit to or cooperate with any investigation required by this part, constitutes an admission by the applicant that the applicant is ineligible for such permit, and is grounds for denial thereof by the board. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-316. Entertainers, employees or escorts--permits--qualifications--investigations. (1) To receive a permit as an entertainer, employee or escort, an applicant must meet the following standards:

(a) (i) The applicant shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age;

(ii) The applicant shall not have had a permit revoked within two (2) years immediately preceding the date of the application;

(iii) The applicant shall not have been convicted of a "specified criminal act," as defined in § 9-301, for which:

(A) Less than two (2) years have elapsed since the date of conviction if the conviction is for a misdemeanor offense;

(B) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of conviction if the conviction is for a felony offense; and

(C) Less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of conviction for two (2) or more misdemeanor offenses occurring within any twelve-month period.

(b) The fact that a conviction is being appealed shall have no effect on disqualification of the applicant;

(c) An applicant who has been convicted of any specified criminal activities may not be denied a permit based on those convictions once the time period required in subsection (1)(a)(iii) has elapsed.

(2) No permit shall be issued until the board or police department has investigated the applicant's qualifications to receive a permit. The results of that investigation shall be filed in writing with the board no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the application. The board shall only deny a permit application for reasons set forth in this part. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-317. Entertainers and escorts--permits--fees. A permit fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be submitted with the application for a permit. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-318. Penalties for violation. (1)(a) A violation of this chapter shall, for a first offense, be a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by a fine only of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and shall result in the suspension or revocation of any license.

(b) A second or subsequent violation of this chapter is a Class A misdemeanor, and shall result in the suspension or revocation of any license.

(2) Each violation of this chapter shall be considered a separate offense, and any violation continuing more than one (1) hour of time shall be considered a separate offense for each hour of violation. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

9-319. Criminal conviction record check. (1) All applicants for a license or permit to operate an adult-oriented establishment or to perform as an entertainer at an adult-oriented establishment shall submit a full set of fingerprints to the city for positive identification of the applicant and the city shall conduct a criminal conviction records check of the applicant.

(2) (a) Upon receipt of an application, the city shall:

(i) Conduct a criminal conviction record check through such computer terminals available to it or other means of access to criminal convictions that are maintained by the city, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

(ii) Forward the applicant's fingerprints to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, which shall verify the identity of the applicant and shall conduct its own criminal conviction record check itself and forward the results of that investigation to the requesting county, city or other political subdivision.

(b) If no disqualifying criminal conviction is identified by the city or by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation shall forward a set of the applicant's fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for verification of the applicant's identity and request the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct a criminal conviction record check investigation using the fingerprints.

(c) The results of criminal conviction record investigations shall be used for the limited purpose of determining the applicant's qualifications for a license to operate an adult-oriented establishment or for a permit to perform as an entertainer at an adult-oriented establishment.

(3) Fingerprints shall be submitted on authorized fingerprint cards or by electronic, machine-readable data, or other means approved by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(4) Any cost incurred in conducting such criminal conviction records investigations shall be paid by the city. The city may include such cost as part of any fee it charges for processing the applicant's license or permit. (as added by Ord. #2011-02, Aug. 2010)

CHAPTER 4

YARD SALES

SECTION

- 9-401. Definitions.
- 9-402. Permitted signs.
- 9-403. Frequency and duration limitations; days and hours of operation.
- 9-404. Permits not transferable.
- 9-405. Persons exempted from this chapter.
- 9-406. Violation.
- 9-407. Enforcement.

9-401. Definitions. The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Yard sale shall refer to and include all general sales, open to the public, conducted from or on a residential premise in any zone, as defined by the zoning ordinance, for the purpose of disposing of personal property including, but not limited to, all sales entitled "garage," "lawn," "yard," "attic," "porch," "room," "auction," "backyard," "patio," "flea market," or "rummage" sale. This definition shall not include a situation where no more than two (2) specific items are held out for sale and all advertisements of such sale specifically names those items to be sold.

Personal property shall mean property which is owned, utilized and maintained by an individual or members of his or her residence and acquired in the normal course of living in or maintaining a residence. It does not include merchandise which was purchased for resale or obtained on consignment.

Permit shall refer to the form that must be obtained, completed, submitted to and issued by the Dresden City Recorder prior to conducting a yard sale;

Household shall refer to the individual who applies for a permit and anyone who resides in that individual's residence; and

Town shall refer to the Town of Dresden, Tennessee. (as added by Ord. #2013-07, Nov. 2012, and replaced by Ord. #2017-02, Feb. 2017 **Ch2_03-07-22**)

9-402. Permitted signs. (1) A yard sale sign shall not be placed or affixed to a tree or utility pole.

(2) Should the yard sale for any reason not be held all signs, flyers, posters, and bulletins advertising the yard sale, must be removed no later than the scheduled last day for the yard sale. (as added by Ord. #2013-07, Nov. 2012, and replaced by Ord. #2017-02, Feb. 2017 **Ch2_03-07-22**)

9-403. Frequency and duration limitations; days and hours of operation. (1) Four (4) yard sales are permissible per household in any twelve (12) month period (January to December) with a permit and no permit fee. Households will not be allowed to have more than four (4) yard sales per year.

(2) Yard sales may be held Thursday through Saturday only. It shall be unlawful for any individual, group, or corporation to conduct a yard sale within the town on a Sunday. (as added by Ord. #2013-07, Nov. 2012, and replaced by Ord. #2017-02, Feb. 2017 **Ch2_03-07-22**)

9-404. Permits not transferable. No permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be transferred. (as added by Ord. #2013-07, Nov. 2012, and replaced by Ord. #2017-02, Feb. 2017 **Ch2_03-07-22**)

9-405. Persons exempted from this chapter. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to or affect the following:

(1) Persons selling goods pursuant to an order of process of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(2) Persons acting in accordance with their powers and duties as public officials.

(3) Any sale conducted by any merchant or mercantile or other business establishment on a regular, day-to day basis from or at the place of business wherein such sale would be permitted by zoning regulations of the city, or under the protection of the nonconforming use section thereof, or any other sale conducted by a manufacturer, dealer or vendor in which sale would be conducted from properly zoned premises, and not otherwise prohibited by other ordinances.

(4) Any bona fide charitable, educational, cultural or governmental institution, or organization when the proceeds from the sale are used directly for the institution or organization's charitable purposes and the goods or articles are not sold on a consignment basis.

(5) The city-wide yard sale held in conjunction with the Tennessee Iris Festival will not require a permit and will not count as one (1) of the four (4) yard sales per year. This yard sale is permitted to be held on Thursday, Friday and/or Saturday without a permit.

(6) The city-wide yard sale held in the fall of each year will not require a permit and will not count as one (1) of the four (4) yard sales per year. This yard sale is permitted to be held on Thursday, Friday and/or Saturday without a permit. (as added by Ord. #2013-07, Nov. 2012, and replaced by Ord. #2017-02, Feb. 2017 **Ch2_03-07-22**)

9-406. Violation. Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and prosecution costs. (as added by Ord. #2013-07, Nov. 2012, and replaced by Ord. #2017-02, Feb. 2017 **Ch2_03-07-22**)

9-407. Enforcement. Any police officer is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the town. (as added by Ord. #2013-07, Nov. 2012, and replaced by Ord. #2017-02, Feb. 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

TITLE 10**ANIMAL CONTROL¹****CHAPTER**

1. IN GENERAL.
2. DOGS.

CHAPTER 1**IN GENERAL****SECTION**

- 10-101. Running at large prohibited.
- 10-102. Keeping near a residence or business restricted.
- 10-103. Application for permit.
- 10-104. Appealing permit decision.
- 10-105. Enforcement, violations and penalty.
- 10-106. Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited.
- 10-107. Cruel treatment prohibited.
- 10-108. Seizure and disposition of animals.
- 10-109. Inspection of premises.

10-101. Running at large prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or being in charge of any cows, sheep, horses, mules, goats, or any chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, or other domestic fowl, cattle, or livestock, knowingly or negligently to permit any of them to run at large in any street, alley, or unenclosed lot within the corporate limits. Any person, including its owner, knowingly or negligently permitting an animal to run at large may be prosecuted under this section even if the animal is picked up and disposed of under other provisions of this chapter, whether or not the disposition includes returning the animal to its owner. (1988 Code, § 3-101, as replaced by Ord. #2017-03, May 2017 ***Ch2_03-07-22***)

10-102. Keeping near a residence or business restricted. No person shall keep any animal or fowl enumerated in the preceding section within eight hundred feet (800') of any residence, place of business, public street, or place of public gathering without a permit from the health officer that is duly appointed by the board of mayor and aldermen for this purpose, with the health officer

¹Municipal code reference

Anti-noise regulations: § 11-402.

Dead animals: § 13-104.

having expertise, training, and familiarity with domesticated animals and ordinary livestock that may be governed by this section.

The health officer shall make inquiry into the landowner's application filed under § 10-103 of this chapter and report on whether the keeping of such animal on a landowner's property within the corporate limits of the City of Dresden, as outlined on the landowner's application for a permit to keep such animal or animals, will not injuriously impact the public health. This shall apply to the keeping of any animal enumerated or contemplated in this section, regardless of whether the keeping of the animal or animals is for a personal use, recreational use, or commercial use, including commercial keeping of animals for sale and/or processing for slaughter or other consumption by the general public.

The health officer shall further evaluate all applications under this section to ensure that the landowner complies with any requirements imposed by this Section for the keeping and care of the animal sought to be permitted by the landowner, including any requirements imposed for feeding, watering, sheltering, and cleanliness under this section.

After evaluation of the landowner's application, the health officer shall forward the landowner's application to the board of mayor and aldermen, along with a recommendation for acting on the application under § 10-103 of this chapter. (1988 Code, § 3-102, as replaced by Ord. #2017-03, May 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

10-103. Application for permit. (1) A landowner seeking to keep an animal or animals under this section shall submit a written application to the health officer, on a form to be provided by the City of Dresden, that specifies the type and number of animals to be kept on the landowner's property, along with the landowner's proposed arrangements for feeding, watering, sheltering, and waste disposal for the animals. There shall be a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee charged at the time the application is submitted to the health officer through the City of Dresden.

The board of mayor and aldermen shall delegate the preparation of the application to the city recorder and the health officer for promulgation to the public.

The health officer shall investigate the landowner's application within ten (10) business days after the date in which the application is received and make recommendation to the board of mayor and aldermen on one (1) of the following actions on the application:

- (a) Approve the permit based on the application as presented and without modifications;
- (b) Approve the permit with any requirements added to the permit under this section based on the recommendation of the health officer for the keeping and maintenance of the animal or animals within the requirement of this section or any other applicable law or ordinance;

(c) Deny the application for permit as presented.

In making a decision on the application, the board of mayor and aldermen shall take into account any other factors in addition to the recommendation of the health officer, when permitting an animal, that are deemed necessary by this section, including any relevant rezoning for the subject property, and either the approval or denial of the application for permit shall be indicated on the face of the application at the time a decision is made by the board of mayor and aldermen.

(2) At the time of issuance of a permit governed by this section, the health officer shall communicate to the applicant requirements in writing in the following areas that are necessary for the care and well-being of the animal or animals at issue and the welfare of the general public at large if the same are not sufficiently covered in the application for permit submitted by the landowner, including but not limited to the following areas:

(a) Requirements for shelter for the animal or animals sought for permitting by the applicant, including requirements for a building, structure, corral, pen, or other enclosure for the animal or animals being permitted, including requirements for space, ventilation, access points, and other areas of a same or similar nature, provided that no permanent structure shall be built on the landowner's property for the sheltering the animal or animals that are permitted until sixty (60) calendar days after the issuance of such permit by the health officer;

(b) Requirements for the maintenance and keeping in a sanitary condition any shelter, structure, or building required for the animals sought for permitting by the applicant, including any specific provisions imposed by the health officer for the regulation, control, and regular disposal of animal waste products so as to prevent the same from becoming a nuisance or injurious to the public health;

(c) Requirements for the provision of adequate food and water for the animal or animals sought for permitting by the applicant, including provisions dealing with the cleanliness, storage, and provision of food and water for the animal or animals sought for permitting by the applicant;

(d) Any other requirements deemed necessary and appropriate for the animal or animals sought for permitting by the applicant.

The health officer shall also be required to communicate to the landowner that they are subject to all other applicable laws and ordinances that may otherwise prohibit with the keeping of an animal or animals by a landowner, including any applicable zoning classifications or regulations that would make the keeping of the animal impractical, unsuitable, or impossible.

In the event that the board of mayor and aldermen approve the issuance of a permit pursuant to this section, the city recorder, or their designee, shall send notification to all landowners who are immediately adjacent to the landowner receiving the permit under this section by First Class United States

Mail. For purposes of this section, immediate adjacency shall mean those property owners that share a common boundary line with the landowner receiving the permit. (1988 Code, § 3-103, as replaced by Ord. #2017-03, May 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

10-104. Appealing permit decision. Any landowner who is aggrieved by a decision of the board of mayor and aldermen on an application for a permit, or adjacent landowner as set forth in § 10-103, that is aggrieved by a decision of the board of mayor and aldermen on an application for a permit shall be entitled to file a notice of appeal with the city recorder within sixty (60) business days and petition review of either the issuance or denial of the permit to the city court, with the city recorder to docket the same at the pleasure of the city court judge for hearing.

After hearing by the city court, a party that is aggrieved by the outcome may file suit in chancery court for a review of the ruling of the city court within thirty (30) days of the ruling issuance by the city court. Otherwise, the decision shall be final for a period of one (1) year from the date of denial of the application, at which time a landowner may repeat this same process again.

It is the express, legislative intent of the board of mayor and aldermen that a landowner shall not be permitted to apply more than one (1) time for the keeping of an animal or animals in the corporate limits of Dresden, Tennessee within any twelve (12) month period if the same has been previously denied by the health officer in this same time period notwithstanding the number of parcels owned by the landowner. (1988 Code, § 3-104, as replaced by Ord. #2017-03, May 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

10-105. Enforcement, violations and penalty. The health officer, or any law enforcement officer employed by the City of Dresden shall be empowered to investigate and enforce the provisions of this title by the issuance of a citation citing such person or persons violating any provision thereof into city court.

In addition to any other action the city may take to enforce the provisions of this title, such violation shall be triable in city court and punishable by fine up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per offense and the assessment of court costs for each violation, or in a manner as such other general penalties of this municipal code of ordinances. Nothing in this section shall prevent a party that is aggrieved by the decision of the city court under this section from having a right of appeal to a court having appellate jurisdiction over the city court for further proceedings on the matter in accordance with other applicable Tennessee law. (1988 Code, § 3-105, as replaced by Ord. #2017-03, May 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

10-106. Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited. No person that keeps an animal within the corporate limits of Dresden, Tennessee shall keep their animals or animals in a manner as to

become a nuisance to adjoining landowners, including nuisances arising out of the animal's waste and/or waste disposal, nuisances arising out of the animal's feeding, watering, or shelter needs, or any other nuisance is prohibited by applicable and controlling law. No animal shall be kept in such a place or condition as to become a nuisance because of either noise, odor, contagious disease, or other reason.

The health officer shall be empowered to set reasonable setbacks for fences, shelters, and buildings used to shelter animals that are governed by this chapter in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of adjacent property owners in accordance with this section and all other sections of this chapter. In no event shall any animals enumerated under § 10-101 of this chapter shall be permitted to be kept within one hundred feet (100') of any residence or business structure that is intended to be occupied by humans. (1988 Code, § 3-106, as replaced by Ord. #2017-03, May 2017 ***Ch2_03-07-22***)

10-107. Cruel treatment prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to beat or otherwise abuse or injure any dumb animal or fowl, and the same shall be governed according to state law regulating animal abuse and cruelty and enforced by law enforcement having jurisdiction for the City of Dresden. (1988 Code, § 3-107, as replaced by Ord. #2017-03, May 2017 ***Ch2_03-07-22***)

10-108. Seizure and disposition of animals. Any animal found running at large, regardless of whether the animal or animals were properly permitted under this section, or any animal otherwise being kept in violation of this chapter may be seized by any police officer or other properly designated officer or official of the City of Dresden, including the health officer empowered by the board of mayor and aldermen under this section, and confined in a pound provided or designated by the board of mayor and aldermen.

If the owner is known he shall be given notice in person, by telephone, or by certified letter addressed to his last-known mailing address. If the owner is not known or cannot be located, a notice describing the impounded animal or fowl will be posted in at least three (3) public places within the corporate limits.

In either case the notice shall state that the impounded animal or fowl must be claimed within fourteen (14) days by paying the pound costs or the same will be humanely destroyed or sold. If not claimed by the owner, the animal or fowl shall be sold or humanely destroyed, or it may otherwise be disposed of as authorized by the board of mayor and aldermen. The pound keeper shall collect from each person claiming an impounded animal or fowl reasonable fees, in accordance with a schedule approved by the board of mayor and aldermen, to cover the costs of impoundment and maintenance. (1988 Code, § 3-108, as replaced by Ord. #2017-03, May 2017 ***Ch2_03-07-22***)

10-109. Inspection of premises. For the purpose of making inspections to ensure compliance with the provisions of this chapter, the health officer, their authorized representative, shall be authorized to enter, at any reasonable time, any premises where they have reasonable cause to believe an animal or fowl is being kept in violation of this chapter or in violation of this chapter, or upon any premises where animals are kept and a permit has been previously issued by the City of Dresden. (Ord. #2013-10, June 2013, as replaced by Ord. #2017-03, May 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

CHAPTER 2

DOGS

SECTION

- 10-201. Rabies vaccination and registration required.
- 10-202. Dogs to wear tags.
- 10-203. Running at large prohibited.
- 10-204. Vicious dogs to be securely restrained.
- 10-205. Noisy dogs prohibited.
- 10-206. Confinement of dogs suspected of being rabid.
- 10-207. Seizure and disposition of dogs.
- 10-208. Destruction of vicious or infected dogs running at large.

10-201. Rabies vaccination and registration required. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog without having the same duly vaccinated against rabies and registered in accordance with the provisions of the "Tennessee Anti-Rabies Law" (Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 68-8-101 through 68-8-114) or other applicable law. (1988 Code, § 3-201)

10-202. Dogs to wear tags. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog which does not wear a tag evidencing the vaccination and registration required by the preceding section. (1988 Code, § 3-202)

10-203. Running at large prohibited.¹ 1. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to permit any dog owned by him or under his control to run at large within the corporate limits.

2. A dog shall be deemed to be running at large when:

a. Not on the premises of the owner, possessor, or keeper thereof and not controlled through use of a leash, cord, or chain held by the dog's owner, possessor or keeper or an agent, servant, or member of the immediate family thereof; or

b. On the premises of the owner, possessor, or keeper, but confined in such a way as to allow the dog to have access to the public rights-of-way.

3. Any person knowingly permitting a dog to run at large, including the owner of the dog, may be prosecuted under this section even if the dog is picked up and disposed of under the provisions of this chapter, whether or not the disposition includes returning the animal to its owner. (1988 Code, § 3-203, modified)

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 68-8-108 and 68-8-109.

10-204. Vicious dogs to be securely restrained. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog known to be vicious or dangerous unless such dog is so confined and/or otherwise securely restrained as to provide reasonably for the protection of other animals and persons. (1988 Code, § 3-204)

10-205. Noisy dogs prohibited. No person shall own, keep, or harbor any dog which, by loud and frequent barking, whining, or howling, disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood. (1988 Code, § 3-205)

10-206. Confinement of dogs suspected of being rabid. If any dog has bitten any person or is suspected of having bitten any person or is for any reason suspected of being infected with rabies, the chief of police or any other properly designated officer or official may cause such dog to be confined or isolated for such time as he deems reasonably necessary to determine if such dog is rabid. (1988 Code, § 3-206)

10-207. Seizure and disposition of dogs. Any dog found running at large may be seized by any police officer or other properly designated officer or official and placed in a pound provided or designated by the board of mayor and aldermen. If the dog is wearing a tag the owner shall be notified in person, by telephone, or by a postcard addressed to his last-known mailing address to appear in no less than the time required by state law and redeem his dog by paying a reasonable pound fee, in accordance with a schedule approved by the board of mayor and aldermen, or the dog will be humanely sold or destroyed. If said dog is not wearing a tag it shall be humanely sold or destroyed unless legally claimed by the owner in no less than the time required by state law. No dog shall be released in any event from the pound unless or until such dog has been vaccinated and had a tag evidencing such vaccination placed on its collar. (1988 Code, § 3-207, modified)

10-208. Destruction of vicious or infected dogs running at large. When, because of its viciousness or apparent infection with rabies, a dog found running at large cannot be safely impounded it may be summarily destroyed by any policeman or other properly designated officer.¹ (1988 Code, § 3-208)

¹State law reference

For a Tennessee Supreme Court case upholding the summary destruction of dogs pursuant to appropriate legislation, see Darnell v. Shapard, 156 Tenn. 544, 3 S.W.2d 661 (1928).

TITLE 11**MUNICIPAL OFFENSES¹****CHAPTER**

1. MISDEMEANORS OF THE STATE ADOPTED.
2. ALCOHOL.
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4. INTERFERENCE WITH PUBLIC OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL.
5. FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND MISSILES.
6. TRESPASSING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF AND INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC.
7. MISCELLANEOUS.

CHAPTER 1**MISDEMEANORS OF THE STATE ADOPTED****SECTION**

11-101. Misdemeanors of the state adopted.

11-101. Misdemeanors of the state adopted. All offenses against the State of Tennessee which are committed within the corporate limits and which are defined by the state law or are recognized by the common law to be misdemeanors are hereby designated and declared to be offenses against this city also. Any violation of any such law within the corporate limits is also a violation of this section. (1988 Code, § 10-101)

¹Municipal code references

Animals and fowls: title 10.

Building and plumbing: title 12.

Fireworks and explosives: title 7.

Traffic offenses: title 15.

Streets and sidewalks (non-traffic): title 16.

CHAPTER 2

ALCOHOL¹

SECTION

11-201. Drinking alcoholic beverages in public, etc.

11-201. Drinking alcoholic beverages in public, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to drink, consume or have an open can or bottle of beer or intoxicating liquor in or on any public street, alley, avenue, highway, sidewalk, public park, public school ground or other public place. (1988 Code, § 10-202)

¹Municipal code reference

Sale of alcoholic beverages, including beer: title 8.

State law reference

See Tennessee Code Annotated § 68-24-203 (Arrest for Public Intoxication, cities may not pass separate legislation).

CHAPTER 3

OFFENSES AGAINST THE PEACE AND QUIET

SECTION

11-301. Disturbing the peace.

11-302. Anti-noise regulations.

11-301. Disturbing the peace. No person shall disturb, tend to disturb, or aid in disturbing the peace of others by violent, tumultuous, offensive, or obstreperous conduct, and no person shall knowingly permit such conduct upon any premises owned or possessed by him or under his control. (1988 Code, § 10-501)

11-302. Anti-noise regulations. Subject to the provisions of this section, the creating of any unreasonably loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise is prohibited. Noise of such character, intensity, or duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual, or in disturbance of the public peace and welfare, is prohibited.

(1) Miscellaneous prohibited noises enumerated. The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noises in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:

(a) Blowing horns. The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, truck, or vehicle while not in motion except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching, apparently out of control, or if in motion, only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.

(b) Radios, phonographs, etc. The playing of any radio, phonograph, or any musical instrument or sound device, including but not limited to loudspeakers or other devices for reproduction or amplification of sound, either independently of or in connection with motion pictures, radio, or television, in such a manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours between 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any office or hospital, or in any dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity.

(c) Yelling, shouting, hooting, etc. Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, or singing on the public streets, particularly between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., or at any time or place so as to annoy or

disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of any person in any hospital, dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity.

(d) Pets. The keeping of any animal, bird, or fowl which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity.

(e) Use of vehicle. The use of any automobile, motorcycle, truck, or vehicle so out of repair, so loaded, or in such manner as to cause loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, or other noise.

(f) Blowing whistles. The blowing of any steam whistle attached to any stationary boiler, except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of fire or danger, or upon request of proper city authorities.

(g) Exhaust discharge. To discharge into the open air the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motor vehicle, or boat engine, except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.

(h) Building operations. The erection (including excavation), demolition, alteration, or repair of any building in any residential area or section or the construction or repair of streets and highways in any residential area or section, other than between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. on week days, except in case of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety, and then only with a permit from the building inspector granted for a period while the emergency continues not to exceed thirty (30) days. If the building inspector should determine that the public health and safety will not be impaired by the erection, demolition, alteration, or repair of any building or the excavation of streets and highways between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., and if he shall further determine that loss or inconvenience would result to any party in interest through delay, he may grant permission for such work to be done between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. upon application being made at the time the permit for the work is awarded or during the process of the work.

(i) Noises near schools, hospitals, churches, etc. The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any hospital or adjacent to any school, institution of learning, church, or court while the same is in session.

(j) Loading and unloading operations. The creation of any loud and excessive noise in connection with the loading or unloading of any vehicle or the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crates, and other containers.

(k) Noises to attract attention. The use of any drum, loudspeaker, or other instrument or device emitting noise for the purpose of attracting attention to any performance, show, or sale or display of merchandise.

(1) Loudspeakers or amplifiers on vehicles. The use of mechanical loudspeakers or amplifiers on trucks or other moving or standing vehicles for advertising or other purposes.

(2) Motor vehicle noises. The following are adopted as standards to be used in the regulation of noises coming from motor vehicles operated within the corporate limits of Dresden, Tennessee, effective October 1, 2020, as follows:

(a) No person may operate either a motor vehicle, or combination of vehicles of a type subject to registration, at any time or under any condition of grade, load, acceleration or deceleration in such a manner as to exceed ninety (90) dBA based on a distance of fifty feet (50') from the center of the lane of travel within the speed limits specified in this subsection:

(b) A person shall not operate a vehicle on a highway or street if the vehicle has a defect in the exhaust system which affects sound reduction, is not equipped with a muffler or other noise dissipative device, or is equipped with a cutout, bypass, amplifier, or a similar device (i.e. a modified exhaust system that amplifies the noise that would ordinarily be emitted from the motor vehicle with its' original manufacturer-equipped muffler and emission system;

(c) A person, either acting for himself or herself or as the agent or employee of another, shall not sell, install, or replace a muffler or exhaust part that causes the motor vehicle to which the muffler or exhaust part is attached to exceed the noise limits established by this act or a rule promulgated under this chapter;

(d) A person shall not modify, repair, replace, or remove a part of an exhaust system causing the motor vehicle to which the system is attached to produce noise in excess of the levels established by this act, or operate a motor vehicle so altered on a street or highway.

(e) A dealer shall not sell a used or secondhand motor vehicle for use upon a street or highway which is not in compliance with this chapter;

(f) That law enforcement shall be empowered to monitor vehicle noises within the corporate limits of the City of Dresden, Tennessee using commercially available sound monitoring equipment and shall cite persons or entities in violation of this Section into City Court for violation of the provisions of this chapter;

(g) That, upon citation into City Court, the Court shall conduct a hearing into the merits of this case if a cited Defendant does not otherwise plead guilty to this offense, and upon a finding of guilt, the court shall assess a fine up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per violation, plus court costs, for each cited violation and for each continuing violation;

(h) That the powers conferred through this Section shall be supplemental to all other provisions existing elsewhere in the City of Dresden, Tennessee Municipal Code regarding vehicle noises and to

applicable Tennessee law found at Tennessee Code Annotated Section.
(1988 Code, § 10-502, as amended by Ord. #2021-03, Sept. 2020
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CHAPTER 4

INTERFERENCE WITH PUBLIC OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL¹

SECTION

11-401. Escape from custody or confinement.

11-402. Impersonating a government officer or employee.

11-403. False emergency alarms.

11-401. Escape from custody or confinement. It shall be unlawful for any person under arrest or otherwise in custody of or confined by the city to escape or attempt to escape, or for any other person to assist or encourage such person to escape or attempt to escape from such custody or confinement. (1988 Code, § 10-601)

11-402. Impersonating a government officer or employee. No person other than an official police officer of the city shall wear the uniform, apparel, or badge, or carry any identification card or other insignia of office like or similar to, or a colorable imitation of that adopted and worn or carried by the official police officers of the city. Furthermore, no person shall deceitfully impersonate or represent that he is any government officer or employee. (1988 Code, § 10-602)

11-403. False emergency alarms. It shall be unlawful for any person intentionally to make, turn in, or give a false alarm of fire, or of need for police or ambulance assistance, or to aid or abet in the commission of such act. (1988 Code, § 10-603)

¹Municipal code reference
Police and arrest: title 6, chapter 1.

CHAPTER 5

FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND MISSILES

SECTION

11-501. Firearms.

11-502. Air rifles, etc.

11-503. Throwing missiles.

11-501. Firearms. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to discharge a firearm within the municipality. (1988 Code, § 10-701)

11-502. Air rifles, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person in the city to discharge any air gun, air pistol, air rifle, "BB" gun, or sling shot capable of discharging a metal bullet or pellet, whether propelled by spring, compressed air, expanding gas, explosive, or other force-producing means or method. (1988 Code, § 10-702)

11-503. Throwing missiles. It shall be unlawful for any person maliciously to throw any stone, bottle, or any other missile upon or at any vehicle, building, tree, or other public or private property or upon or at any person. (1988 Code, § 10-703, modified)

CHAPTER 6

TRESPASSING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF AND INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC

SECTION

11-601. Trespassing.

11-602. Malicious mischief.

11-603. Interference with traffic.

11-601. Trespassing (1) On premises open to the public. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to defy a lawful order, personally communicated to him by the owner or other authorized person, not to enter or remain upon the premises of another, including premises which are at the time open to the public.

(b) The owner of the premises, or his authorized agent, may lawfully order another not to enter or remain upon the premises if such person is committing, or commits, any act which interferes with, or tends to interfere with, the normal, orderly, peaceful or efficient conduct of the activities of such premises.

(2) On premises closed or partially closed to public. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly enter or remain upon the premises of another which is not open to the public, notwithstanding that another part of the premises is at the time open to the public.

(3) Vacant buildings. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter or remain upon the premises of a vacated building after notice against trespass is personally communicated to him by the owner or other authorized person or is posted in a conspicuous manner.

(4) Lots and buildings in general. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter or remain on or in any lot or parcel of land or any building or other structure after notice against trespass is personally communicated to him by the owner or other authorized person or is posted in a conspicuous manner.

(5) Peddlers, etc. It shall also be unlawful and deemed to be a trespass for any peddler, canvasser, solicitor, transient merchant, or other person to fail to promptly leave the private premises of any person who requests or directs him to leave.¹ (1988 Code, § 10-801)

11-602. Malicious mischief. It shall be unlawful and deemed to be malicious mischief for any person willfully, maliciously, or wantonly to damage,

¹Municipal code reference

Peddlers, solicitors, etc.: title 9.

deface, destroy, conceal, tamper with, remove, or withhold real or personal property which does not belong to him. (1988 Code, § 10-802)

11-603. Interference with traffic. It shall be unlawful for any person to stand, sit, or engage in any activity whatever on any public street, sidewalk, bridge, or public ground in such a manner as to prevent, obstruct, or interfere unreasonably with the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic thereon. (1988 Code, § 10-803)

CHAPTER 7

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION

- 11-701. Abandoned refrigerators, etc.
- 11-702. Posting notices, etc.
- 11-703. Distributing handbills.
- 11-704. Curfews during civil emergencies.
- 11-705. Tobacco use prohibited.
- 11-706. Ephedrine control.

11-701. Abandoned refrigerators, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave in any place accessible to children any abandoned, unattended, unused, or discarded refrigerator, icebox, or other container with any type latching or locking door without first removing therefrom the latch, lock, or door. (1988 Code, § 10-901)

11-702. Posting notices, etc. No person shall fasten in any way, any showcard, poster, or other advertising device upon public or private property including any lamp post, telephone, telegraph, electric, or other utility pole. Any devices so placed may be removed by the appropriate city employees and officials. (1988 Code, § 10-903)

11-703. Distributing handbills. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to scatter or distribute on or along any public street or to distribute or place or cause to be distributed or placed in or on any motor vehicle on any public street or parking lot within the corporate limits any commercial literature, advertising material, commercial handbills, or other advertising material; provided, however, that nothing shall legally prevent a police officer from attaching a violation notice on any such motor vehicle; provided, further, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the advertising material of religious, fraternal, or charitable organizations, or persons engaged in passing out noncommercial literature expressing their beliefs and opinions to persons willing to receive the same, nor shall it be applicable to labor unions or their representatives who are engaged in union activities or union organization efforts in passing out leaflets or other union information to persons willing to receive the same. (1988 Code, § 10-904)

11-704. Curfews during civil emergencies. (1) "Civil emergency" and "curfew" defined. (a) "Civil emergency" is hereby defined as:

- (i) A riot or unlawful assembly characterized by the use of actual force or violence or a threat to use force if accompanied by

the immediate power to execute by three (3) or more persons acting together without authority of law.

(ii) Any natural disaster or man-made calamity including but not limited to flood, conflagration, cyclone, tornado, earthquake, or explosion within the geographic limits of the city resulting in the death or injury of persons, or the destruction of property to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

(iii) The destruction of property, or the death or injury of persons brought about by the deliberate acts of one or more persons acting either alone or in concert with others when such acts are a threat to the peace of the general public or any segment thereof.

(b) "Curfew" is hereby defined as a prohibition against any person or persons walking, running, loitering, standing, or motoring upon any alley, street, highway, public property, or vacant premises within the corporate limits of the city except persons officially designated to duty with reference to said civil emergency or those lawfully on the streets as defined hereinafter.

(2) Proclamation of civil emergency. When in the judgment of the mayor a civil emergency as defined herein is determined to exist, he shall forthwith proclaim in writing the existence of same, a copy of which proclamation will be filed with the recorder.

(3) Curfew authorized. After proclamation of a civil emergency by the mayor, he may order a general curfew applicable to such geographical areas of the city or to the city as a whole as he deems advisable, and applicable during those hours of the day or night he deems necessary in the interest of the public safety and welfare. Said proclamation and general curfew shall have the force and effect of law and shall continue in effect until rescinded in writing by the mayor, but not to exceed fifteen (15) days.

(4) Authority to issue other orders. After proclamation of a civil emergency, the mayor may at his discretion, in the interest of public safety and welfare:

(a) Order the closing of all retail liquor stores.

(b) Order the closing of all establishments wherein beer or alcoholic beverages are served.

(c) Order the closing of all private clubs or portions thereof wherein the consumption of intoxicating liquor and/or beer is permitted.

(d) Order the discontinuance of the sale of beer.

(e) Order the discontinuance of selling, distribution, or giving away of gasoline or other liquid flammable or combustible products in any container other than a gasoline tank properly affixed to a motor vehicle.

(f) Order the closing of gasoline stations and other establishments the chief activity of which is the sale, distribution, or dispensing, of liquid flammable or combustible products.

(g) Order the discontinuance of selling, distributing, dispensing, or giving away of firearms and/or ammunition.

(h) Order the closing of any or all establishments or portions thereof the chief activity of which is the sale, distribution, dispensing, or giving away of firearms and/or ammunition.

(i) Issue such other orders as are necessary for the protection of life and property.

(5) Exceptions to curfews. Any curfew as defined hereby shall not apply to persons lawfully on the streets and public places during a civil emergency who have obtained permission of the chief of police or other law enforcement officer then in charge of municipal law enforcement, which permission shall be granted on good cause shown. This curfew shall not apply to medical personnel or to members of legitimate media organizations engaged in news gathering for dissemination to the public.

(6) Violation of orders. Any person violating the provisions of orders issued by the mayor pursuant to the authorization of Tennessee Code Annotated, chapter 9 of title 38, and this section during a proclaimed civil emergency, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be punished under the general penalty clause of this code. (1988 Code, § 10-905, modified)

11-705. Tobacco use prohibited.¹ The use of tobacco products in any city owned facilities, city vehicles, and city equipment is prohibited. Tobacco shall include any smokeless tobacco in any form, and shall include tobacco used in cigars, cigarettes, pipes, or other tobacco products. (Ord. #2002-02, March 2002, as amended by Ord. #2002-04, July 2002, and replaced by Ord. #2007-11, Aug. 2007)

11-706. Ephedrine control. (1) Definitions. As used in this section, the following words and/or phrases shall have the following meanings as set forth herein:

(a) "Ephedrine." All forms of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, ephedrine hydrochloride, pseudoephedrine hydrochloride, phenylpropanolamine and all other combinations of these chemicals.

(b) "Ephedrine product." Any product that contains ephedrine, its salts, isomers, or salts of isomers, as its sole active ingredient or in combination with less than therapeutically significant qualities of other active ingredients.

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, title 39, chapter 17.

(c) "Person." Any individual, corporation, partnership, trust, limited liability company, firm, association or other entity selling an ephedrine product to customers.

(d) "Sell." To knowingly furnish, give away, exchange, transfer, deliver, surrender or supply, whether for monetary gain or not.

(e) "Package." Any number of pills, tablets, capsules, caplets or individual units of a substance held within a container intended for sale.

(2) Restrictions on public access to ephedrine products. It shall be illegal to sell, deliver, or distribute ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, their salts, their optical isomers or salts of their optical isomers, without a valid prescription from a physician or other healthcare professional licensed by the State of Tennessee to write prescriptions and filled by a Tennessee licensed pharmacist.

(3) Exception. The prohibition contained in subsection (2) shall not apply to the sale of animal feed containing ephedrine or dietary supplemental products containing nature occurring or herbal ephedra and extract of ephedra.

(4) Reporting theft of ephedrine products (a) Any person who sells ephedrine products and who discovers a theft, disappearance or other loss of an ephedrine product shall report the theft, disappearance, or loss in writing to the Dresden Police Department within twenty-four (24) hours of such a discovery.

(b) Any person who sells ephedrine products shall report to the Dresden Police Department any difference between the quantities of ephedrine products shipped and the quantity of ephedrine products received within twenty-four hours (24) hours of discovery.

(5) Penalty and injunctive relief. (a) Each violation of this section shall be considered a separate offense.

(b) The city recorder may institute an action for injunctive relief to enforce the provisions of this section.

(c) Every act or omission constituting a violation of any of the provisions of this section by any agent or employee of any person shall be deemed and held to be the act of such person, and said person shall be punishable in the same manner as if said act or omission had been done or omitted by him/her or it personally, provided such an act or omission was within the scope of employment or the scope of authority of such agent or employee.

(6) If any term, condition, or provision of this section shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder hereof shall be valid in all other respects and continue to be effective and each and every remaining provision hereof shall be valid and shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law, it being the intent of the board of mayor and aldermen that it would have enacted this section without invalid or unenforceable provisions. In the event of a subsequent change in the applicable law so that the provision which had been held invalid is no longer invalid, said provision shall

thereupon return to full force and effect without further action by the city and shall thereafter be binding.

(7) Civil penalty. Any City of Dresden sworn law enforcement officer is hereby empowered to issue a citation to any person for any violation of the provisions of this section. Citations so issued may be delivered in person to the violator or they may be delivered by registered mail to the person so charged if the person cannot be readily found. Any citation so delivered or mailed shall direct the alleged violator to appear in city court on a specific day and at a specific hour stated upon the citation; and the time so specified shall not be less than seventy-two (72) hours after its delivery in person to the alleged violator, or less than ten (10) days of mailing of same. Citations issued for a violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be tried in the city court. The city court judge shall determine whether a defendant has committed a violation of this section. The city shall bear the burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence. If a defendant pleads guilty or "no contest" to the alleged violation, or is found guilty by the city court judge, the city court judge shall assess a civil monetary fine as a penalty against any person found to have violated any of the provisions of this section, said fine to be in an amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each violation. Each day of violation shall be deemed a separate violation. Each separate package containing any substance containing any ephedrine as defined herein shall be deemed a separate violation. In addition to the civil monetary fine, any defendant who pleads guilty or "no contest" to the alleged violation, or who is found guilty by the city court judge, shall be assess court costs as provided by law, and in addition shall be ordered to pay an administrative fee to the city in an amount to recoup the cost incurred by the city law enforcement agency for any chemical test conducted by or at the request of the law enforcement agency that is used to determine the chemical content of any substance collected from the defendant which formed the basis for any citation charge. Appeal may be had as provided by law. (as added by Ord. #2014-02, Sept. 2013)

TITLE 12**BUILDING, UTILITY, ETC. CODES****CHAPTER**

1. RESIDENTIAL CODE.
2. BUILDING CODE.
3. VIOLATIONS.
4. PLUMBING CODE.

CHAPTER 1**RESIDENTIAL CODE****SECTION**

12-101. Residential building code.

12-101. Residential building code. (1) The City of Dresden, Tennessee opts out of adopting and enforcing a residential building code for detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses not more than three (3) stories above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures within the corporate limits and elects to have the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance to enforce the International Residential Code as set out in Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-120-101, et seq. and the Administrative Law Rules of the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, Division of Fire Prevention as set out in 0780-02-23-.01, et seq. of the Tennessee Administrative Rules.

(2) The City of Dresden shall apply for and become an issuing agent for the State of Tennessee Building Permits and make available for purchase state building permits at Dresden City Hall during normal business hours.

(3) Violations. It shall be unlawful and a breach of city ordinance for any person to fail to apply for a state building permit required within the scope of Tennessee Code Annotated and the Tennessee Administrative Rules and/or to obtain any state inspections required by Tennessee law. (as added by Ord. #2014-05, March 2014)

CHAPTER 2

BUILDING CODE¹

SECTION

- 12-201. Building code adopted.
- 12-202. Enforcement and permit fees
- 12-203. Available in recorder's office.
- 12-204--12-205. [Deleted.]

12-201. Building code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of regulating the construction, alteration, repair, use, occupancy, location, maintenance, removal, and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenance connected or attached to any building or structure, other than one-family and two-family dwellings, the International Building Code,² 2012 edition, as prepared and adopted by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the building code. The provisions of this code shall apply to the construction, alteration, relocation, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures.

Exception: Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures shall comply with the International Residential Code. (1988 Code, § 4-101, as amended by Ord. #2011-03, Sept. 2010, and Ord. #2013-10, June 2013, and replaced by Ord. #2014-05, March 2014)

12-202. Enforcement and permit fees. (1) Definitions. Whenever in the building code when reference is made to the duties of a certain official named therein, that designated official of the City of Dresden who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in said code shall be deemed to be

¹Municipal code references

- Fire protection, fireworks, and explosives: title 7.
- Planning and zoning: title 14.
- Streets and other public ways and places: title 16.
- Utilities and services: titles 18 and 19.

²Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

the responsible official insofar as enforcing the provisions of the building code are concerned.

(2) Permit fees. The schedule of permit fees shall be in accordance with the schedule adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Dresden and on file with the office of city recorder. (1988 Code, § 4-102, as replaced by Ord. #2014-05, March 2014)

12-203. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of the Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the building code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1988 Code, § 4-103, as amended by Ord. #2011-03, Sept. 2010, and replaced by Ord. #2014-05, March 2014)

12-204–12-205. [Deleted.] (1988 Code, §§ 4-104 and 4-105, as amended by Ord. #2011-03, Sept. 2010, and Ord. #2013-10, June 2013, and deleted by Ord. #2014-05, March 2014)

CHAPTER 3

VIOLATIONS

SECTION

12-301. Violations.

12-301. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provisions of the International Building Code as herein adopted by reference. The code enforcement officer or public officer for the Town of Dresden shall be empowered to investigate and enforce the provisions of this title by the issuance of a notice of non-compliance, or in the event of a refusal to comply with the provisions of this title, by the issuance of a citation citing such person or persons violating any provision thereof into city court. In addition to any other action the city may take to enforce the provisions of this title, such violation shall be punishable by fine up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per offense and the assessment of court cost for each violation or such other general penalties of this municipal code of ordinances. (as added by Ord. #2014-05, March 2014)

CHAPTER 4

PLUMBING CODE¹

SECTION

- 12-401. Plumbing code adopted.
- 12-402. Modifications.
- 12-403. Available in recorder's office.
- 12-404. Violations.

12-401. Plumbing code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of regulating plumbing installations, including alterations, repairs, equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings, and the appurtenances thereto, within or without the city, when such plumbing is or is to be connected with the city water or sewerage system, the Standard Plumbing Code,² 1985 edition, with 1986 and 1987, and any subsequent amendments, as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the plumbing code. (1988 Code, § 4-201, modified, as renumbered by Ord. #2014-05, March 2014)

12-402. Modifications. (1) Definitions. Wherever the plumbing code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority," the "Administrative Authority," or the "Governing Authority," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the board of mayor and aldermen.

Wherever "City Engineer," "Engineering Department," "Plumbing Official," or "Inspector" is named or referred to, it shall mean the person appointed or designated by the mayor to administer and enforce the provisions of the plumbing code.

(2) Penalty clause deleted. Section 110 of the plumbing code is hereby deleted. (1988 Code, § 4-202, as renumbered by Ord. #2014-05, March 2014)

¹Municipal code references

Cross connections: title 18.

Street excavations: title 16.

Wastewater treatment: title 18.

Water and sewer system administration: title 18.

²Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

12-403. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the plumbing code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1988 Code, § 4-203, modified, as renumbered by Ord. #2014-05, March 2014)

12-404. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the plumbing code as herein adopted by reference and modified. (1988 Code, § 4-204, as renumbered by Ord. #2014-05, March 2014)

TITLE 13**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS¹****CHAPTER**

1. MISCELLANEOUS.
2. JUNKYARDS.
3. SLUM CLEARANCE.
4. ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.
5. OPEN BURNING.
6. ENFORCEMENT, VIOLATIONS, AND PENALTIES.

CHAPTER 1**MISCELLANEOUS****SECTION**

- 13-101. Smoke, soot, cinders, etc.
- 13-102. Stagnant water.
- 13-103. Weeds, rubbish, junk, trash, furniture, appliances, attractive nuisances, etc.
- 13-104. House trailers.
- 13-105. Notice.
- 13-106. Appeal.
- 13-107. Non-compliance; abatement at owner's expense; nonpayment.
- 13-108. Penalties.

13-101. Smoke, soot, cinders, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or cause the escape of such quantities of dense smoke, soot, cinders, noxious acids, fumes, dust, or gases as to be detrimental to or to endanger the health, comfort, and safety of the public or so as to cause or have a tendency to cause injury or damage to property or business. (1988 Code, § 8-101, as replaced by Ord. #2017-04, March 2017 ***Ch2_03-07-22***)

13-102. Stagnant water. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to allow any pool of stagnant water to accumulate and stand on his property without treating it so as effectively to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes. (1988 Code, § 8-102, as replaced by Ord. #2017-04, March 2017 ***Ch2_03-07-22***)

¹Municipal code references
Animal control: title 10.
Littering streets, etc.: § 16-107.

13-103. Weeds, rubbish, junk, trash, furniture, appliances, attractive nuisances, etc. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person owning, leasing, occupying, or having control of property, regardless of whether property is a vacant lot or contains any forms of structure to permit growth upon such property of weeds, grass, brush, and all other rank or noxious vegetation to a height greater than six inches (6") when such growth is within two hundred feet (200') of an occupied residential property, seventy-five feet (75') of an occupied commercial property, or is within two hundred feet (200') of any street, thoroughfare, or highway. The failure to cut and/or destroy such weeds, grass, brush, and all other rank or noxious vegetation shall constitute a violation of this section.

It shall be unlawful for any such person or persons to permit poison ivy or other plants which are injurious or a menace due to pollination, to grow where they may cause injury or discomfort to any person, regardless of height, for such are hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The failure to destroy such poison ivy or other plants which are injurious due to pollination shall constitute a violation of this section.

(2) It shall also be unlawful for any person owning, leasing, occupying or having control of property, regardless of whether the property is a vacant lot or contains any form of structure, to permit the accumulation or occurrence upon such property any of the following items listed below in this chapter, to-wit:

(a) Junk, trash, litter, boxes, discarded lumber, salvage materials, or other similar materials in any front yard, side yard, rear yard, or vacant lot;

(b) Attractive nuisances dangerous to children, including but not limited to abandoned, broken, or neglected equipment, machinery, refrigerators and freezers, and excavations, wells or shafts; clothes dryers, bathroom or kitchen fixtures or similar objects, which are not designed for outdoor use, to be maintained or located on any porch, or in any front yard, side yard, rear yard or vacant lot, parking lot, driveway or public right-of-way;

(c) Any furniture or other household goods or equipment, including sofas, divans, recliners, refrigerators, washing machines, clothes dryers, bathroom or kitchen fixtures or similar objects, which are not designed for outdoor use, to be maintained or located in any front yard, side yard, rear yard or vacant lot, parking lot, driveway or public right-of-way;

(d) Shopping carts in any front, side or rear yard or vacant lot;

(e) Dead, decayed, diseased or hazardous trees, or any other vegetation, a majority of which is dangerous to the public health, safety and welfare, located in any front, side or rear yard or vacant lot;

(f) Graffiti or signs not in compliance with the zoning ordinance, on the exterior of any building, fence or other structure in any front yard, side yard, rear yard or vacant lot;

(g) Vehicle parts or other article of personal property which are discarded or left in a state of partial construction or repair in any front yard, side yard, rear yard or vacant lot;

(h) Utility trailers with any prohibited condition or item listed in these provisions or unmounted camper tops located in any front or side yard;

(i) Any accumulation of weeds, brambles, berry vines, or other vegetation which is overgrowing any structure, or any accumulation of junk, litter, trash, dead organic matter, debris, offal, rat harborages, stagnant water, combustible materials or vegetation, and similar materials or conditions constituting fire, health or safety hazards;

(j) Unkempt parking lot areas that may become hazardous to vehicles or pedestrians due to lack of proper maintenance in paving or filling of potholes;

(k) The location of any vehicle or trailer upon private or public property or right of way within the Town of Dresden solely for the purpose an advertising sign either painted upon said vehicle or location of a sign in or upon said vehicle and whether or not said vehicle is currently registered with the State of Tennessee. This prohibition shall not apply to any vehicle being regularly driven and operated.

(l) The accumulation of construction waste upon a residential lot in the Town of Dresden. The term "construction waste" shall mean materials from construction, demolition, remodeling, construction site preparation, including but not limited to rocks, trees, debris, dirt, bricks, fill, plaster, and all types of scrap building materials.

(m) Dead animals. Any person owning or having possession of any dead animal not intended for use as food shall promptly bury the same or notify the health officer and dispose of such animal in such manner as the health officer shall direct.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person owning, leasing, occupying, or having control of property to rake up, cut up, or pile up weeds, grass, brush, vegetation, dead or broken tree limbs, dead trees, or rubbish in any ditch or natural drain or at any place on the property which might obstruct the vision of the operators of vehicles and pedestrians and obstruct the flow of water or drainage.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person owning, leasing, occupying, or having control of property to allow a property to dilapidation or state of filthiness or uncleanness of any dwelling or other structure which endangers health or life or which permits the breeding of flies and mosquitoes or the entrance of rats, mice or other rodents and vermin or leads to other dilapidation

of the property or structure. (1988 Code, § 8-103, as replaced by Ord. #2017-04, March 2017 **Ch2_03-07-22**)

13-104. House trailers. It shall be unlawful for any person to park, locate, or occupy any house trailer or portable building unless it complies with all plumbing, electrical, sanitary, and building provisions applicable to stationary structures and the proposed location conforms to the zoning provisions of the municipality and unless a permit therefore shall have been first duly issued by the building inspector, as provided for in the building code. (1988 Code, § 8-104, as replaced by Ord. #2017-04, March 2017 **Ch2_03-07-22**)

13-105. Notice. If the provisions of this section are not complied with, the city recorder shall give notice in writing to the owner, owner's agent, or occupant of such lot or parcel of land of said condition and require the cutting, removal, and/or destruction of said weeds, grass, brush, vegetation, and rubbish within fifteen (15) days of the date of said notice. A copy of said written notice will also be placed on the bulletin board inside of city hall. (1988 Code, § 8-105, as replaced by Ord. #2017-04, March 2017 **Ch2_03-07-22**)

13-106. Appeal. The owner, lessee, occupant, or person having control of such property who is aggrieved by the determination of the city and the notice issued under § 13-106 of this chapter shall be entitled to file a notice of appeal with the city recorder within five (5) business days of the date of said notice and petition review of the notice to the city court, with the city recorder to docket the same at the pleasure of the city court judge for hearing.

After hearing by the city court, a party that continues to be aggrieved by the outcome of the hearing in city court may file suit in chancery court for a review of the ruling of the city court within thirty (30) days of the ruling issuance by the city court. Otherwise, the decision shall be final. (1988 Code, § 8-106, as replaced by Ord. #2017-04, March 2017 **Ch2_03-07-22**)

13-107. Non-compliance; abatement at owner's expense; nonpayment. If the owner or other responsible party shall fail to remedy such conditions within the time prescribed therein, the city recorder shall certify such failure to the public works director who shall thereupon remedy the condition or conditions and abate the nuisance so certified by the city recorder or cause the same to be done by city personnel.

Upon completion of such work, the public works director shall determine the reasonable cost thereof plus fifteen percent (15%) for inspection and other incidental costs in connection therewith and bill the owner therefor.

Upon failure of the owner to remit to the Town of Dresden the amount of charge within sixty (60) days from the date of such notice a ten percent (10%) penalty shall be added and the total amount of the bill and the penalty shall be certified by the city recorder to the city attorney for the filing of a lien upon the

real property where the nuisance or violation occurred. The lien may be enforced by a suit in the chancery court as are other tax liens of the city.

The provisions of this section are not exclusive but are cumulative and in addition to the penalties and requirements of § 13-108 shall be in addition to the burden placed upon the owner of the property set out in the provisions of this chapter. (as added by Ord. #2017-04, March 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

13-108. Penalties. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a civil penalty of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus court costs per offense and each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense. The cost of cleanup of any property in violation of this section shall additionally be taxed as court cost and shall be lien upon the real estate along with the fines and court cost assessed hereunder. (as added by Ord. #2017-04, March 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

CHAPTER 2

JUNKYARDS

SECTION

13-201. Junkyards.

13-201. Junkyards.¹ All junkyards within the corporate limits shall be operated and maintained subject to the following regulations:

(1) All junk stored or kept in such yards shall be so kept that it will not catch and hold water in which mosquitoes may breed and so that it will not constitute a place, or places in which rats, mice, or other vermin may be harbored, reared, or propagated.

(2) All such junkyards shall be enclosed within close fitting plank or metal solid fences touching the ground on the bottom and being not less than six (6) feet in height, such fence to be built so that it will be impossible for stray cats and/or stray dogs to have access to such junkyards.

(3) Such yards shall be so maintained as to be in a sanitary condition and so as not to be a menace to the public health or safety. (1988 Code, § 8-501)

¹State law reference

The provisions of this section were taken substantially from the Bristol ordinance upheld by the Tennessee Court of Appeals as being a reasonable and valid exercise of the police power in the case of Hagaman v. Slaughter, 49 Tenn. App. 338, 354 S.W.2d 818 (1961).

CHAPTER 3

SLUM CLEARANCE¹

SECTION

- 13-301. Findings of board.
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- 13-303. Initiation of proceedings; hearings.
- 13-304. Orders to owners of unfit structures.
- 13-305. When public officer may repair, etc.
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- 13-307. Lien for expenses; sale of salvage materials, other powers not limited.
- 13-308. Basis for a finding of unfitness.
- 13-309. Service of complaints or orders.
- 13-310. Enjoining enforcement of order.
- 13-311. Additional powers of public officer.
- 13-312. Powers conferred are supplemental.

13-301. Findings of board. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 13-21-101, et seq., the board of mayor and aldermen finds that there exists in the city structures which are unfit for human occupation due to dilapidation, defects increasing the hazards of fire, accident or other calamities, lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities, or due to other conditions rendering such dwellings unsafe or unsanitary, or dangerous or detrimental to the health, safety and morals, or otherwise inimical to the welfare of the residents of the city. (1988 Code, § 4-301, modified)

13-302. "Public officer" designated; powers. There is hereby designated and appointed a "public officer," to be the building inspector of the city, to exercise the powers prescribed by this chapter, which powers shall be supplemental to all others held by the building inspector. (1988 Code, § 4-303)

13-303. Initiation of proceedings; hearings. Whenever a petition is filed with the public officer by a public authority or by at least five (5) residents of the city charging that any structure is unfit for human occupancy or use, or whenever it appears to the public officer (on his own motion) that any structure is unfit for human occupation or use, the public officer shall, if his preliminary investigation discloses a basis for such charges, issue and cause to be served upon the owner of, and parties in interest of, such structure a complaint stating the charges in that respect and containing a notice that a hearing will be held

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, title 13, chapter 21.

before the condemnation board with the mayor presiding at a place therein fixed, not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days after the service of the complaint; and the owner and parties in interest shall have the right to file an answer to the complaint and to appear in person, or otherwise, and give testimony at the time and place fixed in the complaint; and the rules of evidence prevailing in court of law or equity shall not be controlling in hearings before the condemnation board with the mayor presiding. (1988 Code, § 4-304, modified)

13-304. Orders to owners of unfit structures. If, after such notice and hearing as provided for in the preceding section, the public officer determines that the structure under consideration is unfit for human occupancy or use, he shall state in writing his finding of fact in support of such determination and shall issue and cause to be served upon the owner thereof an order:

(1) If the repair, alteration or improvement of the structure can be made at a reasonable cost in relation to the value of the structure (not exceeding fifty percent [50%] of the reasonable value), requiring the owner, during the time specified in the order, to repair, alter, or improve such structure to render it fit for human occupancy or use or to vacate and close the structure for human occupancy or use; or

(2) If the repair, alteration or improvement of said structure cannot be made at a reasonable cost in relation to the value of the structure (not to exceed fifty percent [50%] of the value of the premises), requiring the owner within the time specified in the order, to remove or demolish such structure. (1988 Code, § 4-305)

13-305. When public officer may repair, etc. If the owner fails to comply with the order to repair, alter, or improve or to vacate and close the structure as specified in the preceding section hereof, the public officer may cause such structure to be repaired, altered, or improved, or to be vacated and closed; and the public officer may cause to be posted on the main entrance of any dwelling so closed, a placard with the following words: "This building is unfit for human occupancy or use; the use or occupation of this building for human occupancy or use is prohibited and unlawful." (1988 Code, § 4-306)

13-306. When public officer may remove or demolish. If the owner fails to comply with an order, as specified above, to remove or demolish the structure, the public officer may cause such structure to be removed and demolished. (1988 Code, § 4-307)

13-307. Lien for expenses; sale of salvaged materials; other powers not limited. The amount of the cost of such repairs, alterations or improvements, or vacating and closing, or removal or demolition by the public officer shall be a lien against the real property upon which such costs were

incurred. If the structure is removed or demolished by the public officer, he shall sell the materials of such structure and shall credit the proceeds of such sale against the cost of the removal or demolition, and any balance remaining shall be deposited in the chancery court by the public officer, shall be secured in such manner as may be directed by such court, and shall be disbursed by such court to the person found to be entitled thereto by final order or decree of such court, provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to impair or limit in any way the power of the city to define and declare nuisances and to cause their removal or abatement by summary proceedings or as otherwise may be provided by the charter or ordinances of the city. (1988 Code, § 4-308)

13-308. Basis for a finding of unfitness. The public officer defined herein shall have the power and may determine that a structure is unfit for human occupation and use if he finds that conditions exist in such structure which are dangerous or injurious to the health, safety or morals of the occupants or users of such structure, the occupants or users of neighboring structures or other residents of the city; such conditions may include the following (without limiting the generality of the foregoing): defects therein increasing the hazards of fire, accident, or other calamities; lack of adequate ventilation, light, or sanitary facilities; dilapidation; disrepair; structural defects; and uncleanness. (1988 Code, § 4-309)

13-309. Service of complaints or orders. Complaints or orders issued by the public officer pursuant to this chapter shall be served upon persons, either personally or by registered mail, but if the whereabouts of such person is unknown and the same cannot be ascertained by the public officer in the exercise of reasonable diligence, and the public officer shall make an affidavit to that effect, then the serving of such complaint or order upon such persons may be made by publishing the same once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper printed and published in the city. In addition, a copy of such complaint or order shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises affected by the complaint or order. A copy of such complaint or order shall also be filed for record in the register's office of Weakley County, Tennessee, and such filing shall have the same force and effect as other lis pendens notices provided by law. (1988 Code, § 4-310)

13-310. Enjoining enforcement of order. Any person affected by an order issued by the public officer served pursuant to this chapter may file a suit in chancery court for an injunction restraining the public officer from carrying out the provisions of the order, and the court may, upon the filing of such suit, issue a temporary injunction restraining the public officer pending the final disposition of the cause; provided, however, that within sixty (60) days after the

posting and service of the order of the public officer, such person shall file such suit in the court.

The remedy provided herein shall be the exclusive remedy and no person affected by an order of the public officer shall be entitled to recover any damages for action taken pursuant to any order of the public officer, or because of noncompliance by such person with any order of the public officer. (1988 Code, § 4-311)

13-311. Additional powers of public officer. The public officer, in order to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this chapter, shall have the following powers in addition to those otherwise granted herein:

(1) To investigate conditions of the structures in the city in order to determine which structures therein are unfit for human occupation or use;

(2) To administer oaths, affirmations, examine witnesses and receive evidence;

(3) To enter upon premises for the purpose of making examination, provided that such entry shall be made in such manner as to cause the least possible inconvenience to the persons in possession;

(4) To appoint and fix the duties of such officers, agents and employees as he deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter; and

(5) To delegate any of his functions and powers under this chapter to such officers and agents as he may designate. (1988 Code, § 4-312)

13-312. Powers conferred are supplemental. This chapter shall not be construed to abrogate or impair the powers of the city with regard to the enforcement of the provisions of its charter or any other ordinances or regulations, nor to prevent or punish violations thereof, and the powers conferred by this chapter shall be in addition and supplemental to the powers conferred by the charter and other laws. (1988 Code, § 4-313)

CHAPTER 4

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

SECTION

- 13-401. Declaration of purpose of chapter.
- 13-402. Storage on private property restricted.
- 13-403. Removal required.
- 13-404. Notice to remove.
- 13-405. Refusal to remove.
- 13-406. Removal by the city.
- 13-407. Entry to remove; removal by owner.

13-401. Declaration of purpose of chapter. On enacting this chapter, the city board finds and declares that the accumulation and storage of abandoned, wrecked, junked, partially dismantled, or inoperative motor vehicles, on private property, which motor vehicles are in nature of rubbish and unsightly debris, violated, in many instances, the zoning regulations of the city and constitutes a nuisance detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the community in that such conditions tend to interfere with the enjoyment of and reduce the value of private property; invites plundering, creates fire hazards, and other safety and health hazards to minors as well as adults, interfere with the comfort and well being of the public and create, extend, and enggravate urban blight, and that the public health, safety, and general welfare require that such conditions be regulated, abated, and prohibited. (Ord. #1999, March 1999)

13-402. Storage on private property restricted. It shall be unlawful to park, store, or leave, or to permit the parking or storing of any licensed or unlicensed motor vehicle of any kind, for a period in excess of thirty (30) days, when such vehicle is rusted, wrecked, junked partially dismantled, inoperative, or abandoned condition, whether attended or not, upon any private property within the city unless the same is completely enclosed within a building or unless it is in connection with a business enterprise operated in a lawful place and manner and licensed as such, when necessary to the operation of such business enterprise. (Ord. #1999, March 1999)

13-403. Removal required. The accumulation and storage of one or more such motor vehicles in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall constitute rubbish and debris and a nuisance detrimental to health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the city. It shall be the duty of the registered owner of such vehicle and it shall also be the duty of the person in charge or control of the private property upon which such motor vehicle is located, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, to remove the

same to a place of lawful storage, or to have the motor vehicle housed within a building where it will not be visible from the street. (Ord. #1999, March 1999)

13-404. Notice to remove. Whenever there is reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of the provisions of this chapter exists, the chief of police shall give, or cause to be given, written notice to the registered owner of any motor vehicle which is in violation of this chapter, or shall give such notice to the owner or person in lawful possession or control of the private property upon which such motor vehicle is located, or shall give such notice to both the registered owner and to the owner or person in lawful possession or control of such private property that said motor vehicle violates the provisions of this chapter, and demand that said motor vehicle be removed to a place of lawful storage within thirty (30) days, or that within thirty (30) days, the same be housed in a building where it will not be visible from the street. Service of such notice shall be by mail duly posted. (Ord. #1999, March 1999)

13-405. Refusal to remove. Any person who fails, neglects, or refuses to remove the abandoned, wrecked, junked, partially dismantled, or inoperative motor vehicle or house the same and abate said nuisance in accordance with the notice as provided herein, shall be in violation of the provisions of this chapter and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. #1999, March 1999)

13-406. Removal by the city. In addition to and not in lieu of any other procedure prescribed in this chapter or in this code for removal of abandoned motor vehicles from private property, if the registered owner of any motor vehicle which is in violation of this chapter or the owner or person in lawful possession or control of the private property upon which the same is located shall fail, neglect or refuse to remove or house such abandoned, wrecked, junked, partially dismantled, or inoperative motor vehicle in accordance with the notice given pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the chief of police may remove and dispose of such motor vehicle in the manner provided for by Tennessee Code Annotated, title 16 chapter 55, particularly §§ 55-16-104, 55-16-105, and 55-16-106. He may thereafter maintain an action in the name of the city, in the appropriate court, against any person or persons upon whom notice was served as required by this chapter to recover the costs of removing and disposing of such motor vehicle in the event the proceeds of any sale thereof shall be insufficient to recover such costs. (Ord. #1999, March 1999)

13-407. Entry to remove; removal by owner. The chief of police, any regularly employed and salaried officer of the police department of the city, contracting agents of the City of Dresden, and employees of such contracting agents, and authorized officers, employees, and agents of the City of Dresden, and each of them, are hereby expressly authorized to enter upon private property for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter. It shall be

unlawful for any person to interfere with, hinder, or refuse to allow them to enter upon private property for such purpose and to remove any motor vehicle in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Any person to whom notice was given pursuant to this chapter shall have the right to remove or house such motor vehicle in accordance with said notice at his own expense at any time prior to the arrival of the chief of police or his authorized representatives for the purpose of removal. (Ord. #1999, March 1999)

CHAPTER 5

OPEN BURNING¹

SECTION

13-501. Permit required.

13-502. Penalty.

13-501. Permit required. No person shall be permitted to burn or attempt to burn or direct any other person or persons to burn or attempt to burn any materials of any type within the corporate limits of the City of Dresden without first obtaining a permit authorizing such from City Hall, Dresden, Tennessee, which shall specify what is to be burned; when, including date and time of day, such is to be burned; where such is to be burned; and, the name or names of the persons supervising the burning, subject to such permit being suspended or rescheduled if in the opinion of the fire chief, or his designee, that such burning would be unsafe for persons or property.

The City of Dresden Fire Chief, or his designee, shall have the authority to suspend all previously authorized burning. It shall be the responsibility of the person or persons to whom such permit may be granted to determine if such burning privileges in the City of Dresden has been suspended.

The Dresden Fire Chief, or his designee, shall have the authority to deny a permit, or if granted, to revoke such permit, if, in the opinion of the fire chief or his designee, such burning cannot safely be done.

Should the burning privileges be suspended, the fire chief, or his designee, will be authorized to consent to a later time and date, subject however to the same terms and conditions set forth herein. (Ord. #2001-02, March 2001)

13-502. Penalty. Any person who fails to obtain a permit authorizing burning as set forth in this chapter, or who violates the terms and conditions of such, shall be subject to a fine payable to the City of Dresden not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) upon conviction. (Ord. #2001-02, March 2001)

¹Municipal code reference
Fire department: title 7.

CHAPTER 6

ENFORCEMENT, VIOLATIONS, AND PENALTIES

SECTION

13-601. Enforcement, violations, and penalties.

13-601. Enforcement, violations, and penalties. The building inspector, code enforcement officers, public officer, or any law enforcement officer for the Town of Dresden shall be empowered to investigate and enforce the provisions of chapters 1 through 4 of this title by the issuance of a citation citing such person or persons violating any provision thereof into city court. In addition to any other action the city may take to enforce the provisions of chapters 1 through 4 of this title, such violation shall be punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per offense and the assessment of court costs for each violation or such other general penalties of this municipal code of ordinances. (as added by Ord. #2013-10, June 2013)

TITLE 14**ZONING AND LAND USE CONTROL****CHAPTER**

1. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION.
2. ZONING ORDINANCE.
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4. DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN.

CHAPTER 1**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION****SECTION**

- 14-101. Creation and membership.
14-102. Organization, powers, duties, etc.

14-101. Creation and membership. Pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 13-3-102, 13-4-101 through 13-4-105, and §§ 13-4-201 through 13-4-203, and any amendments and supplements thereto, there is hereby created a municipal planning commission, hereinafter referred to as the planning commission. The commission shall consist of nine (9) members as follows:

- (1) The Mayor of Dresden or his designee;
- (2) One (1) alderman of the City of Dresden, appointed by the board of mayor and aldermen;
- (3) Five (5) residents of the City of Dresden, appointed by the mayor;
- (4) Two (2) residents of the regional area outside of the municipal boundaries of Dresden, appointed by the mayor.

All members of the commission shall serve as such without compensation. Except for the initial appointments, the terms of the seven (7) members appointed by the mayor shall be for four (4) years each. The terms of the seven (7) members initially appointed by the mayor shall be as follows: two (2) members shall be appointed to a four (4) year term, two (2) members shall be appointed to three (3) year term, two (2) members shall be appointed to a two (2) year term, and one (1) member shall be appointed to a one (1) year term. The terms of the mayor and the members selected by the board of mayor and aldermen shall run concurrently with their terms of office on the Dresden Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Any vacancy in an appointive membership shall be filled for the unexpired term by the mayor, who shall also have the authority to remove any appointive member at his will and pleasure. (1988 Code, § 11-101, as replaced by Ord. #2008-01, Sept. 2007)

14-102. Organization, powers, duties, etc. The planning commission shall be organized and shall carry out its powers, functions, and duties in accordance with all applicable provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, title 13. (1988 Code, § 11-102)

CHAPTER 2

ZONING ORDINANCE

SECTION

14-201. Land use to be governed by zoning ordinance.

14-201. Land use to be governed by zoning ordinance. Land use shall be governed by ordinance titled "Zoning Ordinance, Dresden, Tennessee," and any amendments thereto.¹

¹The Zoning Ordinance and any amendments thereto, are published as separate documents and are of record in the office of the city recorder.

CHAPTER 3

SIGNS

SECTION

14-301. Placement of advertising signs on city-owned property and rights-of-way.

14-301. Placement of advertising signs on city-owned property and rights-of-way. (1) Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Public right-of-way" means a strip of land acquired by reservation, dedication, forced dedication, prescription, or condemnation and intended to be utilized as a road, sidewalk or crosswalk, railroad, electric transmission line, oil or gas pipeline, water line, sanitary sewer or storm sewer, or other public use.

(b) "Advertising sign" means any advertising display constructed of metal, plastic, wood, cloth, canvas, light fiber paper, cardboard, or other light materials, with or without frames, permanently or temporarily installed, which is displayed for the making of public announcements, promotion of goods or services for sale or lease, or promotional of an individual or an issue on an election ballot to be voted upon by the city's electorate.

(2) Signs prohibited in public rights-of-way. It shall be unlawful for any person to place, or attempt to place, any advertising sign within or upon any public right-of-way within the City of Dresden.

(3) Signs prohibited on city-owned property. It shall be unlawful for any person to place, or attempt to place, any advertising sign upon any city-owned property within the City of Dresden.

(4) Prohibited signs to be removed by the city. The Mayor of Dresden or his agent shall direct the prompt removal of all commercial, political, and temporary signs found to be within public rights-of-way or upon public grounds owned by the City of Dresden.

(5) Traffic and directional signs. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting agencies of the federal, state, or municipal governments from placing authorized traffic control signs or directional signs in public rights-of-way within the City of Dresden.

(6) Effective date. The ordinance comprising this chapter shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its date of passage by the board of mayor and aldermen.

(7) Penalty. Violators of this chapter will be given a warning for the first offense. Violators will then be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the second and each subsequent offense. (as added by Ord. #2008-06, March 2008)

CHAPTER 4

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN

SECTION

- 14-401. Authority and status.
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- 14-410. Phased management.
- 14-411. Monitor supply and demand.
- 14-412. Management team.
- 14-413. Review, evaluation and up-dating the management plan.

14-401. Authority and status. City of Dresden is a municipal corporation chartered and organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee. City of Dresden owns and operates a water treatment plant and distribution system serving the citizens of Dresden and the surrounding area. The Mayor of Dresden has the authority to implement a drought management plan the chief water treatment plant operator has been given the responsibility to complete the plan. (as added by Ord. #2018-02, Oct. 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

14-402. System characteristics and risks. City of Dresden Water Department has approximately one thousand five hundred (1,500) water connections. Using the household factor of 2.34 persons per household for Dresden this is equivalent to approximately three thousand five hundred ten (3,510) persons. The usage is categorized as follows:

Water Use Category	Use in Gallons (Avg)	Percent of Total Usage	Peak Water Use	Percent of Total Usage	Increase in Gallons	Percent Increase (Peak over Avg)
Residential	4,622,800	55	4,910,800	53	288,000	6
Commercial	3,692,500	45	4,248,600	47	556,100	15
Total	8,315,300	100	9,159,400	100	844,100	21

The City of Dresden Water Treatment Plant is a conventional groundwater plant with a design capacity of approximately one million eight hundred thirty-six thousand (1,836,000) gallons per day. Average usage for the system is approximately five hundred twenty-six thousand (526,000) gallons per day. The maximum daily pumpage in recent years, which occurred in May, 2016 was nine hundred eleven thousand (911,000) gallons. The treatment plant uses the three wells as its raw water source. The distribution system contains four (4) water storage tanks with a combined capacity of one million one hundred twelve thousand (1,112,000) gallons. (as added by Ord. #2018-02, Oct. 2017 ***Ch2_03-07-22***)

14-403. Purpose. Typically drought has not affected the water source in past years. The purpose of this plan is to reduce water demand in the event of a drought where existing water supplies are inadequate to meet current demand for potable water. The significance of taking into account water use on average and during peak water demand (though it may not reflect an extreme or exceptional drought) is that system officials can identify water uses that have the potential to be reduced more easily. The point here is to identify potential discretionary or non-essential water uses. It is evident from the data above that water use by residential users typically increases six percent (6%) over average water use. The fifteen percent (15%) increase in commercial use indicates that this area may not be easily reduced.

Because water use data reflects a typical peak summer water use but not necessary a moderate, severe or extreme drought, additional water use could be expected by residential customers on the system to water cattle and other livestock, though they usually rely on ponds and small streams which are likely to be depleted in a severe drought.

During the droughts of 2007 and 2008, the water treatment plant was able to meet customer demand with no restrictions implemented. Static water levels in our wells remained at normal levels. Presently there are no connections with any neighboring water systems. An emergency connection with City of Gleason is in place, however since their source is also groundwater, a drought that affects City of Dresden would likely affect them. (as added by Ord. #2018-02, Oct. 2017 ***Ch2_03-07-22***)

14-404. Drought Management Plan within the Context of an EOP. Development of the town's drought management plan and EOP were assigned to the chief water plant operator. He organized a team of individuals, including employees and local officials to help organize and frame the plan. City of Dresden Water System's EOP addresses line breaks, storms, earthquakes, hazardous material spills and civil disturbances. The EOP is not available for public scrutiny. The drought management plan focuses attention on managing supplies and demand during a declared drought. (as added by Ord. #2018-02, Oct. 2017 ***Ch2_03-07-22***)

14-405. Goals, objectives and priorities. The initial goal of the drought management plan was to provide water to all priority uses as established by the water system under worsening drought conditions (three levels). The water uses and levels of water availability take into account the maintenance of public health and safety, sustaining economic activity, preserving critical environmental resources and life activities. (as added by Ord. #2018-02, Oct. 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

14-406. General water uses in order of priority. (1) Medical facilities.
 (2) Nursing homes and elderly care facilities.
 (3) Human consumption (drinking water, domestic cooking, bathing, toilet use).
 (4) Fire protection (structural facilities, and hazardous situations).
 (5) Pets (animal hospitals, kennels) and livestock.
 (6) Environment (erosion, aquatic habitat).
 (7) Commercial uses (restaurant, laundry, office, retail).
 (8) Industry and manufacturing (sanitation, process, cooling).
 (9) Recreation (pools, athletic fields).
 (10) Landscape (shrubbery) watering (home and commercial).
 (11) Lawn watering, vehicle washing (home and commercial). (as added by Ord. #2018-02, Oct. 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

14-407. Interconnections, mutual aid agreements and backup sources. As a result of customers with livestock on the system with potentially inadequate streams, the plan calls for the use of fire department tankers to haul water from area streams (having available water) to assist farmers with livestock. (as added by Ord. #2018-02, Oct. 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

14-408. Ordinances, policies and legal requirements. The city's drought management plan, rules, ordinances, and policies are available for review. Copies can be examined at Dresden City Hall. (as added by Ord. #2018-02, Oct. 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

14-409. Well static water levels. During periods of drought or impending drought, operators at the City of Dresden Water Treatment Plant will monitor the static water levels of system wells. US Drought Monitor (<https://www.drought.gov/gdm/current-conditions>) will be monitored to determine severity of drought. In the event that the static water levels begin to approach preset trigger points, the Tennessee Division of Water Resources will be contacted to discuss possible actions. (as added by Ord. #2018-02, Oct. 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

14-410. Phased management. The drought response plan is broken into four (4) phases: Drought Alert, Voluntary Water Reductions, Mandatory Water Restrictions and Emergency Water Management. The drought management phases and sets of trigger points along with their associated goals are described below. Failure to achieve a management phases goal within a reasonable time shall call for the next phase to be implemented.

(1) Drought alert. In the drought alert phase, no reduction in water use demand is planned. The City of Dresden Water System will focus on monitoring conditions and prepare for the possible implementation of "voluntary reductions."

(2) Voluntary water reductions. Under "voluntary reductions" City of Dresden has established a water use reduction goal of ten percent (10%). This figure corresponds to approximately ninety-one thousand (91,000) gallons per day water use judging by peak usage. Among the trigger points for implementing this phase would be a drop in static water levels of twenty percent (20%) and an increase in the usage to eight hundred thousand (800,000) gpd for five (5) consecutive days. The public appeal would consist of news releases to the media (weekly newspaper, local radio and regional television stations). Customers will be encouraged to use efficient water practices, e.g., watering lawns between sunset and sunrise, along with the more careful watering of shrubs and other landscape plantings.

(3) Mandatory water restrictions. The goal of activating a "mandatory water restrictions" phase would be to reduce water demand by customers by fifteen percent (15%) (from estimated peak demand). This would amount to a reduction of approximately one hundred thirty-seven thousand (137,000) gpd. Vehicle washing will be restricted. Restrictions to car/vehicle washing will apply to commercial car washes that do not re-cycle water and to the domestic washing of cars, etc. Lawn and landscape watering will be restricted. To assist in reducing usage, the water system will reduce the amount of flushing where possible. Among the trigger points for implementing this phase would be a drop in static water levels of forty percent (40%) and an increase in the usage to nine hundred thousand (900,000) gpd for five (5) consecutive days. Restrictions will be provided to the public through the media and posted in public buildings such as libraries, city hall, court house, banks and grocery stores. A fifteen dollar (\$15.00) surcharge will be assessed to all residential customers using over six thousand (6,000) gallons per month. System personnel will be utilized to monitor compliance with restrictions. Customers will also be requested to report violators of the restrictions.

The following will be used to enforce restrictions:

- (a) First offense - A written warning will be issued
- (b) Second offense - A fifty dollar (\$50.00) surcharge
- (c) Third offense - Customer's water service will be discontinued for a maximum of five (5) days. A reconnection fee will be required to have service restored.

(4) Emergency water management. The "emergency water management" phase of the drought plan would be triggered by severe water pressure or other hydraulic issues, the static water level drops fifty percent (50%) or more and the daily usage reaches one million (1,000,000) gpd for five (5) consecutive days. The purpose of this phase would be to reduce water use to twenty-five percent (25%) of the peak demand. This would be a reduction of approximately two hundred twenty-seven thousand seven hundred fifty (227,750) gpd. The media will be used to strongly encourage all customers to curtail any nonessential usage. A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) surcharge will be assessed to all customers using over five thousand (5,000) gallons per month. System personnel will be utilized to monitor compliance with restrictions. Customers will also be requested to report violators of the restrictions.

The following will be used to enforce restrictions:

- (a) First offense. A written warning will be issued
- (b) Second Offense. A fifty dollar (\$50.00) surcharge
- (c) Third offense. Customer's water service will be discontinued for a maximum of fifteen (15) days. A reconnection fee will be required to have service restored. (as added by Ord. #2018-02, Oct. 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

14-411. Monitor supply and demand. City of Dresden established three (3) drought management phases in addition to a "drought alert" phase. All four (4) phases are described above. In addition, numerous trigger points were identified signaling the beginning of a phase. (as added by Ord. #2018-02, Oct. 2017 *Ch2_03-07-22*)

14-412. Management team. City of Dresden designated the chief water treatment plant operator to be the drought plan implementation manager. He is ultimately in charge of managing the water system. In addition, the Mayor of Dresden, the chief of the fire department and distribution supervisor make up the drought management group responsible for overseeing the implementation of the plan. They advise and assist the chief operator in gathering information, assessing the situation and recommend/advise/approve the chief operator's actions. The task group is activated and will meet as necessary once a "drought alert" has been initiated. A "drought alert" corresponds to the U.S. Drought Monitor's categorization of the water system's service area as being characterized as under "severe" drought conditions. The task group monitors water system conditions, including water demand, water supply, forecasted conditions, hydraulic conditions, water quality issues, impacted communities, public notification, plan modifications, staffing, trigger points and other issues related to the implementation of the plan. The task group and chief operator must also maintain records of their actions, system conditions at the time of management actions taken, and their effects. Finally, the drought management group and plan implementation manager must also determine and announce the

step-down and/or deactivation of the plan. (as added by Ord. #2018-02, Oct. 2017 ***Ch2_03-07-22***)

14-413. Review, evaluation and up-dating the management plan.
The drought management plan was adopted on October 2, 2017 by the town council. The drought manager will review the plan within six (6) months after any phase of the plan has been implemented and/or every three (3) years. Refinements to the drought management plan will be made as necessary. The drought manager is responsible for making the review and presenting that review before the council. (as added by Ord. #2018-02, Oct. 2017 ***Ch2_03-07-22***)

TITLE 15**MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING¹****CHAPTER**

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¹Municipal code reference

Excavations and obstructions in streets, etc.: title 16.

²State law references

Under Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-307, the following offenses are exclusively state offenses and must be tried in a state court or a court having state jurisdiction: driving while intoxicated or drugged, as prohibited by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-401; failing to stop after a traffic accident, as prohibited by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-101, et seq.; driving while license is suspended or revoked, as prohibited by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-50-504; and drag racing, as prohibited by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-501.

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15-101. Motor vehicle requirements. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle within the corporate limits unless such vehicle is equipped with properly operating muffler, lights, brakes, horn, and such other equipment as is prescribed and required by Tennessee Code Annotated, title 55, chapter 9. (1988 Code, § 9-101)

15-102. Driving on streets closed for repairs, etc. Except for necessary access to property abutting thereon, no motor vehicle shall be driven upon any street that is barricaded or closed for repairs or other lawful purpose. (1988 Code, § 9-102)

15-103. Reckless driving. Irrespective of the posted speed limit, no person, including operators of emergency vehicles, shall drive any vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. (1988 Code, § 9-103)

15-104. One-way streets. On any street for one-way traffic with posted signs indicating the authorized direction of travel at all intersections offering access thereto, no person shall operate any vehicle except in the indicated direction. (1988 Code, § 9-105)

15-105. Unlaned streets. (1) Upon all unlaned streets of sufficient width, a vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the street except:

- (a) When lawfully overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
- (b) When the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair.
- (c) Upon a roadway designated and signposted by the city for one-way traffic.

(2) All vehicles proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall be driven as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn. (1988 Code, § 9-106)

15-106. Laned streets. On streets marked with traffic lanes, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to fail or refuse to keep his vehicle within the boundaries of the proper lane for his direction of travel except when lawfully passing another vehicle or preparatory to making a lawful turning movement.

On two (2) lane and three (3) lane streets, the proper lane for travel shall be the right hand lane unless otherwise clearly marked. On streets with four (4) or more lanes, either of the right hand lanes shall be available for use except that traffic moving at less than the normal rate of speed shall use the extreme right hand lane. On one-way streets either lane may be lawfully used in the absence of markings to the contrary. (1988 Code, § 9-107)

15-107. Yellow lines. On streets with a yellow line placed to the right of any lane line or center line, such yellow line shall designate a no-passing zone, and no operator shall drive his vehicle or any part thereof across or to the left of such yellow line except when necessary to make a lawful left turn from such street. (1988 Code, § 9-108)

15-108. Miscellaneous traffic-control signs, etc.¹ It shall be unlawful for any pedestrian or the operator of any vehicle to violate or fail to comply with any traffic-control sign, signal, marking, or device placed or erected by the state or the city unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

It shall be unlawful for any pedestrian or the operator of any vehicle to willfully violate or fail to comply with the reasonable directions of any police officer. (1988 Code, § 9-109)

15-109. General requirements for traffic-control signs, etc. All traffic control signs, signals, markings, and devices shall conform to the latest revision of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, published by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and shall, so far as practicable, be uniform as to type and location throughout the city. This section shall not be construed as mandatory but is merely directive. (1988 Code, § 110)

¹Municipal code references

Stop signs, yield signs, flashing signals, pedestrian control signs, traffic control signals generally: §§ 15-505--15-509.

15-110. Unauthorized traffic-control signs, etc. No person shall place, maintain, or display upon or in view of any street, any unauthorized sign, signal, marking, or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control sign, signal, marking, or device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to control the movement of traffic or parking of vehicles, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic-control sign, signal, marking, or device or any railroad sign or signal. (1988 Code, § 9-111)

15-111. Presumption with respect to traffic-control signs, etc. When a traffic-control sign, signal, marking, or device has been placed, the presumption shall be that it is official and that it has been lawfully placed by the proper authority. (1988 Code, § 9-112)

15-112. School safety patrols. All motorists and pedestrians shall obey the directions or signals of school safety patrols when such patrols are assigned under the authority of the chief of police and are acting in accordance with instructions; provided, that such persons giving any order, signal, or direction shall at the time be wearing some insignia and/or using authorized flags for giving signals. (1988 Code, § 9-113)

15-113. Driving through funerals or other processions. Except when otherwise directed by a police officer, no driver of a vehicle shall drive between the vehicles comprising a funeral or other authorized procession while they are in motion and when such vehicles are conspicuously designated. (1988 Code, § 9-114)

15-114. Clinging to vehicles in motion. It shall be unlawful for any person traveling upon any bicycle, motorcycle, coaster, sled, roller skates, or any other vehicle to cling to, or attach himself or his vehicle to any other moving vehicle upon any street, alley, or other public way or place. (1988 Code, § 9-115)

15-115. Riding on outside of vehicles. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, or for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle being operated on a street, alley, or other public way or place, to permit any person to ride on any portion of such vehicle not designed or intended for the use of passengers. This section shall not apply to persons engaged in the necessary discharge of lawful duties nor to persons riding in the load-carrying space of trucks. (1988 Code, § 9-116)

15-116. Backing vehicles. The driver of a vehicle shall not back the same unless such movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with other traffic. (1988 Code, § 9-117)

15-117. Projections from the rear of vehicles. Whenever the load or any projecting portion of any vehicle shall extend beyond the rear of the bed or body thereof, the operator shall display at the end of such load or projection, in such position as to be clearly visible from the rear of such vehicle, a red flag being not less than twelve (12) inches square. Between one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour after sunset and one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour before sunrise, there shall be displayed in place of the flag a red light plainly visible under normal atmospheric conditions at least two hundred (200) feet from the rear of such vehicle. (1988 Code, § 9-118)

15-118. Causing unnecessary noise. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause unnecessary noise by unnecessarily sounding the horn, "racing" the motor, or causing the "screeching" or "squealing" of the tires on any motor vehicle. (1988 Code, § 9-119)

15-119. Vehicles and operators to be licensed. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in violation of the "Tennessee Motor Vehicle Title and Registration Law" or the "Uniform Motor Vehicle Operators' and Chauffeurs' License Law." (1988 Code, § 9-120)

15-120. Passing. Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the driver of a vehicle passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the right side of the street until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle. The driver of the overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on audible signal and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

When the street is wide enough, the driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass upon the right of another vehicle which is making or about to make a left turn.

The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction either upon the left or upon the right on a street of sufficient width for four (4) or more lanes of moving traffic when such movement can be made in safety.

No person shall drive off the pavement or upon the shoulder of the street in overtaking or passing on the right.

When any vehicle has stopped at a marked crosswalk or at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the street, no operator of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.

No vehicle operator shall attempt to pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless he can see that the way ahead is sufficiently clear and unobstructed to enable him to make the movement in safety. (1988 Code, § 9-121)

15-121. Motorcycles, motor driven cycles, motorized bicycles, bicycles, etc.

(1) Definitions. For the purpose of the application of this section, the following words shall have the definitions indicated:

(a) "Motorcycle." Every motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground, but excluding a tractor or motorized bicycle.

(b) "Motor-driven cycle." Every motorcycle, including every motor scooter, with a motor which produces not to exceed five (5) brake horsepower, or with a motor with a cylinder capacity not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five cubic centimeters (125cc);

(c) "Motorized bicycle." A vehicle with two (2) or three (3) wheels, an automatic transmission, and a motor with a cylinder capacity not exceeding fifty (50) cubic centimeters which produces no more than two (2) brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a maximum design speed of no more than thirty (30) miles per hour on level ground.

(2) Every person riding or operating a bicycle, motor cycle, motor driven cycle or motorized bicycle shall be subject to the provisions of all traffic ordinances, rules, and regulations of the city applicable to the driver or operator of other vehicles except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application to bicycles, motorcycles, motor driven cycles, or motorized bicycles.

(3) No person operating or riding a bicycle, motorcycle, motor driven cycle or motorized bicycle shall ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, nor shall the operator carry any other person upon such vehicle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon.

(4) No bicycle, motorcycle, motor driven cycle or motorized bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(5) No person operating a bicycle, motorcycle, motor driven cycle or motorized bicycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the rider from keeping both hands upon the handlebars.

(6) No person under the age of sixteen (16) years shall operate any motorcycle, motor driven cycle or motorized bicycle while any other person is a passenger upon said motor vehicle.

(7) Each driver of a motorcycle, motor driven cycle, or motorized bicycle and any passenger thereon shall be required to wear on his head a crash helmet of a type approved by the state's commissioner of safety.

(8) Every motorcycle, motor driven cycle, or motorized bicycle operated upon any public way within the corporate limits shall be equipped with a windshield or, in the alternative, the operator and any passenger on any such motorcycle, motor driven cycle or motorized bicycle shall be required to wear safety goggles, faceshield or glasses containing impact resistant lens for the

purpose of preventing any flying object from striking the operator or any passenger in the eyes.

(9) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or ride on any vehicle in violation of this section, and it shall also be unlawful for any parent or guardian knowingly to permit any minor to operate a motorcycle, motor driven cycle or motorized bicycle in violation of this section. (1988 Code, § 9-122)

15-122. Operation of vehicles by minors. (1) Definitions. (a) "Minor" as used in this chapter shall mean a person less than eighteen years of age, and no exception shall be made for a minor who has been emancipated by marriage or otherwise.

(b) "Adult" shall mean any person eighteen years of age or older.

(c) "Custody" means the control of the actual, physical care of the minor, and includes the right and responsibility to provide for the physical, mental, moral and emotional well being of the minor. "Custody" as herein defined, relates to those rights and responsibilities as exercised either by the minor's parent or parents or a person granted custody by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(d) "Automobile" shall mean any motor driven automobile, car, truck, tractor, motorcycle, motor driven cycle, motorized bicycle, or vehicle driven by mechanical power.

(e) "Drivers license" shall mean a motor vehicle operators license or chauffeurs license issued by the State of Tennessee.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any adult to deliver the possession of or the control of any automobile or other motor vehicle to any minor, who does not have in his possession a valid motor vehicle operators or chauffeurs license issued by the Department of Safety of the State of Tennessee, or for any adult to permit any minor, to drive any motor vehicle upon the streets, highways, roads, avenues, parkways, alleys or public thoroughfares in the City unless such person has a valid motor vehicle operators or chauffeurs license as issued by the Department of Safety of the State of Tennessee.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any parent or person having custody of a minor to permit any such minor to drive a motor vehicle upon the streets, highways, roads, parkways, avenues or public ways in the city in a reckless, careless, or unlawful manner, or in such a manner as to violate the ordinances of the city. (1988 Code, § 9-122)

15-123. Compliance with financial responsibility law required.

(1) Every vehicle operated within the corporate limits of the City of Dresden must be in compliance with the financial responsibility law.

(2) At the time the driver of a motor vehicle is charged with any moving violation under title 55, chapters 8 and 10, parts 1-5, chapter 50; any provision in this title of this municipal code; or at the time of an accident for which notice is required under Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-106, the

officer shall request evidence of financial responsibility as required by this section. In case of an accident for which notice is required under Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-106 the officer shall request such evidence from all drivers involved in the accident, without regard to apparent or actual fault.

(3) For the purposes of this section, "financial responsibility" means:

(a) Documentation, such as the declaration page of an insurance policy, an insurance binder, or an insurance card from an insurance company authorized to do business in Tennessee, stating that a policy of insurance meeting the requirements of the Tennessee Financial Responsibility Law of 1977, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, chapter 12, title 55, has been issued.

(b) A certificate, valid for one (1) year, issued by the commissioner of safety, stating that a cash deposit or bond in the amount required by the Tennessee Financial Responsibility Law of 1977, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, chapter 12, title 55, has been paid or filed with the commissioner, or has qualified as a self-insurer under Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-12-111; or

(c) The motor vehicle being operated at the time of the violation was owned by a carrier subject to the jurisdiction of the department of safety or the interstate commerce commission, or was owned by the United States, the State of Tennessee, or any political subdivision thereof, and that such motor vehicle was being operated with the owner's consent.

(4) Civil offense. It is a civil offense to fail to provide evidence of financial responsibility pursuant to this section. Any violation of this section is punishable by a civil penalty of up to fifty dollars (\$50). The civil penalty prescribed by this section shall be in addition to any other penalty prescribed by the laws of this state or the city's municipal code of ordinances.

(5) Evidence of compliance after violation. On or before the court date, the person charged with a violation of this section may submit evidence of compliance with this section in effect at the time of the violation. If the court is satisfied that compliance was in effect at the time of the violation, the charge of failure to provide evidence of financial responsibility may be dismissed. (Ord. #2002-05, July 2002)

15-124. Heavy vehicles prohibited. (1) No tractor-trailer, nor any category of truck with a gross vehicle weight in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds, may be operated upon the streets of Dresden other than on any street designated as a state or federal highway.

(2) The following are exceptions to this chapter:

(a) Such heavy vehicles as are traveling on streets by necessity in order to permit the operator to make a local delivery or accomplish some other limited, lawful, occasional, and temporary purpose while first obtaining a permit from Dresden City Hall at no charge. In the event

such a vehicle causes damage to a street they shall be liable for all costs to repair said street;

(b) The operation of heavy vehicles, including non-licensed agriculture equipment, upon any street where necessary to the conduct of business at a destination point within the city provided streets allowed for truck traffic are used until reaching the intersection nearest the destination point. In the event such a vehicle causes damage to a street they shall be liable for all costs to repair said street;

(c) The operation of emergency vehicles upon any street in the city;

(d) The operation of school buses;

(e) The operation of vehicles owned or operated by the city, public utilities, any contractor or materials handler which is and while engaged in the repair, maintenance or construction of streets, street improvements, utilities, or sanitation collection within the city. (as added by Ord. #2013-02, Oct. 2012)

CHAPTER 2

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

SECTION

15-201. Authorized emergency vehicles defined.

15-202. Operation of authorized emergency vehicles.

15-203. Following emergency vehicles.

15-204. Running over fire hoses, etc.

15-201. Authorized emergency vehicles defined. Authorized emergency vehicles shall be fire department vehicles, police vehicles, and such ambulances and other emergency vehicles as are designated by the chief of police or the commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Safety as provided by law. (1988 Code, § 9-201, modified)

15-202. Operation of authorized emergency vehicles.¹ (1) The exemptions herein granted for an authorized emergency vehicle shall apply only when the driver of any such vehicle while in motion sounds an audible signal by bell, siren, or exhaust whistle and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one (1) lighted lamp displaying a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the front of such vehicle, except that an authorized emergency vehicle operated as a police vehicle need not be equipped with or display a red light visible from in front of the vehicle.

(2) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency call, or when in the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, or when responding to but not upon returning from a fire alarm, may exercise the privileges set forth in this section, subject to the conditions herein stated.

(3) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle may park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this title; proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down to ascertain that the intersection is clear; exceed the maximum speed limit and disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions so long as he does not endanger life or property.

¹Municipal code reference

Operation of other vehicle upon the approach of emergency vehicles:
§ 15-501.

(4) The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequences of his reckless disregard for the safety of others. (1988 Code, § 9-202)

15-203. Following emergency vehicles. No driver of any vehicle shall follow any authorized emergency vehicle apparently travelling in response to an emergency call closer than five hundred (500) feet or drive or park such vehicle within the block where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm. (1988 Code, § 9-203)

15-204. Running over fire hoses, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive over any hose lines or other equipment of the fire department except in obedience to the direction of a fireman or policeman. (1988 Code, § 9-204)

CHAPTER 3

SPEED LIMITS

SECTION

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15-301. In general. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle upon any highway or street at a rate of speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour except where official signs have been posted indicating other speed limits, in which cases the posted speed limit shall apply. (1988 Code, § 9-301)

15-302. At intersections. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle through any intersection at a rate of speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour unless such person is driving on a street regulated by traffic-control signals or signs which require traffic to stop or yield on the intersecting streets. (1988 Code, § 9-302)

15-303. In school zones. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-152, the city shall have the authority to enact special speed limits in school zones. Such special speed limits shall be enacted based on an engineering investigation; shall not be less than fifteen (15) miles per hour; and shall be in effect only when proper signs are posted with a warning flasher or flashers in operation. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any such special speed limit enacted and in effect in accordance with this paragraph.

In school zones where the board of mayor and aldermen has not established special speed limits as provided for above, any person who shall drive at a speed exceeding fifteen (15) miles per hour when passing a school during a recess period when a warning flasher or flashers are in operation, or during a period of forty (40) minutes before the opening hour of a school, or a period of forty (40) minutes after the closing hour of a school, while children are actually going to or leaving school, shall be prima facie guilty of reckless driving. (1988 Code, § 9-303)

CHAPTER 4

TURNING MOVEMENTS

SECTION

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15-401. Generally. No person operating a motor vehicle shall make any turning movement which might affect any pedestrian or the operation of any other vehicle without first ascertaining that such movement can be made in safety and signaling his intention in accordance with the requirements of the state law.¹ (1988 Code, § 9-401)

15-402. Right turns. Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway. (1988 Code, § 9-402)

15-403. Left turns on two-way roadways. At any intersection where traffic is permitted to move in both directions on each roadway entering the intersection, an approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the center line thereof and by passing to the right of the intersection of the center line of the two roadways. (1988 Code, § 9-403)

15-404. Left turns on other than two-way roadways. At any intersection where traffic is restricted to one direction on one or more of the roadways, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn left at any such intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection, as nearly as practicable, in the left hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in such direction upon the roadway being entered. (1988 Code, § 9-404)

15-405. U-turns. U-turns are prohibited. (1988 Code, § 9-405)

15-406. L-turns. L-turns are permitted.

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-143.

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SECTION

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15-501. Upon approach of authorized emergency vehicles.¹ Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible and/or visual signals meeting the requirements of the laws of this state, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer. (1988 Code, § 9-501)

15-502. When emerging from alleys, etc. The drivers of all vehicles emerging from alleys, parking lots, driveways, or buildings shall stop such vehicles immediately prior to driving onto any sidewalk or street. They shall not proceed to drive onto the sidewalk or street until they can safely do so without colliding or interfering with approaching pedestrians or vehicles. (1988 Code, § 9-502)

15-503. To prevent obstructing an intersection. No driver shall enter any intersection or marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of such intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle he is operating without obstructing the passage of traffic in or on the intersecting street or crosswalk. This provision shall be effective notwithstanding any traffic-control signal indication to proceed. (1988 Code, § 9-503)

¹Municipal code reference

Special privileges of emergency vehicles: title 15, chapter 2.

15-504. At railroad crossings. Any driver of a vehicle approaching a railroad grade crossing shall stop within not less than fifteen (15) feet from the nearest rail of such railroad and shall not proceed further while any of the following conditions exist:

- (1) A clearly visible electrical or mechanical signal device gives warning of the approach of a railroad train.
- (2) A crossing gate is lowered or a human flagman signals the approach of a railroad train.
- (3) A railroad train is approaching within approximately fifteen hundred (1500) feet of the highway crossing and is emitting an audible signal indicating its approach.
- (4) An approaching railroad train is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to the crossing. (1988 Code, § 9-504)

15-505. At "stop" signs. The driver of a vehicle facing a "stop" sign shall bring his vehicle to a complete stop immediately before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if there is no crosswalk, then immediately before entering the intersection, and shall remain standing until he can proceed through the intersection in safety. (1988 Code, § 9-505)

15-506. At "yield" signs. The drivers of all vehicles shall yield the right of way to approaching vehicles before proceeding at all places where "yield" signs have been posted. (1988 Code, § 9-506)

15-507. At traffic-control signals generally. Traffic-control signals exhibiting the words "Go," "Caution," or "Stop," or exhibiting different colored lights successively one at a time, or with arrows, shall show the following colors only and shall apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

- (1) Green alone, or "Go":
 - (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits such turn. But vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited.
 - (b) Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- (2) Steady yellow alone, or "Caution":
 - (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal is thereby warned that the red or "Stop" signal will be exhibited immediately thereafter, and such vehicular traffic shall not enter or be crossing the intersection when the red or "Stop" signal is exhibited.
 - (b) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway unless authorized so to do by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.

(3) Steady red alone, or "Stop":

(a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until green or "Go" is shown alone. Provided, however, that a right turn on a red signal shall be permitted at all intersections within the city, provided that the prospective turning car comes to a full and complete stop before turning and that the turning car yields the right of way to pedestrians and cross traffic traveling in accordance with their traffic signal. However, said turn will not endanger other traffic lawfully using said intersection. A right turn on red shall be permitted at all intersections except those clearly marked by a "No Turns On Red" sign, which may be erected by the city at intersections which the city decides require no right turns on red in the interest of traffic safety.

(b) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway unless authorized so to do by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.

(4) Steady red with green arrow:

(a) Vehicular traffic facing such signal may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow but shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within a crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

(b) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway unless authorized so to do by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.

(5) In the event an official traffic-control signal is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this section shall be applicable except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Any stop required shall be made at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made, but in the absence of any such sign or marking the stop shall be made a vehicle length short of the signal. (1988 Code, § 9-507)

15-508. At flashing traffic-control signals. (1) Whenever an illuminated flashing red or yellow signal is used in a traffic sign or signal placed or erected in the city it shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:

(a) Flashing red (stop signal). When a red lens is illuminated with intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a limit line when marked, or if none, then before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.

(b) Flashing yellow (caution signal). When a yellow lens is illuminated with intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past such signal only with caution.

(2) This section shall not apply at railroad grade crossings. Conduct of drivers of vehicles approaching railroad grade crossings shall be governed by the rules set forth in § 15-504 of this code. (1988 Code, § 9-508)

15-509. At pedestrian control signals. Wherever special pedestrian control signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or "Wait" or "Don't Walk" have been placed or erected by the city, such signals shall apply as follows:

(1) "Walk." Pedestrians facing such signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by the drivers of all vehicles.

(2) "Wait or Don't Walk." No pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of such signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed his crossing on the walk signal shall proceed to the nearest sidewalk or safety zone while the wait signal is showing. (1988 Code, § 9-509)

15-510. Stops to be signaled. No person operating a motor vehicle shall stop such vehicle, whether in obedience to a traffic sign or signal or otherwise, without first signaling his intention in accordance with the requirements of the state law,¹ except in an emergency. (1988 Code, § 9-510)

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-143.

CHAPTER 6

PARKING

SECTION

- 15-601. Generally.
- 15-602. Angle parking.
- 15-603. Occupancy of more than one space.
- 15-604. Where prohibited.
- 15-605. Loading and unloading zones.
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15-601. Generally. No person shall leave any motor vehicle unattended on any street without first setting the brakes thereon, stopping the motor, removing the ignition key, and turning the front wheels of such vehicle toward the nearest curb or gutter of the street.

Except as hereinafter provided, every vehicle parked upon a street within this city shall be so parked that its right wheels are approximately parallel to and within eighteen (18) inches of the right edge or curb of the street. On one-way streets where the city has not placed signs prohibiting the same, vehicles may be permitted to park on the left side of the street, and in such cases the left wheels shall be required to be within eighteen (18) inches of the left edge or curb of the street.

Notwithstanding anything else in this code to the contrary, no person shall park or leave a vehicle parked on any public street or alley within the fire limits between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M. or on any other public street or alley for more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours without the prior approval of the chief of police.

Furthermore, no person shall wash, grease, or work on any vehicle, except to make repairs necessitated by an emergency, while such vehicle is parked on a public street. (1988 Code, § 9-601)

15-602. Angle parking. On those streets which have been signed or marked by the city for angle parking, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle indicated by such signs or markings. No person shall angle park any vehicle which has a trailer attached thereto or which has a length in excess of twenty-four (24) feet. (1988 Code, § 9-602)

15-603. Occupancy of more than one space. No person shall park a vehicle in any designated parking space so that any part of such vehicle occupies more than one such space or protrudes beyond the official markings on the street or curb designating such space unless the vehicle is too large to be parked within a single designated space. (1988 Code, § 9-603)

15-604. Where prohibited. No person shall park a vehicle in violation of any sign placed or erected by the state or city, nor:

(1) On a sidewalk; provided, however, a bicycle may be parked on a sidewalk if it does not impede the normal and reasonable movement of pedestrian or other traffic.

(2) In front of a public or private driveway;

(3) Within an intersection;

(4) Within fifteen feet (15') of a fire hydrant.

(5) Within a pedestrian crosswalk;

(6) Within twenty feet (20') of a crosswalk at an intersection.

(7) Within thirty feet (30') upon the approach of any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway.

(8) Within fifty feet (50') of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing.

(9) Within twenty feet (20') of the driveway entrance to any fire station, and on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five feet (75') of such entrance when properly signposted;

(10) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic:

(11) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;

(12) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel;

(13) In a parking space clearly identified by an official sign as being reserved for the physically handicapped, unless, however, the person driving the vehicle is

(a) Physically handicapped, or

(b) Parking such vehicle for the benefit of a physically handicapped person. A vehicle parking in such a space shall display a certificate of identification or a disabled veteran's license plate issued under Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-160(c). Pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-21-108(b) the prohibition contained in this subsection shall apply on private as well as public property. (1988 Code, § 9-604)

15-605. Loading and unloading zones. No person shall park a vehicle for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or merchandise in any place marked by the city as a loading and unloading zone. (1988 Code, § 9-605)

15-606. Presumption with respect to illegal parking. When any unoccupied vehicle is found parked in violation of any provision of this chapter, there shall be a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle is responsible for such illegal parking. (1988 Code, § 9-606)

CHAPTER 7

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

SECTION

15-701. Use of funds.

15-702. Vehicles to be registered.

15-703. License fees.

15-704. License tag to be displayed.

15-701. Use of funds. The revenue from the license fees collected under this chapter shall be used in paying for the cost of administration of this chapter, the enforcement of its provisions, and for the promotion and execution of traffic control within the corporate limits. (1988 Code, § 9-701)

15-702. Vehicles to be registered. All resident owners or operators of automobile passenger cars and trucks shall be required to register such vehicle with the city recorder, or his/her designee, annually and pay the license fee provided for in § 15-703. (1988 Code, § 9-702, modified)

15-703. License fees. The following vehicle registration fees and penalties shall be paid by the owners or operators of vehicles subject to the provisions of § 15-702.

(1) For vehicles registered on or before the 1st day of April of each year the fee shall be:

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| (a) Automobile passenger cars | \$ 9.00 |
| (b) Trucks | \$ 9.00 |

(2) For vehicles registered after the 1st day of April, but before the 1st day of May of each year the fee shall be:

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| (a) Automobile passenger cars | \$14.00 |
| (b) Trucks | \$14.00 |

(3) For vehicles registered after the 1st day of May, but before the 1st day June of each year the fee shall be:

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| (a) Automobile passenger cars | \$19.00 |
| (b) Trucks | \$19.00 |

(4) All transfers will be one dollar (\$1.00) for transferring a tag from one car or truck to another. (1988 Code, § 9-703, modified)

15-704. License tag to be displayed. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a vehicle to fail properly to display a vehicle tag on any vehicle subject to the provisions of this chapter. (1988 Code, § 9-704)

CHAPTER 8

ENFORCEMENT

SECTION

- 15-801. Issuance of traffic citations.
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- 15-806. Deposit of drivers' license in lieu of bail.

15-801. Issuance of traffic citations.¹ When a police officer halts a traffic violator other than for the purpose of giving a warning, and does not take such person into custody under arrest, he shall take the name, address, and operator's license number of said person, the license number of the motor vehicle involved, and such other pertinent information as may be necessary, and shall issue to him a written traffic citation containing a notice to answer to the charge against him in the city court at a specified time. The officer, upon receiving the written promise of the alleged violator to answer as specified in the citation, shall release such person from custody. It shall be unlawful for any alleged violator to give false or misleading information as to his name or address. (1988 Code, § 9-801)

15-802. Failure to obey citation. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his written promise to appear in court after giving said promise to an officer upon the issuance of a traffic citation, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which the citation was originally issued. (1988 Code, § 9-802)

15-803. Illegal parking. Whenever any motor vehicle without a driver is found parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by this code, the officer finding such vehicle shall take its license number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user, and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a citation for the driver and/or owner to answer for the violation within four (4) days during the hours and at a place specified in the citation. Each such person may within the four (4) day period pay as the penalty for and in full satisfaction of such violation the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) for the first offense and all offenses thereafter.

If a violator does not pay the penalty hereinbefore provided for or does not appear in response to a notice affixed to such motor vehicle within four (4) days,

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 7-63-101, et seq.

the city recorder shall send to the owner of the motor vehicle to which the notice was affixed a letter informing him of the violation and warning him that in the event such letter is disregarded for a period of seven (7) days, a complaint will be filed and warrant of arrest issued.

In the event any person fails to make an appearance pursuant to a letter directing an appearance before the city court, the city court shall have the complaint entered against such person and secure and issue a warrant for his arrest. (1988 Code, § 9-803)

15-804. Impoundment of vehicles. Members of the police department are hereby authorized, when reasonably necessary for the security of the vehicle or to prevent obstruction of traffic, to remove from the streets and impound any vehicle whose operator is arrested or any unattended vehicle which is parked so as to constitute an obstruction or hazard to normal traffic, or which has been parked for more than one (1) hour in excess of the time allowed for parking in any place, or which has been involved in two (2) or more violations of this title for which citation tags have been issued and the vehicle not removed. Any impounded vehicle shall be stored until the owner or other person entitled thereto claims it, gives satisfactory evidence of ownership or right to possession, and pays all applicable fees and costs of impoundment and storage, or until it is otherwise lawfully disposed of. (1988 Code, § 9-804)

15-805. Disposal of abandoned motor vehicles. "Abandoned motor vehicles," as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-16-103, shall be impounded and disposed of by the police department in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 55-16-103 through 55-16-109. (1988 Code, § 9-805)

15-806. Deposit of drivers' license in lieu of bail. (1) Deposit allowed. Whenever any person lawfully possessing a chauffeur's or operator's license theretofore issued to him by the Tennessee Department of Safety, or under the driver licensing laws of any other state or territory or the District of Columbia, is issued a citation or arrested and charged with the violation of any city ordinance or state statute regulating traffic, except those ordinances and statutes, the violation of which call for the mandatory revocation of a operator's or chauffeur's license for any period of time, such person shall have the option of depositing his chauffeur's or operator's license with the officer or court demanding bail in lieu of any other security required for his appearance in the city court of this city in answer to such charge before said court.

(2) Receipt to be issued. The officer, or the court demanding bail, who receives any person chauffeur's or operator's license as herein provided, shall issue to said person a receipt for said license upon a form approved or provided by the Tennessee Department of Safety.

(3) Failure to appear--disposition of license. In the event that any driver who has deposited his chauffeur's or operator's license in lieu of bail fails to appear in answer to the charges filed against him, the clerk or judge of the city court accepting the license shall forward the same to the Tennessee Department of Safety for disposition by said department in accordance with provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-50-801, et seq. (1988 Code, § 9-806)

TITLE 16**STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, ETC¹****CHAPTER**

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CHAPTER 1**MISCELLANEOUS****SECTION**

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- 16-110. Parades, etc., regulated.
- 16-111. Animals and vehicles on sidewalks.
- 16-112. Fires in streets, etc.

16-101. Obstructing streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited. No person shall use or occupy any portion of any public street, alley, sidewalk, or right of way for the purpose of storing, selling, or exhibiting any goods, wares, merchandise, or materials. (1988 Code, § 12-101)

16-102. Trees projecting over streets, etc., regulated. It shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant to allow any limbs of trees on his property to project over any street, or alley at a height of less than fourteen (14) feet or over any sidewalk at a height of less than eight (8) feet. (1988 Code, § 12-102)

16-103. Trees, etc., obstructing view at intersections prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant to have or maintain on his property any tree, shrub, sign, or other obstruction which prevents persons

¹Municipal code reference

Related motor vehicle and traffic regulations: title 15.

driving vehicles on public streets or alleys from obtaining a clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection. (1988 Code, § 12-103)

16-104. Projecting signs and awnings, etc., restricted. Signs, awnings, or other structures which project over any street or other public way shall be erected subject to the requirements of the building code.¹ (1988 Code, § 12-104)

16-105. Banners and signs across streets and alleys restricted. It shall be unlawful for any person to place or have placed any banner or sign across or above any public street or alley except when expressly authorized by the board of mayor and aldermen after a finding that no hazard will be created by such banner or sign. (1988 Code, § 12-105)

16-106. Gates or doors opening over streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or occupying property to allow any gate or door to swing open upon or over any street, alley, or sidewalk except when required by law. (1988 Code, § 12-106)

16-107. Littering streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to litter, place, throw, track, or allow to fall on any street, alley, or sidewalk any refuse, glass, tacks, mud, or other objects or materials which are unsightly or which obstruct or tend to limit or interfere with the use of such public ways and places for their intended purposes. (1988 Code, § 12-107)

16-108. Obstruction of drainage ditches. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or cause the obstruction of any drainage ditch in any public right of way. (1988 Code, § 12-108)

16-109. Abutting occupants to keep sidewalks clean, etc. The occupants of property abutting on a sidewalk are required to keep the sidewalk clean. Also, immediately after a snow or sleet, such occupants are required to remove all accumulated snow and ice from the abutting sidewalk. (1988 Code, § 12-109)

16-110. Parades, etc., regulated. It shall be unlawful for any person, club, organization, or other group to hold any meeting, parade, demonstration, or exhibition on the public streets without some responsible representative first securing a permit from the city recorder. (1988 Code, § 12-110)

¹Municipal code reference

Building code: title 12, chapter 1.

16-111. Animals and vehicles on sidewalks. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, lead, or tie any animal, or ride, push, pull, or place any vehicle across or upon any sidewalk in such manner as to unreasonably interfere with or inconvenience pedestrians using the sidewalk. It shall also be unlawful for any person knowingly to allow any minor under his control to violate this section. (1988 Code, § 12-112)

16-112. Fires in streets, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to set or contribute to any fire in any public street, alley, or sidewalk. (1988 Code, § 12-113)

CHAPTER 2

EXCAVATIONS¹

SECTION

16-201. Notification required.

16-202. Safety restrictions on excavations.

16-203. Restoration of streets, etc.

16-201. Notification required. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, association, or others, including utility districts to make any excavation in any street, alley, or public place, or to tunnel under any street, alley, or public place without having notified the city recorder; provided, however, any person maintaining pipes, lines, or other underground facilities in or under the surface of any street may proceed with an opening without such notification when emergency circumstances demand the work to be done immediately and notification cannot reasonably and practicably be given. The person shall thereafter give notification on the first regular business day on which the office of the city recorder is open for business. (1988 Code, § 12-201)

16-202. Safety restrictions on excavations. Any person, firm, corporation, association, or others making any excavation or tunnel shall provide sufficient and proper barricades and lights to protect persons and property from injury by or because of the excavation being made. If any sidewalk is blocked by any such work, a temporary sidewalk shall be constructed and provided which shall be safe for travel and convenient for users. (1988 Code, § 12-202)

16-203. Restoration of streets, etc. Any person, firm, corporation, association, or others making any excavation or tunnel in or under any street, alley, or public place in this city shall restore the street, alley, or public place to its original condition. In case of unreasonable delay in restoring the street, alley, or public place, the city recorder shall give notice to the person, firm, corporation, association, or others that unless the excavation or tunnel is refilled properly within a specified reasonable period of time, the city will do the work and charge the expense of doing the same to such person, firm, corporation, association, or others. If within the specified time the conditions of the above

¹State law reference

This chapter was patterned substantially after the ordinance upheld by the Tennessee Supreme Court in the case of City of Paris, Tennessee v. Paris-Henry County Public Utility District, 207 Tenn. 388, 340 S.W.2d 885 (1960).

notice have not been complied with, the work shall be done by the city, an accurate account of the expense involved shall be kept, and the total cost shall be charged to the person, firm, corporation, association, or others who made the excavation or tunnel. (1988 Code, § 12-203)

TITLE 17

REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL¹

CHAPTER

1. REFUSE.

CHAPTER 1

REFUSE²

SECTION

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17-101. Definitions. (1) "Refuse." The term "refuse", as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall include garbage, rubbish, ashes, and all other putrescible and nonputrescible, combustible and non-combustible material originating from the preparation, cooking, and consumption of food, market refuse, waste from the handling and sale of produce, and other similar unwanted materials, but shall not include sewage, body waste, or recognizable industrial by-products from all residences and establishments public and private.

¹Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

²A schedule of sanitation rates is available in the office of the city recorder.

(2) "Garbage." The term "garbage" shall include all putrescible wastes, except sewage and body wastes, including vegetable and animal offal and carcasses of dead animals, but excluding recognizable industrial by-products from all public and private residences and establishments.

(3) "Rubbish." The term "rubbish" shall include all non-putrescible waste materials except ashes from all public and private residences and establishments.

(4) "Ashes." The term "ashes" shall include the waste products from coal, wood, and other fuels, used for cooking, heating, and on-site incinerations from all public and private residences and establishments.

(5) "Dumpster." The term "dumpster" means a bulk storage container for refuse that can be hauled directly to the point of disposal or emptied into a large compactor-type truck for disposal.

(6) "Collector." The term "collector" shall mean any person, firm, corporation, or political subdivision, that collects, transports, or disposes of any refuse within the corporate limits.

(7) "Health officer." The term "health officer" shall mean the health authority of the city or his authorized representative or authorized representative of the state health department. (1988 Code, § 8-201)

17-102. Premises to be kept clean. All persons, firms, and corporations within the corporate limits are hereby required to keep their premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from accumulations of refuse, offal, filth, and trash. Such persons, firms, and corporations are hereby required to store such refuse in sanitary containers of the type described in this chapter between intervals of collection or to dispose of such material in a manner prescribed by the health officer so as not to cause a nuisance or become injurious to the public health and welfare. (1988 Code, § 8-202)

17-103. Storage of refuse. Each owner, occupant, tenant, sub-tenant, lessee, or others using or occupying any building, house, structure, or grounds within the corporate limits where refuse materials or substances as defined in this chapter accumulate or are likely to accumulate shall provide an adequate number of suitable containers of a type approved by the health officer for the storage of such refuse. Such containers shall be constructed of strong and durable metal, not readily corrodible, rodent and insect-proof, and of a capacity not exceeding thirty two (32) gallons and not less than ten (10) gallons, except that the maximum capacity shall not apply in cases where the city is equipped to handle containers of similar construction mechanically. Such containers shall be equipped with handles to facilitate emptying, and they shall be equipped with tight fitting lids or covers, constructed of the same material of such design as to preclude the free access of flies and other insects and to prevent the container from collecting water during rains. The lid or cover shall be kept in place at all times except when refuse is being deposited therein or removed therefrom by an

official collector. Such storage containers should be placed in a convenient accessible location for trucking as may be designated by the official refuse collecting agency. Wet garbage or refuse must be drained of all liquids and wrapped in paper or other equivalent material prior to placing it into the storage receptacle. The containers shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner and shall be thoroughly cleaned by washing or other methods as often as necessary to prevent the breeding of flies and the occurrence of offensive odors. (1988 Code, § 8-203)

17-104. Confiscation of unsatisfactory storage containers. The official refuse collecting agency is herein authorized to confiscate or to remove unsatisfactory storage containers from the premises of residences and establishments, public and private, when at the discretion of the health officer such containers are not suitable for the healthful and sanitary storage of refuse substances. Such unsatisfactory containers shall be removed and disposed of at a place and in a manner designated by the official collecting agency only after the owner of such containers has been duly notified of such impending action. (1988 Code, § 8-204)

17-105. Limits of responsibility of refuse collector. In no case will it be the responsibility of the refuse collecting agency to shovel or pick up from the ground any accumulations of refuse including leaves, lawn clippings, brush, and packing material. All materials are to be placed in containers of the type described in § 17-103 or cut and baled, tied, bundled, stacked, or packaged so as not to exceed thirty six (36) inches in length and seventy five (75) pounds in weight. (1988 Code, § 8-205)

17-106. Collection of refuse. (1) Collection interval. All refuse as heretofore defined shall be collected at intervals of at least once in ten (10) days so as to prevent the occurrence of nuisance and public problems.

(2) Permits. No person, firm, or corporation shall engage in the business of collecting or removing refuse who does not possess a permit to do so from appropriate authority of the city. Such permits may be issued only after the applicant's capability of complying with the requirements of this chapter has been fully determined. Such permits may be suspended or revoked upon the violation of any of the terms of this chapter.

(3) Collection vehicles. The collection of refuse shall be by means of vehicles with beds constructed of impervious material, easily cleanable, and so constructed that there will be no leakage of liquids draining from the refuse onto the streets and public thoroughfares. Provisions shall be made to prevent the scattering of refuse over the streets and thoroughfares by effective coverings or closed truck beds. (1988 Code, § 8-206)

17-107. Disposal of refuse. The disposal of refuse in any quantity by any individual, householder, firm, establishment, or corporation in any place, public or private, other than the site or sites designated by the City of Dresden, is expressly prohibited. (1988 Code, § 8-207)

17-108. Dumping in streams, sewers, and drains prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to dump refuse in any form into any stream, ditch, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, or other drains within the city. (1988 Code, § 8-208)

17-109. Burning refuse. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to burn or attempt to burn refuse on private or public property within the corporate limits of the city without first securing the approval of the appropriate city departments having jurisdiction. (1988 Code, § 8-209)

17-110. Disturbing containers. No unauthorized person shall uncover, rifle, pilfer, dig into, turn over, or in any other manner disturb or use any refuse container belonging to another. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the use of public anti-litter cans for the deposit of refuse commonly recognized as litter. (1988 Code, § 8-120)

17-111. Exclusive city function. Except as otherwise herein provided, only the city shall engage in the business of collection, removing, or disposing of refuse within the corporate limits. The city may provide such services either with its own forces or by contractors. (1988 Code, § 8-211)

17-112. Billing of service fee.¹ The service fee for collection, removal, and disposal of refuse shall be included as a separate item each month on the bills rendered for water service. Said charges shall be rendered on the first water bill for each month thereafter. The accounts shall be paid monthly at the same time water bills are paid.

Water service shall be discontinued for failure to pay the refuse service fee by the delinquency date prescribed for the water bill.

When service commences or ceases, applicable fees may be prorated. If water services shall be supplied to a location the occupant or tenant of which has vacated said premises, and the city is satisfied that there has been a termination of the need for refuse collection, then the city, on application of the owner or agent therefor, may suspend liability for such refuse fees, and said fees shall be reinstated with the next water bill rendered to an occupant or tenant of the premises.

¹Sanitation rates for the City of Dresden are of record in the office of the city recorder.

In the case of premises containing more than one dwelling unit or place of business each of which is billed separately for water by the city, such fees shall be billed to each person in possession, charge, or control who is a water customer of the city. In the case of premises containing more than one dwelling unit or place of business which are served through a single water meter, so that the occupants or tenants cannot be billed separately by the city, the customer responsible for the water bill shall be liable for refuse service fees for the premises. (1988 Code, § 8-212)

17-113. Special rules, regulations, and charges authorized for certain refuse. Collection, removal, and disposal of the following types of refuse shall be subject to reasonable rules and regulations and special charges approved by the board of mayor and aldermen:

- (1) Building or construction debris.
- (2) Trees, tree trimmings. (1988 Code, § 8-213)

17-114. Use of dumpsters. Only residents of the city shall be allowed to deposit material in the dumpsters. For purposes of this section, a "resident" shall also include a business located within the city; provided, however, that such business may deposit only such materials that are generated by the business.

No person shall be authorized or allowed to deposit ashes, animal offal, carcasses of dead animals, industrial by-products, sewage, body waste, or building or construction debris in a dumpster.

No person shall be authorized or allowed to deposit any large, bulky, or heavy wooden or metal object in a dumpster.

No person shall be authorized or allowed to deposit any material in a dumpster, unless the material can be completely contained within the dumpster and no materials shall be placed on top of or in the area surrounding the dumpster. (1988 Code, § 8-214)

17-115. Removal of brush and limbs. (1) The City of Dresden is to be divided into four (4) separate zones, and brush and limbs are to be collected on a schedule of one time per month within each zone.

(2) City of Dresden property owners can request an additional pickup of brush and limbs from their property, or make a request for a pickup at a time other than the normal scheduled pick up time. This pick up of brush and limbs will be made a cost of double the normal pick up fee rate described herein.

(3) The City of Dresden works director may at any time determine that additional pick up is needed due to special circumstances, such as increase in the need for service due to bad weather.

(4) Brush and limbs are to be placed for removal at the edge of the property line adjacent to the public street. Leaves and small limbs are to be

placed in appropriate bags. The brush and limbs are not to be placed in the public street or in the gutter.

(5) Property owners shall notify the City of Dresden when they have brush or limbs to be removed.

(6) All requests for service shall be sent to the public works department to be placed on the appropriate zone schedule in accordance with the next pick up time within that zone.

(7) The City of Dresden work crew on site is to determine the time required for loading the limbs and brush. This time period will be used to calculate the costs of removal.

(8) If material to be removed contains items other than limbs and/or brush or consists of sizes so large that one (1) person, under ordinary circumstances cannot lift such into the truck or grinding equipment being used, then the City of Dresden is not required to remove such material. If the City of Dresden work crew determines not to remove such material, an explanation of the reason(s) for such decision, shall be provided to Dresden City Hall in order for the property owner to be notified.

(9) After each work period of brush and limb removal, a report of work completed will be submitted to Dresden City Hall in order for the property owners to be billed for such services.

(10) The amount for such services shall be calculated upon the time required to load for the removal of brush and limbs as follows:

- (a) 0 to 30 minutes of load time \$10.00;
- (b) 31 to 45 minutes of load time \$50.00;
- (c) 46 to 60 minutes of load time \$100.00;
- (d) 61 to 120 minutes of load time \$250.00;
- (e) 121 to 180 minutes of load time \$500.00; and
- (f) Each additional hour \$100.00 per hour.

(11) The amount billed will be submitted to the property owner on the monthly bill for water, sewer and sanitation. Payment will be due at the same time as other items on the monthly bill. Should the property involved in brush and limb removal not receive a monthly water bill, then an invoice shall be submitted to the property owner for payment within the same time period authorized for the payment of water bills. (Ord. #____, June 2003)

17-116. Placement of refuse and garbage cans. (1) Findings. The Dresden Board of Mayor and Aldermen has determined that the prolonged placement of refuse and garbage cans in close proximity to public streets, alleys, and rights-of-way poses a significant threat to the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community by:

(a) Encouraging the propagation and the harboring of stray animals, rats, mice, mosquitoes, flies, and other vermin.

(b) Placing filth and filthy deposits within easy access of scavengers, children, and pets.

(c) Increasing the potential for the scattering of refuse within the community by stray animals, acts of vandalism, traffic accidents, or extreme weather conditions.

(d) Increasing the potential for traffic hazards, in the form of debris or empty garbage containers, to be blown into the public streets.

(e) Detracting from the aesthetic quality of commercial areas.

(2) Definitions. All definitions pertaining to refuse included in § 17-101 of the Dresden Municipal Code shall be used in the administration of this section. Additionally, the following definition is hereby adopted:

"Collection point" shall mean the location, adjacent to the city street, alley, or right-of-way, where a person is authorized to place refuse, garbage, rubbish, ashes, or any container filled with such materials, including bags, for pick up and sanitary disposal by the city or its authorized agent.

(3) Times for placement of refuse or refuse containers at collection points. It shall be unlawful for any person to:

(a) Place any refuse, garbage, rubbish, or ashes, whether such wastes are loose, bundled, or in a container, at any collection point prior to 6:00 P.M. on the day prior to the scheduled collection by the city or its authorized agent.

(b) Fail to remove any uncollected refuse, garbage, rubbish, ashes, or any empty container of the same, at any collection point by 9:00 A.M. on the day immediately following the scheduled collection. (as added by Ord. #2007-02, Oct. 2006, and replaced by Ord. #2010-03, June 2010)

TITLE 18**WATER AND SEWERS¹****CHAPTER**

1. WATER AND SEWERS.
2. SEWER USE AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT.
3. CROSS CONNECTIONS, AUXILIARY INTAKES, ETC.

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¹Municipal code references

Building and plumbing codes: title 12.

Refuse disposal: title 17.

18-101. Application and scope. The provisions of this chapter are a part of all contracts for receiving water and sewer service from the town and shall apply whether the service is based upon contract, agreement, signed application, or otherwise. (1988 Code, § 13-101)

18-102. Definitions. (1) "Customer" means any person, firm, or corporation who receives water and/or sewer service from the town under either an express or implied contract.

(2) "Dwelling" means any single residential unit or house occupied for residential purposes. Each separate apartment unit, duplex unit or other multiple dwelling unit shall be considered a separate dwelling.

(3) "Premise" means any structure or group of structures operated as a single business or enterprise, provided, however, the term "premise" shall not include more than one (1) dwelling.

(4) "Service line" shall consist of the pipe line extending from any water or sewer main of the town to private property. Where a meter and meter box are located on private property, the service line shall be construed to include the pipe line extending from the town's water main to and including the meter and meter box. (1988 Code, § 13-102, modified)

18-103. Application and contract for service. Each prospective customer desiring water and/or sewer service will be required to sign a standard form contract and pay a non-refundable service fee as set by resolution of the board before service is supplied. If, for any reason, a customer, after signing a contract for service, does not take such service by reason of not occupying the premises or otherwise, he shall reimburse the city for the expense incurred by reason of its endeavor to furnish such service.

The receipt of a prospective customer's application for service, shall not obligate the city to render the service applied for. If the service applied for cannot be supplied in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the liability of the city to the applicant shall be limited to the return of any payment made by such applicant. (1988 Code, § 13-103, modified)

18-104. Service charges for temporary service. Customers requiring temporary service shall pay all costs for connection and disconnection incidental to the supplying and removing of service in addition to the regular charge for water and/or sewer service. (1988 Code, § 13-104)

18-105. Connection charges. Service lines will be laid by the city from the water main to the property line at the expense of the applicant for service. The location of such lines will be determined by the city.

Before a new service line will be laid by the city, the applicant shall pay a service fee to the city in an amount required for the cost of installation.

When a service line is completed, the city shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of such service line from the main to and including the meter and meter box, and such portion of the service line shall belong to the city. The remaining portion of the service line beyond the meter box shall belong to and be the responsibility of the customer.

If the service applied for cannot be supplied in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the liability of the city to the applicant shall be limited to the return of any connection or installation fee paid by such applicant. (1988 Code, § 13-105, modified)

18-106. Main extensions. Main extensions may be made under such rules and conditions as may be adopted by the board of mayor and aldermen. (1988 Code, § 13-106)

18-107. Meters. All meters shall be installed, tested, repaired, and removed only by the city.

No one shall do anything which will in any way interfere with or prevent the operation of a meter. No one shall tamper with or work on a water meter without the written permission of the city. No one shall install any pipe or other device which will cause water to pass through or around a meter without the passage of such water being registered fully by the meter. (1988 Code, § 13-107)

18-108. Multiple services through a single meter. No customer shall supply water service to more than one dwelling or premise from a single service line and meter without first obtaining the written permission of the city.

Where the city allows more than one dwelling or premise to be served through a single service line and meter, the amount of water used by all the dwellings and premises served through a single service line and meter shall be allocated to each separate dwelling or premise served. The water and charges for each such dwelling or premise thus served shall be computed just as if each such dwelling or premise had received through a separately metered service the amount of water so allocated to it, such computation to be made at the city's applicable water schedule, including the provisions as to minimum bills. The separate charges for each dwelling or premise served through a single service line and meter shall then be added together, and the sum thereof shall be billed to the customer in whose name the service is supplied. (1988 Code, § 13-108)

18-109. Discontinuance or refusal of service. The water department shall have the right to discontinue service or to refuse to connect service for a violation of, or a failure to comply with, any of the following:

- (1) The nonpayment of bills.
- (2) The customer's application for service.
- (3) The customer's contract for service.

Such right to discontinue service shall apply to all service received through a single connection or service, even though more than one (1) customer or tenant is furnished service there from, and even though the delinquency or violation is limited to only one such customer or tenant.

Discontinuance of service by the city for any cause stated in these rules and regulations shall not release the customer from liability for service already received or from liability for payments that thereafter become due under other provisions of the customer's contract. (1988 Code, § 13-109)

18-110. Re-connection charge. Whenever service has been discontinued as provided for above, a re-connection charge as prescribed by the board of mayor and aldermen shall be collected by the city before service is restored. (1988 Code, § 13-110, modified)

18-111. Termination of service by customer. Customers who have fulfilled their contract terms and wish to discontinue service must give at least three (3) days written notice to that effect unless the contract specifies otherwise. Notice to discontinue service prior to the expiration of a contract term will not relieve the customer from any minimum or guaranteed payment under such contract or applicable rate schedule.

When service is being furnished to an occupant of premises under a contract not in the occupant's name, the city reserves the right to impose the following conditions on the right of the customer to discontinue service under such a contract:

(1) Written notice of the customer's desire for such service to be discontinued may be required; and the city shall have the right to continue such service for a period of not to exceed ten (10) days after receipt of such written notice, during which time the customer shall be responsible for all charges for such service. If the city should continue service after such ten (10) day period subsequent to the receipt of the customer's written notice to discontinue service, the customer shall not be responsible for charges for any service furnished after the expiration of the ten (10) day period.

(2) During the ten (10) day period, the occupant of premises to which service has been ordered discontinued by a customer other than such occupant, may be allowed by the city to enter into a contract for service in the occupant's own name upon the occupant's complying with these rules and regulations with respect to a new application for service. (1988 Code, § 13-111)

18-112. Access to customers' premises. The city's identified representatives and employees shall be granted access to all customers' premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of reading meters, for testing, inspecting, repairing, removing, and replacing all equipment belonging to the city, and for inspecting customers' plumbing and premises generally in order to secure compliance with these rules and regulations. (1988 Code, § 13-112)

18-113. Inspections. The city shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to inspect any installation or plumbing system before water and/or sewer service is furnished or at any later time. The city reserves the right to refuse service or to discontinue service to any premises not in compliance with any special contract, these rules and regulations, or other requirements of the city.

Any failure to inspect or reject a customer's installation or plumbing system shall not render the city liable or responsible for any loss or damage which might have been avoided had such inspection or rejection been made. (1988 Code, § 13-113)

18-114. Customer's responsibility for system's property. Except as herein elsewhere expressly provided, all meters, service connections, and other equipment furnished by or for the city shall be and remain the property of the city. Each customer shall provide space for and exercise proper care to protect the property of the city on his premises. In the event of loss or damage to such property arising from the neglect of a customer to care for it properly, the cost of necessary repairs or replacements shall be paid by the customer. (1988 Code, § 13-114)

18-115. Customer's responsibility for violations. Where the city furnishes water and/or sewer service to a customer, such customer shall be responsible for all violations of these rules and regulations which occur on the premises so served. Personal participation by the customer in any such violations shall not be necessary to impose such personal responsibility on him. (1988 Code, § 13-115)

18-116. Supply and resale of water. All water shall be supplied within the city exclusively by the city, and no customer shall, directly or indirectly, sell, sublet, assign, or otherwise dispose of the water or any part thereof except with written permission from the city. (1988 Code, § 13-116)

18-117. Unauthorized use of or interference with water supply. No person shall turn on or turn off any of the city's stop cocks, valves, hydrants, spigots, or fire plugs without permission or authority from the city. (1988 Code, § 13-117)

18-118. Limited use of unmetered private fire line. Where a private fire line is not metered, no water shall be used from such line or from any fire hydrant thereon, except to fight fire or except when being inspected in the presence of an authorized agent of the city.

All private fire hydrants shall be sealed by the city, and shall be inspected at regular intervals to see that they are in proper condition and that no water is being used therefrom in violation of these rules and regulations. When the seal is broken on account of fire, or for any other reason, the customer taking such service shall immediately give the city a written notice of such occurrence. (1988 Code, § 13-118)

18-119. Damages to property due to water pressure. The city shall not be liable to any customer for damages caused to his plumbing or property by high pressure, low pressure, or fluctuations in pressure in the city's water mains. (1988 Code, § 13-119)

18-120. Liability for cutoff failures. The city's liability shall be limited to the forfeiture of the right to charge a customer for water that is not used but is received from a service line under any of the following circumstances:

(1) After receipt of at least ten (10) days' written notice to cut off water service, the city has failed to cut off such service.

(2) The city has attempted to cut off a service but such service has not been completely cut off.

(3) The city has completely cut off a service but subsequently the cutoff develops a leak or is turned on again so that water enters the customer's pipes from the city's main.

Except to the extent stated above, the city shall not be liable for any loss or damage resulting from cutoff failures. If a customer wishes to avoid possible damage for cutoff failures, the customer shall rely exclusively on privately owned cutoffs and not on the city's cutoff. Also, the customer (and not the city) shall be responsible for seeing that his plumbing is properly drained and is kept properly drained, after his water service has been cut off. (1988 Code, § 13-120)

18-121. Restricted use of water. In times of emergencies or in times of water shortage, the city reserves the right to restrict the purposes for which water may be used by a customer and the amount of water which a customer may use. (1988 Code, § 13-121)

18-122. Interruption of service. The city will endeavor to furnish continuous water and sewer service, but does not guarantee to the customer any fixed pressure or continuous service. The city shall not be liable for any damages for any interruption of service whatsoever.

In connection with the operation, maintenance, repair, and extension of the municipal water and sewer systems, the water supply may be shut off without notice when necessary or desirable, and each customer must be prepared for such emergencies. The city shall not be liable for any damages from such interruption of service or for damages from the resumption of service without notice after any such interruption. (1988 Code, § 13-122)

18-123. Schedule of rates. All water and sewer service shall be furnished under such rate schedules as the city may from time to time adopt by appropriate ordinance or resolution.¹ (1988 Code, § 13-123)

18-124. Unclaimed meter deposits. All meter deposits which remain unclaimed for a period of twelve (12) months after service to the depositor has been discontinued shall be forfeited by the depositor and said deposit shall automatically become the property of the City of Dresden. (1988 Code, § 13-124)

¹Administrative ordinances and regulations are of record in the office of the city recorder.

CHAPTER 2

SEWER USE AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT

SECTION

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18-201. Purpose and policy. (1) The objectives of this chapter are:

- (a) To protect the public health;
- (b) To provide problem free wastewater collection and treatment service;
- (c) To prevent the introduction of pollutants into the municipal wastewater treatment system, which will interfere with the system operation, which will cause the system discharge to violate its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit or other applicable state requirements, or which will cause physical damage to the wastewater treatment system facilities;
- (d) To provide for full and equitable distribution of the cost of the wastewater treatment system;
- (e) To enable the city to comply with the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the General Pretreatment Regulations (40 CFR Part 403), and other applicable federal, state laws and regulations;
- (f) To improve the opportunity to recycle and reclaim wastewaters and sludges from the wastewater treatment system.

(2) In meeting these objectives, this chapter provides that all persons in the service area of the city must have adequate wastewater treatment either in the form of a connection to the municipal wastewater treatment system or, where the system is not available, an appropriate private disposal system. The chapter also provides for the issuance of permits to system users, for the regulations of wastewater discharge volume and characteristics, for monitoring

and enforcement activities; and for the setting of fees for the full and equitable distribution of costs resulting from the operation, maintenance, and capital recovery of the wastewater treatment system and from other activities required by the enforcement and administrative program established herein.

This chapter shall apply to the city and to persons outside the city who are, by contract or agreement with the city, users of the municipal wastewater treatment system. (1988 Code, § 8-301)

18-202. Definitions. Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the following terms and phrases, as used in this chapter, shall have the meanings hereinafter designated:

(1) "Act" or "the Act." The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, also known as the Clean Water Act, as amended 33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq.

(2) "Approval authority." The director in an NPDES state with an approved State Pretreatment Program and the Administrator of the EPA in a non-NPDES state or NPDES state without an approved state pretreatment program.

(3) "Authorized representative of industrial user." An authorized representative of an Industrial User may be:

(a) A principal executive officer of at least the level of vice-president, if the Industrial User is a corporation;

(b) A general partner or proprietor if the Industrial User is a partnership or proprietorship, respectively;

(c) A duly authorized representative of the individual designated above if such representative is responsible for the overall operation of the facilities from which the indirect discharge originates.

(4) "Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)." The quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure for five (5) days at 20° centigrade expressed in terms of weight and concentration (milligrams per liter (mg/l)).

(5) "Building sewer." A sewer conveying wastewater from the premises of a User to the POTW.

(6) "Categorical standards." The National Categorical Pretreatment Standards or Pretreatment Standard.

(7) "City." The City of Dresden or the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Dresden, Tennessee.

(8) "Compatible pollutant." shall mean BOD, suspended solids, pH, fecal coliform bacteria, and such additional pollutants as are now or may in the future be specified and controlled in the city's NPDES permit for its wastewater treatment works where sewer works have been designed and used to reduce or remove such pollutants.

(9) "Cooling water." The water discharge from any use such as air conditioning, cooling, or refrigeration, or to which the only pollutant added is heat.

(10) "Control authority." The term "control authority" shall refer to the "Approval Authority," defined hereinabove; or the Board of Mayor and Aldermen if the city has an approved Pretreatment Program under the provisions of 40 CFR 403.11.

(11) "Customer." means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or group who receives sewer service from the City under either an express or implied contract requiring payment to the City for such service.

(12) "Direct discharge." The discharge of treated or untreated wastewater directly to the waters of the State of Tennessee.

(13) "Domestic wastewater." Wastewater that is generated by a single family, apartment or other dwelling unit or dwelling unit equivalent or commercial establishment containing sanitary facilities for the disposal of wastewater and used for residential or commercial purposes only.

(14) "Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA." The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, or where appropriate, the term may also be used as a designation for the Administrator or other duly authorized official of the said agency.

(15) "Garbage." Shall mean solid wastes generated from any domestic, commercial or industrial source.

(16) "Grab Sample." A sample which is taken from a waste stream on a one-time basis with no regard to the flow in the waste stream and without consideration of time.

(17) "Holding Tank Waste." Any waste from holding tanks such as vessels, chemical toilets, campers, trailers, septic tanks, and vacuum-pump tank trucks.

(18) "Incompatible Pollutant." shall mean any pollutant which is not a "compatible pollutant" as defined in this section.

(19) "Indirect Discharge." The discharge or the introduction of non-domestic pollutants from any source regulated under section 307(b) or (c) of the Act, (33 U.S.C. 1317), into the POTW (including holding tank waste discharged into the system).

(20) "Industrial User." A source of Indirect Discharge which does not constitute a "discharge of pollutants" under regulations issued pursuant to section 402, of the Act (33 U.S.C. 1342).

(21) "Interference." The inhibition or disruption of the municipal wastewater processes or operations which contributes to a violation of any requirement of the city's NPDES Permit. The term includes prevention of sewage sludge use or disposal by the POTW in accordance with 405 of the Act, (33 U.S.C. 1345) or any criteria, guidelines, or regulations developed pursuant to the Solid Waste Disposal Act (SWDA), the Clean Air Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, or more stringent state criteria (including those contained in any State sludge management plan prepared pursuant to Title IV of SWDA) applicable to the method of disposal or use employed by the municipal wastewater treatment system.

(22) "National Categorical Pretreatment Standard" or "pretreatment standard." Any regulation containing pollutant discharge limits promulgated by the EPA in accordance with Section 307(b) and (c) of the Act (33 U.S.C. 1347) which applies to a specific category of Industrial Users.

(23) "NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System)." Shall mean the program for issuing, conditioning, and denying permits for the discharge of pollutants from point sources into navigable waters, the contiguous zone, and the oceans pursuant to section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended.

(24) "New source." Any source, the construction of which is commenced after the publication of proposed regulations prescribing a section 307(c) (33 U.S.C. 1317) Categorical Pretreatment Standard which will be applicable to such source, if such standard is thereafter promulgated within 120 days of proposal in the Federal Register. Where the standard is promulgated later than one hundred twenty (120) days after proposal, a new source means any source, the construction of which is commenced after the date of promulgation of the standard.

(25) "Person." Any individual, partnership, co-partnership, firm, company, corporation, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, governmental entity or any other legal entity, or their legal representatives, agents, or assigns. The masculine gender shall include the feminine and the singular shall include the plural where indicated by the context.

(26) "pH." The logarithm (base 10) of the reciprocal of the concentration of hydrogen ions expressed in grams per liter of solution.

(27) "Pollution." The man-made or man-induced alteration of the chemical, physical, biological, and radiological integrity of water.

(28) "Pollutant." Any dredged spoil, solid waste, incinerator residue, sewage, garbage, sewage sludge, munitions, chemical wastes, biological materials, radioactive materials, heat, wrecked or discharged equipment, rock, sand, cellar dirt, and industrial, municipal, and agricultural waste discharge into water.

(29) "Pretreatment" or "treatment." The reduction of the amount of pollutants, the elimination of pollutants, or the alteration of the nature of pollutant properties in wastewater to a less harmful state prior to or in lieu of discharging or otherwise introducing such pollutants into a POTW. The reduction or alteration can be obtained by physical, chemical, biological processes, or process changes or other means, except as prohibited by 40 CFR section 40.36(d).

(30) "Pretreatment requirements." Any substantive or procedural requirement related to pretreatment other than a National Pretreatment Standard imposed on an industrial user.

(31) "Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)." A treatment works as defined by section 212 of the Act, (33 U.S.C. 1292) which is owned in this instance by the city. This definition includes any sewers that convey

wastewater to the POTW treatment plant, but does not include pipes, sewers or other conveyances not connected to a facility providing treatment. For the purposes of this Chapter, "POTW" shall also include any sewers that convey wastewaters to the POTW from persons outside the city who are, by contract or agreement with the city users of the city's POTW.

(32) "POTW treatment plant." That portion of the POTW designed to provide treatment to wastewater.

(33) "Shall" is mandatory; "May" is permissive.

(34) "Slug." Shall mean any discharge of water, sewage, or industrial waste which in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow exceeds for any period of duration longer than fifteen (15) minutes more than five (5) times the average twenty-four (24) hour concentrations of flows during normal operation or any discharge of whatever duration that causes the sewer to overflow or back up in an objectionable way or any discharge of whatever duration that interferes with the proper operation of the wastewater treatment facilities or pumping stations.

(35) "State." The State of Tennessee.

(36) "Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)." A classification pursuant to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual issued by the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, 1972.

(37) "Storm Water." Any flow occurring during or following any form of natural precipitation and resulting therefrom.

(38) "Storm sewer" or "storm drain." Shall mean a pipe or conduit which carries storm and surface waters and drainage, but excludes sewage and industrial wastes. It may, however, carry cooling waters and unpolluted waters, upon approval of the public works director.

(39) "Suspended solids." The total suspended matter that floats on the surface of, or is suspended in, water, wastewater, or other liquids and that is removable by laboratory filtering.

(40) "Superintendent." The public works director or person designated by him to supervise the operation of the publicly owned treatment works and who is charged with certain duties and responsibilities by this chapter, or his duly authorized representative.

(41) "Toxic pollutant." Any pollutant or combination of pollutants listed as toxic in regulations published by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under the provision of CWA 307(a) or other Acts.

(42) "Twenty-four (24) hour flow proportional composite sample." A sample consisting of several sample portions collected during a 24-hour period in which the portions of a sample are proportioned to the flow and combined to form a representative sample.

(43) "User." Any person who contributes, causes or permits the contribution of wastewater into the city's POTW.

(44) "Wastewater." The liquid and water-carried industrial or domestic wastes from dwellings, commercial buildings, industrial facilities, and institutions, whether treated or untreated, which is contributed into or permitted to enter the POTW.

(45) "Wastewater Treatment Systems." Defined the same as POTW.

(46) "Waters of the state." All streams, lakes, ponds, marshes, watercourses, waterways, wells, springs, reservoirs, aquifers, irrigation systems, drainage systems, and other bodies of accumulation of water, surface or underground, natural or artificial, public or private, that are contained within, flow through, or border upon the state or any portion thereof. (1988 Code, § 8-302)

18-203. Connection to public sewers. (1) Requirements for proper wastewater disposal.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit, or permit to be deposited in any unsanitary manner on public or private property within the service area of the City, any human or animal excrement, garbage, or other objectionable waste.

(b) It shall be unlawful to discharge to any waters of the state within the service area of the city any sewage or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with provisions of this chapter.

(c) Except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool, or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage.

(d) Except as provided in § 18-203(1)(e) below, the owner of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes situated within the service area in which there is now located or may in the future be located a public sanitary sewer, is hereby required at his expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein, and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of the chapter, within sixty (60) days after date of official notice to do so, provided that said public sewer is within five hundred (500) feet of the property line over public access.

(e) The owner of a manufacturing facility may discharge wastewater to the waters of the state provided that he obtains an NPDES permit and meets all requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act, the NPDES permit, and any other applicable local, state, or federal statutes and regulations.

(f) Where a public sanitary sewer is not available under the provisions of § 18-203(1)(d) above, the building sewer shall be connected to a private sewage disposal system complying with the provisions of § 18-204 of this chapter.

(2) Physical Connection Public Sewer. (a) No person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter, or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof. The city shall make all connections to the public sewer upon the property owner first obtaining a written permit from the public works director as required by § 18-206 of this chapter.

The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications or other information considered pertinent in the judgment of the public works director. A connection fee shall be paid to the city at the time the application is filed.

(b) All costs and expenses incident to the installation, connection, and inspection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the city from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer.

(c) A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building; except where one building stands at the rear of another on an interior lot and no private sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, court, yard, or driveway, the building sewer from the front building may be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one building sewer.

(d) Old building sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found, on examination and tested by the public works director to meet all requirements of this chapter. All others may be sealed to the specifications of the public works director.

(e) Building sewers shall conform to the following requirements:

(i) The minimum size of a building sewer shall be as follows:

(A) Conventional sewer system - Four (4") inches.

(B) Small Diameter Gravity Sewer - Two (2") inches.

(C) Septic Tank Effluent Pump - One and one quarter (1-1/4") inches.

Where the septic tanks becomes an integral part of the collection and treatment system, the minimum size influent line shall be four (4") inches and the minimum size of septic tank shall be 1,000 gallons. Septic tanks shall be constructed of polyethylene and protected from flotation. The City shall have the right, privilege, and authority to locate, inspect, operate, and maintain septic tanks which are an integral part of the collection and treatment system.

(ii) The minimum depth of a building sewer shall be eighteen (18") inches.

(iii) Building sewers shall be laid on the following grades:

(A) Four (4") inch sewers - 1/8 inch per foot.

(B) Two (2") inch sewers - 3/8 inch per foot.

(C) Larger building sewers shall be laid on a grade that will produce a velocity. When flowing full of at least 2.0 feet per second.

(iv) Slope and alignment of all building sewers shall be neat and regular.

(v) Building sewers shall be constructed only of ductile iron pipe class 50 or above or polyvinyl chloride pipe SDR-35 for gravity sewers and SDR-21 for pressure sewers. Joints shall be rubber or neoprene "o" ring compression joints. No other joints shall be acceptable.

(vi) A cleanout shall be located five (5) feet outside of the building, one as it crosses the property line and one at each change of direction of the building sewer which is greater than 45 degrees. Additional cleanouts shall be placed not more than seventy-five (75) feet apart in horizontal building sewers of six (6) inch nominal diameter and not more than one hundred (100) feet apart for larger pipes. Cleanouts shall be extended to or above the finished grade level directly above the place where the cleanout is installed. A "Y" (wye) and 1/8 bend shall be used for the cleanout base. Cleanouts shall not be smaller than four (4) inches.

(vii) Connections of building sewers to the public sewer system shall be made only by the City and shall be made at the appropriate existing wyes or tee branch using compression type couplings or collar type rubber joint with stainless steel bands. Where existing wye or tee branches are not available, connections of building services shall be made by either removing a length of pipe and replacing it with a wye or tee fitting using flexible neoprene adapters with stainless steel bands of a type approved by the public works director. All such connections shall be made gastight and watertight.

(viii) The building sewer may be brought into the building below the basement floor when gravity flow from the building to the sanitary sewer is at a grade of 1/8-inch per foot or more if possible. In cases where basement or floor levels are lower than the ground elevation at the point of connection to the sewer, adequate precautions by installation of check valves or other backflow prevention devices to protect against flooding shall be provided by the owner. In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, sanitary

sewage carried by such building drain shall be lifted by a pump and discharged to the building sewer at the expense of the owner.

(ix) The methods to be used in excavating, placing of pipe, jointing, testing, backfilling the trench, or other activities in the construction of a building sewer which have not been described above shall conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing code or other applicable rules and regulations of the city or to the procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the ASTM and Water Pollution Control Federal Manual of Practice No. 9. Any deviation from the prescribed procedures and materials must be approved by the public works director before installation.

(x) An installed building sewer shall be gastight and watertight.

(f) All excavations for building sewer installation shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazard. Streets, sidewalks, parkways, and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the city.

(g) No person shall make connection of roof downspouts, exterior foundation drains, areaway drains, basement drains, or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

(3) Inspection of Connections. (a) The sewer connection and all building sewers from the building to the public sewer main line shall be inspected before the underground portion is covered, by the Public Works Director or his authorized representative.

(b) The applicant for discharge shall notify the public works director when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. The connection shall be made under the supervision of the public works director or his representative.

(4) Maintenance of Building Sewers. Each individual property owner or user of the POTW shall be entirely responsible for the maintenance which will include repair or replacement of the building sewer as deemed necessary by the public works director to meet specifications of the city. (1988 Code, § 8-303)

18-204. Private domestic wastewater disposal. (1) Availability.

(a) Where a public sanitary sewer is not available under the provisions of § 18-203(1)(d), the building sewer shall be connected to a private wastewater disposal system complying with the provisions of this section.

(b) Any residence, office, recreational facility, or other establishment used for human occupancy where the building drain is below the elevation to obtain a grade equivalent to 1/8-inch per foot in the building sewer but is otherwise accessible to a public sewer as provided

in § 18-203, the owner shall provide a private sewage pumping station as provided in § 18-203(2)(e)(viii).

(c) Where a public sewer becomes available, the building sewer shall be connected to said sewer within sixty (60) days after date of official notice from the city to do so.

(2) Requirements. (a) A private domestic wastewater disposal system may not be constructed within the service area unless and until a certificate is obtained from the public works director stating that a public sewer is not accessible to the property and no such sewer is proposed for construction in the immediate future. No certificate shall be issued for any private domestic wastewater disposal system employing subsurface soil absorption facilities where the area of the lot is less than that specified by the county health department.

(b) Before commencement of construction of a private sewage disposal system the owner shall first obtain written permission from the city and the county health department. The owner shall supply any plans, specifications, and other information as are deemed necessary by the city of and the county health department.

(c) A private sewage disposal system shall not be placed in operation until the installation is completed to the satisfaction of the city and the county health department. They shall be allowed to inspect the work at any stage of construction and the owner shall notify the city and the county health department when the work is ready for final inspection, before any underground portions are covered. The inspection shall be made within a reasonable period of time after the receipt of notice by the city and the county health department.

(d) The type, capacity, location, and layout of a private sewage disposal system shall comply with all recommendations of the Department of Health and Environment of the State of Tennessee, the city, and the county health department. No septic tank or cesspool shall be permitted to discharge to waters of Tennessee.

(e) The owner shall operate and maintain the private sewage disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times, at no expense to the city. When the public sewer becomes available, the building sewer, or the septic tank effluent line shall be connected to the public sewer within sixty (60) days of the date of availability and the private sewage disposal system should be cleaned of sludge and if no longer used as a part of the city's treatment system, filled with suitable material.

(f) No statement contained in this chapter shall be construed to interfere with any additional or future requirements that may be imposed by the city and the county health department. (1988 Code, § 8-304)

18-205. Regulation of holding tank waste disposal. (1) Permit. No person, firm, association or corporation shall clean out, drain, or flush any septic tank or any other type of waste-water or excreta disposal system, unless such person, firm, association, or corporation obtains a permit from the city to perform such acts or services.

Any person, firm, association, or corporation desiring a permit to perform such services shall file an application on the prescribed form. Upon any such application, said permit shall be issued by the public works director when the conditions of this chapter have been met and providing the public works director is satisfied the applicant has adequate and proper equipment to perform the services contemplated in a safe and competent manner. Such permits shall be limited to the discharge of domestic sewage waste containing no industrial waste.

(2) Fees. For each permit issued under the provisions of this chapter the applicant shall agree in writing by the provisions of this section and pay an annual service charge to the city to be set as specified in § 18-211. Any such permit granted shall be for one fiscal year or fraction of the fiscal year, and shall continue in full force and effect from the time issued until the ending of the fiscal year, unless sooner revoked, and shall be nontransferable. The number of the permit granted hereunder shall be plainly painted three (3) inch permanent letters on each side of each motor vehicle used in the conduct of the business permitted hereunder.

(3) Designated disposal locations. The public works director shall designate approved locations for the emptying and cleansing of all equipment used in the performance of the services rendered under the permit herein provided for, and it shall be a violation hereof for any person, firm, association or corporation to empty or clean such equipment at any place other than a place so designated. The public works director may refuse to accept any truckload of waste at his absolute discretion where it appears that the waste could interfere with the operation of the POTW.

(4) Revocation of permit. Failure to comply with all the provisions of this chapter shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of such permit by the public works director. The possession within the service area by any person of any motor vehicle equipped with a body type and accessories of a nature and design capable of serving a septic tank of wastewater or excreta disposal system cleaning unit shall be prima facie evidence that such person is engaged in the business of cleaning, draining, or flushing septic tanks or other wastewater or excreta disposal systems within the service area of the city. (1988 Code, § 8-305)

18-206. Applications for domestic wastewater discharge and industrial wastewater discharge permits. (1) Applications for discharge of domestic wastewater. All users or prospective users which generate domestic wastewater shall make application to the public works director for written authorization to discharge to the municipal wastewater treatment system.

Applications shall be required from all new dischargers as well as for any existing discharger desiring additional service. Connection to the city sewer shall not be made until the application is received and approved by the public works director, the building sewer is installed in accordance with § 18-201 of this chapter and an inspection has been performed by the public works director or his representative.

The receipt by the city of a prospective customer's application for service shall not obligate the city to render the service. If the service applied for cannot be supplied in accordance with this chapter and the city's rules and regulations and general practice, the connection charge will be refunded in full, and there shall be no liability of the city to the applicant for such service.

(2) Industrial wastewater discharge permits. (a) General requirements. All existing industrial users connected or contributing to the POTW shall obtain a wastewater discharge permit within one hundred eighty (180) days after the effective date of this chapter.

(b) Applications. Applications for wastewater discharge permits shall be required as follows:

(i) Users required to obtain a wastewater discharge permit shall complete and file with the public works director, an application on a prescribed form accompanied by the appropriate fee. Existing users shall apply for a wastewater contribution permit within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this chapter, and proposed new users shall apply at least sixty (60) days prior to connecting to or contributing to the POTW.

(ii) The application shall be in the prescribed form of the city and shall include, but not be limited to the following information: name, address, and SIC number of applicant; wastewater volume; wastewater constituents and characteristic, including but not limited to those mentioned in § 18-207 (1) and (2) discharge variations -- daily, monthly, seasonal and thirty (30) minute peaks; a description of all chemicals handled on the premises, each produce produced by type, amount, process or processes and rate of production, type and amount of raw materials, number and type of employees, hours of operation, site plans, floor plans, mechanical and plumbing plans and details showing all sewers and appurtenances by size, location and elevation; a description of existing and proposed pretreatment and/or equalization facilities and any other information deemed necessary by the public works director.

(iii) Any user who elects or is required to construct new or additional facilities for pretreatment shall as part of the application for wastewater discharge permit submit plans, specifications and other pertinent information relative to the proposed construction to the public works director for approval.

Plans and specifications submitted for approval must bear the seal of a professional engineer registered to practice engineering in the State of Tennessee. A wastewater discharge permit shall not be issued until such plans and specifications are approved. Approval of such plans and specifications shall in no way relieve the user from the responsibility of modifying the facility as necessary to produce an effluent acceptable to the city under the provisions of this chapter.

(iv) If additional pretreatment and/or O&M will be required to meet the pretreatment standards, the application shall include the shortest schedule by which the user will provide such additional pretreatment. The completion date in this schedule shall not be later than the compliance date established for the applicable pretreatment standard. For the purpose of this subsection, "pretreatment standard," shall include either a national pretreatment standard or a pretreatment standard imposed by § 18-207 of this chapter.

(v) The city will evaluate the data furnished by the user and may require additional information. After evaluation and acceptance of the data furnished, the city may issue a wastewater discharge permit subject to terms and conditions provided herein.

(vi) The receipt by the city of a prospective customer's application for wastewater discharge permit shall not obligate the city to render the wastewater collection and treatment service. If the service applied for cannot be supplied in accordance with this chapter or the city's rules and regulations and general practice, the application shall be rejected and there shall be no liability of the city to the applicant of such service.

(vii) The public works director will act only on applications containing all the information required in this section. Persons who have filed incomplete applications will be notified by the public works director that the application is deficient and the nature of such deficiency and will be given thirty (30) days to correct the deficiency. If the deficiency is not corrected within thirty (30) days or within such extended period as allowed by the public works director, the public works director shall deny the application and notify the applicant in writing of such action.

(c) Permit conditions. Wastewater discharge permits shall be expressly subject to all provisions of this chapter and all other applicable regulations, user charges and fees established by the city. Permits may contain the following:

(i) The unit charge or schedule of user charges and fees for the wastewater to be discharged to a community sewer;

- (ii) Limits on the average and maximum rate and time of discharge or requirements and equalization.
- (iii) Requirements for installation and maintenance of inspections and sampling facilities;
- (iv) Specifications for monitoring programs which may include sampling locations, frequency of sampling, number, types, and standards for tests and reporting schedule;
- (v) Compliance schedules;
- (vi) Requirements for submission of technical reports or discharge reports;
- (vii) Requirements for maintaining and retaining plant records relating to wastewater discharge as specified by the city, and affording city access thereto;
- (viii) Requirements for notification of the city of any new introduction of wastewater constituents or any substantial change in the volume or character of the wastewater constituents being introduced into the wastewater treatment system.
- (ix) Requirements for notification of slug discharged;
- (x) Other conditions as deemed appropriate by the city to ensure compliance with this chapter.

(d) Permit modifications. Within nine (9) months of the promulgation of a national categorical pretreatment standard, the wastewater discharge permit of users subject to such standards shall be revised to require compliance with such standard within the time frame prescribed by such standard. A user with an existing wastewater discharge permit shall submit to the public works director within one hundred eighty (180) days after the promulgation of an applicable Federal Categorical Pretreatment Standard the information required by §§ 18-206(2)(b)(ii) and (iii). The terms and conditions of the permit may be subject to modification by the public works director during the term of the permit as limitations or requirements are modified or other just cause exists. The user shall be informed of any proposed changes in this permit at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of change. Any changes or new conditions in the permit shall include a reasonable time schedule for compliance.

(e) Permits duration. Permits shall be issued for a specified time period, not to exceed five (5) years. A permit may be issued for a period less than a year or may be stated to expire on a specific date. The user shall apply for permit reissuance a minimum of one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of the user's existing permit.

(f) Permit transfer. Wastewater discharge permits are issued to a specific user for a specific operation. A wastewater discharge permit shall not be reassigned or transferred or sold to a new owner, new user, different premises, or a new or changed operation without the approval

of the city. Any succeeding owner or user shall also comply with the terms and conditions of the existing permit.

(g) Revocation of permit. Any permit issued under the provisions of the chapter is subject to be modified suspended, or revoked in whole or in part during its term for cause including, but not limited to, the following:

(i) Violation of any terms or conditions of the wastewater discharge permit or other applicable federal, state, or local law or regulation.

(ii) Obtaining a permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts.

(iii) A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the permitted discharge.

(iv) Intentional failure of a user to accurately report the discharge constituents and characteristics or to report significant changes in plant operations or wastewater characteristics.

(3) Confidential information. All information and data on a user obtained from reports, questionnaire, permit application, permits and monitoring programs and from inspection shall be available to the public or any governmental agency without restriction unless the user specifically requests and is able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the public works director that the release of such information would divulge information, processes, or methods of production entitled to protection as trade secrets of the users.

When requested by the person furnishing the report, the portions of a report which might disclose trade secrets or secret processes shall not be made available for inspection by the public, but shall be made available to governmental agencies for use; related to this chapter or the city's or user's NPDES permit. Provided, however, that such portions of a report shall be available for use by the state or any state agency in judicial review or enforcement proceedings involving the person furnishing the report. Wastewater constituents and characteristics will not be recognized as confidential information.

Information accepted by the public works director as confidential shall not be transmitted to any governmental agency or to the general public by the public works director until and unless prior and adequate notification is given to the user. (1988 Code, § 8-306, modified)

18-207. Discharge regulations. (1) General discharge prohibitions.

No user shall contribute or cause to be contributed, directly or indirectly, any pollutant or wastewater which will interfere with the operation and performance of the POTW. These general prohibitions apply to all such users of a POTW whether or not the user is subject to National Categorical Pretreatment Standards or any other national, state, or local Pretreatment

Standards or Requirements. A user may not contribute the following substances to any POTW:

(a) Any liquids, solids, or gases which by reason of their nature or quantity are, or may be, sufficient either alone or by interaction with other substances to cause fire or explosion or be injurious in any other way to the POTW or to the operation of the POTW. At no time, shall two (2) successive readings on an explosion hazard meter, at the point of discharge into the system (or at any point in the system) be more than five percent (5%) nor any single reading over ten percent (10%) of the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) of the meter. Prohibited materials include, but are not limited to, gasoline, kerosene, naphtha, benzene, toluene, xylene, ethers, alcohols, ketones, aldehydes, peroxides, chlorates, perchlorates, bromate, carbides, hydrides and sulfides and any other substances which the city, the state or EPA has notified the user is a fire hazard or a hazard to the system.

(b) Solid or viscous substances which may cause obstruction to the flow in a sewer or other interference with the operation of the wastewater treatment facilities but not limited to: grease, garbage with particles greater than one-half inch ($\frac{1}{2}$ ") in any dimension, paunch manure, bones, hair, hides, or fleshings, entrails, whole blood, feathers, ashes, cinders, sand, spent lime, stone or marble dust, metal, glass, straw, shavings, grass clippings, rags, spent grains, spent hops, waste paper, wood, plastics, gas, tar, asphalt residues from refining, or processing of fuel or lubricating oil, mud, or glass grinding or polishing wastes.

(c) Any wastewater having a pH less than 5.5 or higher than 9.5 or wastewater having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and/or personnel of the POTW.

(d) Any wastewater containing any toxic pollutants, chemical elements, or compounds in sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other pollutants, to injure or interfere with any wastewater treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, create a toxic effect in the receiving waters of the POTW, or to exceed the limitation set forth in a categorical pretreatment standard. A toxic pollutant shall include but not be limited to any pollutant identified pursuant to section 307(a) of the Act.

(e) Any noxious or malodorous liquids, gases, or solids which either singly or by interaction with other wastes are sufficient to create a public nuisance, hazard to life, are sufficient to prevent entry into the sewers for maintenance and repair.

(f) Any substance which may cause the POTW's effluent or any other product of the POTW such as residues, sludges, or scums, to be unsuitable for reclamation and reuse or to interfere with the reclamation

process. In no case, shall a substance discharged to the POTW cause the POTW to be in non-compliance with sludge use or under section 405 of the Act; any criteria, guidelines, or regulations affecting sludge use or disposal developed pursuant to the Solid Waste Disposal Act, the Clean Air Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, or state criteria applicable to the sludge management method being used.

(g) Any substances which will cause the POTW to violate its NPDES Permit or the receiving water quality standards.

(h) Any wastewater causing discoloration of the wastewater treatment plant effluent to the extent that the receiving stream water quality requirements would be violated, such as, but not limited to, dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions.

(i) Any wastewater having a temperature which will inhibit biological activity in the POTW treatment plant resulting in interference, but in no case wastewater with a temperature at the introduction into the sewer system which exceeds 65° C (150° F) or causes the influent at the wastewater plant to exceed 40° C (104° F).

(j) Any pollutants, including oxygen demanding pollutants (BOD, etc.) released at a flow rate and/or pollutant concentration which a user knows or has reason to know will cause interference to the POTW.

(k) Any waters or wastes causing an unusual volume of flow or concentration of waste constituting "slug" as defined herein.

(l) Any waters containing any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such halflife or concentration as may exceed limits established by the Public Works Director in compliance with applicable state or federal regulations.

(m) Any wastewater which causes a hazard to human life or creates a public nuisance.

(n) Any waters or wastes containing fats, wax, grease, or oil, whether emulsified or not, in excess of one hundred (100) mg/l or containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperature between thirty-two (32) or one hundred fifty (150) degrees F (0 and 65° C).

(o) Any stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer. Stormwater and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such sewers as are specifically designated as storm sewers, or to a natural outlet approved by the public works director and the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment. Industrial cooling water or unpolluted process waters may be discharged on approval of the public works director and the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment, to a storm sewer or natural outlet.

(2) Restrictions on wastewater strength. No person or user shall discharge wastewater which exceeds the following set of standards (Table A - User Discharge Restrictions) unless an exception is permitted as provided in this chapter. Dilution of any wastewater discharge for the purpose of satisfying these requirements shall be considered in violation of this chapter.

Table A -- User Discharge Restrictions

Pollutant	Daily Average* Maximum Concentration (mg/l)	Instantaneous Concentration (mg/l)
Antimony	5.0	8.0
Arsenic	1.0	1.5
Cadmium	1.0	1.5
Chromium (total)	4.0	7.0
Copper	3.0	5.0
Cyanide	1.0	2.0
Lead	1.0	1.5
Mercury	0.1	0.2
Nickel	3.0	4.5
Pesticides and Herbicides	BDL	1.0
Phenols	10.0	15.0
Selenium	1.0	1.5
Silver	1.0	1.5
Surfactants as MBAS	25.0	50.0
Zinc	3.0	5.0

*Based on 24-hour flow proportional composite samples.

(3) Protection of treatment plant influent. The public works director shall monitor the treatment works influent for each parameter in the following table. (Table B - Plant Protection Criteria). Industrial users shall be subject to reporting and monitoring requirements regarding these parameters as set forth in this chapter. In the event that the influent at the POTW reaches or exceeds the levels established by this table, the public works director shall initiate technical studies to determine the cause of the influent violation and shall recommend to the city the necessary remedial measures, including, but not

limited to, recommending the establishment of new or revised pre-treatment levels for these parameters. The public works director shall also recommend changes to any of these criteria in the event that: the POTW effluent standards are changed, there are changes in any applicable law or regulation affecting same, or changes are needed for more effective operation of the POTW.

Table B -- Plant Protection Criteria

Parameter	Maximum Concentration mg/l (24 hour flow) Proportional Composite Sample	Maximum Instantaneous Concentration (mg/l) Grab Sample
Aluminum dissolved (AL)	3.00	6.0
Antimony (Sb)	0.50	1.0
Arsenic (As)	0.06	0.12
Barium (Ba)	2.50	5.0
Boron	0.4	0.8
Cadmium (Cd)	0.004	0.008
Chromium Hex	0.06	0.12
Cobalt	0.03	0.06
Copper (Cu)	0.16	0.32
Cyanide (CN)	0.03	0.06
Fluoride (F)	0.6	1.2
Iron (Fe)	3.0	6.0
Lead (Pb)	0.10	0.2
Manganese (Mn)	0.1	0.2
Mercury (Hg)	0.025	0.05
Nickel (Ni)	0.15	0.30
Pesticides & Herbicides	.001	.002
Phenols	1.00	2.0
Selenium (Se)	0.01	0.02
Silver (Ag)	0.05	0.1
Sulfide	25.0	40.0
Zinc (Zn)	0.3	0.6
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	45.00	90.00
Oil & Grease	50.00	100.00

Parameter	Maximum Concentration mg/l (24 hour flow) Proportional Composite Sample	Maximum Instantaneous Concentration (mg/l) Grab Sample
MBAS	5.00	10.0
BOD	220	350
COD	440	700
Suspended Solids	220	350
BDL = Below Detectable Limits		

(4) Federal categorical pretreatment standards. Upon the promulgation of the federal categorical pretreatment standards for a particular industrial subcategory, the federal standard, if more stringent than limitations imposed under this chapter for sources in that subcategory, shall immediately supersede the limitations imposed under this chapter. The public works director shall notify all affected users of the applicable reporting requirements under 40 CFR, section 403.12.

(5) Right to establish more restrictive criteria. No statement in this chapter is intended or may be construed to prohibit the public works director from establishing specific wastewater discharge criteria more restrictive where wastes are determined to be harmful or destructive to the facilities of the POTW or to create a public nuisance, or to cause the discharge of the POTW to violate effluent or stream quality standards, or to interfere with the use or handling of sludge, or to pass through the POTW resulting in a violation of the NPDES permit, or to exceed industrial pretreatment standards for discharge to municipal wastewater treatment systems as imposed or as may be imposed by the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment and/or the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

(6) Accidental discharges. (a) Protection from accidental discharge. All Industrial users shall provide such facilities and institute such procedures as are reasonably necessary to prevent or minimize the potential for accidental discharge into the POTW of waste regulated by this chapter from liquid or raw material storage areas, from truck and rail car loading and unloading areas, from in-plant transfer or processing and materials handling areas, and from diked areas or holding ponds of any waste regulated by this chapter. Detailed plans showing the facilities and operating procedures shall be submitted to the public works director before the facility is constructed.

The review and approval of such plans and operating procedures will in no way relieve the user from the responsibility of modifying the facility to provide the protection necessary to meet the requirements of this chapter.

(b) Notification of accidental discharge. Any person causing or suffering from any accidental discharge shall immediately notify the public works director (or designated official) in person, by the telephone to enable countermeasures to be taken by the public works director to minimize damage to the POTW, the health and welfare of the public, and the environment.

This notification shall be followed, within five (5) days of the date of occurrence, by a detailed written statement describing the cause of the accidental discharge and the measures being taken to prevent future occurrence.

Such notification shall not relieve the user of liability for any expense, loss, or damage to the POTW, fish kills, or any other damage to person or property; nor shall such notification relieve the user of any fines, civil penalties, or other liability which may be imposed by this chapter or state or federal law.

(c) Notice to employees. A notice shall be permanently posted on the user's bulletin board or other prominent place advising employees whom to call in the event of a dangerous discharge. Employers shall ensure that all employees who may cause or suffer such a dangerous discharge to occur are advised of the emergency notification procedure. In lieu of placing notices on bulletin boards, the users may submit an approved SPIC. Each user shall annually certify to the public works director compliance with this subsection. (1988 Code, § 8-307)

18-208. Industrial user monitoring, inspection reports, records access, and safety. (1) Monitoring facilities. The installation of a monitoring facility shall be required for all industrial users. A monitoring facility shall be a manhole or other suitable facility approved by the public works director.

When in the judgment of the public works director, there is a significant difference in wastewater constituents and characteristics produced by different operations of a single user the public works director may require that separate monitoring facilities be installed for each separate source of discharge.

Monitoring facilities that are required to be installed shall be constructed and maintained at the user's expense. The purpose of the facility is to enable inspection, sampling and flow measurement of wastewater produced by a user. If sampling or metering equipment is also required by the public works director, it shall be provided and installed at the user's expense.

The monitoring facility will normally be required to be located on the user's premises outside of the building. The public works director may, however, when such a location would be impractical or cause undue hardship on the user, allow the facility to be constructed in the public street right-of-way with the approval of the public agency having jurisdiction of that right-of-way and located so that it will not be obstructed by landscaping or parked vehicles.

There shall be ample room in or near such sampling manhole or facility to allow accurate sampling and preparation of samples for analysis. The facility, sampling, and measuring equipment shall be maintained at all times in a safe and proper operating condition at the expenses of the user.

(2) Inspection and sampling. The city shall inspect the facilities of any user to ascertain whether the purpose of this chapter is being met and all requirements are being complied with. Persons or occupants of premises where wastewater is created or discharged shall allow the city or their representative ready access at all reasonable times to all parts of the premises for the purpose of inspection, sampling, records examination or in the performance of any of their duties. The city, approval authority and EPA shall have the right to set up on the user's property such devices as are necessary to conduct sampling inspection, compliance monitoring and/or metering operations. Where a user has security measures in force which would require proper identification and clearance before entry into their premises, the user shall make necessary arrangements with their security guards so that upon presentation of suitable identification, personnel from the city, approval authority and EPA will be permitted to enter, without delay, for the purposes of perform in their specific responsibility.

(3) Compliance date report. Within one hundred eighty (180) days following the date for final compliance with applicable pretreatment standards or, in the case of a new source, following commencement of the introduction of wastewater into the POTW, any user subject to pretreatment standards and requirements shall submit to the public works director a report indicating the nature and concentration of all pollutants in the discharge from the regulated process which are limited by pretreatment standards and requirements and the average and maximum daily flow for these process units in the user facility which are limited by such pretreatment standards or requirements. The report shall state whether the applicable pretreatment standards or requirements are being met on a consistent basis and, if not, what additional O&M and/or pretreatment is necessary to bring the user into compliance with the applicable pretreatment standards or requirements. This statement shall be signed by an authorized representative of the industrial user, and certified to by a professional engineer registered to practice engineering in Tennessee.

(4) Periodic compliance reports. (a) Any user subject to a pretreatment standard, after the compliance date of such pretreatment standard, or, in the case of a new source, after commencement of the discharge into the POTW, shall submit to the public works director during the months of June and December, unless required more frequently in the pretreatment standard or by the public works director, a report indicating the nature and concentration of pollutants in the effluent which are limited by such pretreatment standards and requirements.

In addition, this report shall include a record of all daily flows which during the reporting period exceeded the average daily flow. At the discretion of the Public Works Director and in consideration of such factors as local high or low flow rates, holidays, budget cycles, etc., the Public Works Director may agree to alter the months during which the above reports are to be submitted.

(b) The Public works director may impose mass limitations on users where the imposition of mass limitations are appropriate. In such cases, the report required by subsection (a) of this section shall indicate the mass of pollutants regulated by pretreatment standards in the effluent of the user.

(c) The reports required by this section shall contain the results of sampling and analysis of the discharge, including the flow and the nature and concentration or production and mass where requested by the public works director of pollutants contained therein which are limited by the applicable pretreatment standards. The frequency of monitoring shall be prescribed in the wastewater discharge permit or the pretreatment standard. All analysis shall be performed in accordance with procedures established by the administrator pursuant to section 304 (g) of the Act and contained in 40 CFR, Part and amendments thereto. Sampling shall be performed in accordance with the techniques approved by the administration.

(5) Maintenance of records. Any industrial user subject to the reporting requirements established in this section shall maintain records of all information resulting from any monitoring activities required by this section. Such records shall include for all samples:

- (a) The date, exact place, method, and time of sampling and the names of the persons taking the samples;
- (b) The dates analyses were performed;
- (c) Who performed the analyses;
- (d) The analytical techniques/methods used; and
- (e) The results of such analyses.

Any Industrial user subject to the reporting requirement established in this Section shall be required to retain for a minimum of three (3) years all records of monitoring activities and results (whether or not such monitoring activities are required by this section) and shall make such records available for inspection and copying by the Public Works Director, Director of the Division of Water Quality Control Tennessee Department of Health and Environment or the Environmental Protection Agency. This period of retention shall be extended during the course of any unresolved litigation regarding the industrial user or when requested by the public works director, the approval authority, or the Environmental Protection Agency.

(6) Safety. While performing the necessary work on private properties, the Public works director or duly authorized employees of the city shall observe

all safety rules applicable to the premises established by the company and the company shall be held harmless for injury or death to the city employees and the city shall indemnify the company against loss or damage to its property by city employees and against liability claims and demands for personal injury or property damage asserted against the company and growing out of the monitoring and sampling operation, except as such may be caused by negligence or failure of the company to maintain safe conditions. (1988 Code, § 8-308)

18-209. Enforcement and abatement. (1) Issuance of cease and desist orders. When the public works director finds that a discharge of wastewater has taken place in violation of prohibitions or limitations of this chapter, or the provisions of a wastewater discharge permit, the public works director shall issue an order to cease and desist, and direct that these persons not complying with such prohibitions, limits requirements, or provisions to:

- (a) Comply immediately;
- (b) Comply in accordance with a time schedule set forth by the public works director;
- (c) Take appropriate remedial or preventive action in the event of a threatened violation; or
- (d) Surrender the applicable user's permit if ordered to do so after a show cause hearing.

Failure of the public works director to issue a cease and desist order to a violating user shall not in any way relieve the user from any consequences of a wrongful or illegal discharge.

(2) Submission of time schedule. When the public works director finds that a discharge of wastewater has been taking place in violation of prohibitions or limitations prescribed in this chapter, or wastewater source control requirements, effluent limitations of pretreatment standards, or the provisions of a wastewater discharge permit, the public works director shall require the user to submit for approval, with such modifications as it deems necessary, a detailed time schedule of specific actions which the user shall take in order to prevent or correct a violation of requirements. Such schedule shall be submitted to the public works director within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the cease and desist order.

(3) Show cause hearing. (a) The city may order any user who causes or allows an unauthorized discharge to enter the POTW to show cause before the board of mayor and aldermen why the proposed enforcement action should not be taken. A notice shall be served on the user specifying the time and place of a hearing to be held by the board of mayor and aldermen regarding the violation, the reasons why the action is to be taken, the proposed enforcement action, and directing the user to show cause before the board of mayor and aldermen why the proposed enforcement action should not be taken. The notice of the hearing shall

be served personally or by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested) at least ten (10) days before the hearing.

(b) The board of mayor and aldermen may itself conduct the hearing and take the evidence, or the board of mayor and aldermen may appoint a person to:

(i) Issue in the name of the board of mayor and aldermen notice of hearings requesting the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence relevant to any matter involved in such hearings;

(ii) Take the evidence;

(iii) Transmit a report of the evidence and hearing, including transcripts and other evidence, together with recommendations to the board of mayor and aldermen for action thereon.

(c) At any hearing held pursuant to this chapter, testimony taken must be under oath and recorded. The transcript, so recorded, will be made available to any member of the public or any party to the hearing upon payment of reproduction costs.

(d) After the board of mayor and aldermen or the appointed persons have reviewed the evidence, it/they may issue an order to the user responsible for the discharge directing that, following a specified time period, the sewer service be discontinued unless adequate treatment facilities, devices or other related appurtenances shall have been installed on existing treatment facilities, and that these devices or other related appurtenances are properly operated. Further orders and directives as are necessary and appropriate may be issued.

(4) Legal action. If any person discharges sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes into the city's wastewater disposal system contrary to the provisions of this chapter, federal or state pretreatment requirements, or any order of the city, the city attorney may commence an action for appropriate legal and/or equitable relief in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(5) Emergency termination of service. The public works director may suspend the wastewater treatment service and/or a wastewater contribution permit when such suspension is necessary, in the opinion of the city, in order to stop an actual or threatened discharge which presents or may present an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of persons, to the environment, causes Interference to the POTW or causes the city to violate any condition of its NPDES Permit.

Any person notified of a suspension of the wastewater treatment service and/or the wastewater contribution permit shall immediately stop or eliminate the contribution. In the event of a failure of the person to comply voluntarily with the suspension order, the city shall take such steps as deemed necessary including immediate severance of the sewer connection, to prevent or minimize damage to the POTW system or endangerment to any individuals. The city

shall reinstate the wastewater contribution permit and/or the wastewater treatment service upon proof of the elimination of the non-complying discharge. A detailed written statement submitted by the user describing the causes of the harmful contribution and the measures taken to prevent any future occurrence shall be submitted to the city within fifteen (15) days of the date of occurrence.

(6) Public nuisance. Discharges or wastewater in any manner in violation of this chapter or of any order issued by the board of mayor and aldermen as authorized by this chapter is hereby declared a public nuisance and shall be corrected or abated as directed by the board of mayor and aldermen. Any person creating a public nuisance shall be subject to the provisions of the city code or ordinances governing such nuisance.

(7) Correction of violation and collection of costs. In order to enforce the provisions of this chapter, the public works director shall correct any violation hereof. The cost of such correction shall be added to any sewer service charge payable by the person violating this chapter or the owner or tenant of the property upon which the violation occurs, and the city shall have such remedies for the collection of such costs as it has for the collection of sewer service charges.

(8) Damage to facilities. When a discharge of wastes causes an obstruction, damage, or any other physical or operational impairment to facilities, the public works director shall assess a charge against the user for the work required to clean or repair the facility and add such charge to the user's sewer service charge.

(9) Civil liabilities. Any person or user who intentionally or negligently violates any provision of this chapter, requirements, or conditions set forth in permit duly issued, or who discharges wastewater which causes pollution or violates any cease and desist order, prohibition, effluent limitation, national standard or performance, pretreatment, or toxicity standard, shall be liable civilly.

The city shall sue for such damage in any court of competent jurisdiction. (1988 Code, § 8-309)

18-210. Penalty; costs. Civil penalties. Any user who is found to have violated an order of the board of mayor and aldermen or the public works director, or who willfully or negligently failed to comply with any provision of this chapter, and the order, rules, regulations and permits issued hereunder, shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. Each day of which a violation shall occur or continue shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense. In addition to the penalties provided herein, the city may recover reasonable attorney's fees, engineering fees, court costs, court reporters' fees and other expenses of litigation by appropriate suit at law against the person found to have violated this chapter or the person found to have violated this chapter or the orders, rules, regulations, and permits issued hereunder. (1988 Code, § 8-310)

18-211. Fees and billing. (1) Purpose. It is the purpose of this chapter to provide for the equitable recovery of costs from user's of the city's wastewater treatment system including costs of operation, maintenance, administration, bond service costs, capital improvements, depreciation, and equitable cost recovery of EPA administered federal wastewater grants.

(2) Types of charges and fees. The charges and fees as established in the city's schedule of charges and fees may include but are not limited to:

- (a) Inspection fee and tapping fee;
- (b) Fees for applications for discharge;
- (c) Sewer use charges;
- (d) Surcharge fees;
- (e) Industrial wastewater discharge permit fees;
- (f) Fees for industrial discharge monitoring; and
- (g) Other fees as the city may deem necessary.

(3) Fees for application for discharge. A fee may be charged when a user or prospective user makes application for discharge as required by § 18-206 of this chapter.

(4) Inspection fee and tapping fee. An inspection fee and tapping fee for a building sewer installation shall be paid to the city's sewer department at the time the application is filed.

(5) Sewer user charges.¹ The board of mayor and aldermen shall establish monthly rates and charges for the use of the wastewater system and for the services supplied by the wastewater system.

(6) Industrial wastewater discharge permit fees. A fee may be charged for the issuance of an industrial wastewater discharge fee in accordance with § 18-206 of this chapter.

(7) Fees for industrial discharge monitoring. Fees may be collected from industrial user's having pretreatment or other discharge requirements to compensate the city for the necessary compliance monitoring and other administrative duties of the pretreatment program. (1988 Code, § 8-311)

18-212. Grease trap maintenance. (1) In general. (a) Pumping. All guest interceptors shall be maintained by the user at the user's expense. Maintenance shall include the complete removal of all contents, including floating materials, wastewater, and bottom sludge and solids. Decanting or discharging of removed waste back into the interceptor from which the waste was removed or any other grease interceptor, for the purpose of reducing the volume to be disposed, is prohibited.

(b) Pumping frequency. Grease interceptors must be pumped out completely a minimum of once every month, or more frequently as

¹Such rates are reflected in administrative ordinances or resolutions, which are of record in the office of the city recorder.

needed to prevent carry over of grease into the sanitary sewer collection system, unless it can be demonstrated to the city that the pumping frequency can be extended past the one (1) month period.

(c) Disposal of grease interceptor pumpage. All waste removed from each grease interceptor must be disposed of at a facility permitted to receive such waste in accordance with the provisions of the sewer use ordinance. In no way shall the pumpage be returned to any private or public portion of the sanitary sewer collection system or the sewage treatment plants, without prior written approval from the city.

(d) Additives. Any additive(s) placed into the grease interceptor or building discharge line system on a constant, regular or scheduled basis shall be reported to the city. Such additives shall include, but not be limited to, enzymes, commercially available bacteria or other additives designed to absorb, purge, consume, treat, or otherwise eliminate grease and oils. The use of additives shall in no way be considered as a substitution to the maintenance procedures required herein.

(5) Copies of grease interceptor service receipt shall be submitted to the city each month. The pumping receipt shall indicate the condition of the grease interceptor upon pumping.

(2) Enforcement procedures and penalties. (a) Violations. Any user found to have violated or to be violating any provision limitation or requirement of this section shall be served with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit not to exceed thirty (30) days, for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all such violations.

(b) Penalties. Any user who is found to have violated an order of the city or who willfully or negligently failed to comply with any provision of this section, and the order, rules, regulations and permits issued hereunder, is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than two dollars (\$2.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. Each day in which a violation shall occur or continue shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense. In addition to the penalties provided herein, the city may recover reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, court reporter's fees and other expenses of litigation by appropriate suit at law against the person found to have violated this section or the orders, rules, regulations, and permits issued hereunder.

The city shall have the authority to discontinue services to those users that persistently violate any requirements of this section.

(c) Falsifying information. Any person who knowingly makes any false statements, representation or certification in any application, record, report, plan or other document filed or required to be maintained pursuant to this section, or wastewater discharge permit, or who falsifies,

tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required under this section, shall, upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or by both.

(d) Expenses incurred. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall become liable to the city for any expense, loss, or damage incurred by the city by reason of such violation.

(e) Protection from damage. No unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, or equipment which is a part of the sewage works. All violators will be subject to civil and criminal prosecution. (as added by Ord. #2009-08, Dec. 2008)

CHAPTER 3

CROSS CONNECTIONS, AUXILIARY INTAKES, ETC.¹

SECTION

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18-301. Definitions. The following definitions and terms shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter:

(1) Public water supply. The waterworks system furnishing water to the city for general use and which supply is recognized as the public water supply by the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment.

(2) Cross connection. Any physical arrangement whereby a public water supply is connected, directly or indirectly, with any other water supply system, sewer, drain, conduit, pool, storage reservoir, plumbing fixture, or other device which contains, or may contain, contaminated water, sewage, or other waste or liquid of unknown or unsafe quality which may be capable of imparting contamination to the public water supply as a result of backflow. By-pass arrangements, jumper connections, removable sections, swivel or changeover devices through which, or because of which, backflow could occur are considered to be cross-connections.

(3) Auxiliary intake. Any piping connection or other device whereby water may be secured from a source other than that normally used.

(4) Bypass. Any system of piping or other arrangement whereby the water may be diverted around any part or portion of a water purification plant.

(5) Interconnection. Any system of piping or other arrangement whereby the public water supply is connected directly with a sewer, drain, conduit, pool,

¹Municipal code references

Plumbing code: title 12.

Water and sewer system administration: title 18.

Wastewater treatment: title 18.

storage reservoir, or other device which does or may contain sewage or other waste or liquid which would be capable of imparting contamination to the public water supply.

(6) Person. Any and all persons, natural or artificial, including any individual, firm, or association, and any municipal or private corporation organized or existing under the laws of this or any other state or country. (1988 Code, § 8-401)

18-302. Standards. The municipal public water supply is to comply with Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 68-13-701 through 68-13-719 as well as the Rules and Regulations for Public Water Supplies, legally adopted in accordance with this code, which pertain to cross connections, auxiliary intakes, bypasses, and interconnections, and establish an effective ongoing program to control these undesirable water uses. (1988 Code, § 8-402)

18-303. Construction, operation, and supervision. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause a cross connection to be made, or allow one to exist for any purpose whatsoever, unless the construction and operation of same have been approved by the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment and the operation of such cross connection, auxiliary intake, bypass or interconnection is at all times under the direct supervision of the public works director or his representative. (1988 Code, § 8-403)

18-304. Statement required. Any person whose premises are supplied with water from the public water supply and who also has on the same premises a separate source of water supply, or stores water in an uncovered or unsanitary storage reservoir from which the water stored therein is circulated through a piping system, shall file with the public works director a statement of the non-existence of unapproved or unauthorized cross connections, auxiliary intakes, bypasses, or interconnections. Such statement shall also contain an agreement that no cross connection, auxiliary intake, bypass, or interconnection will be permitted upon the premises. (1988 Code, § 8-404)

18-305. Inspections required. It shall be the duty of the public works director to cause inspections to be made of all properties served by the public water supply where cross connections with the public water supply are deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and reinspection, based on potential health hazards involved, shall be established by the public works director and as approved by the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment. (1988 Code, § 8-405)

18-306. Right of entry for inspections. The public works director or his authorized representative shall have the right to enter, at any reasonable time, any property served by a connection to the public water supply for the

purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems therein for cross connections, auxiliary intakes, bypasses, or interconnections. On request, the owner, lessee, or occupant of any property so served shall furnish to the inspection agency any pertinent information regarding the piping system or systems on such property. The refusal of such information or refusal of access, when requested, shall be deemed evidence of the presence of cross connections. (1988 Code, § 8-406)

18-307. Correction of existing violations. Any person who now has cross connections, auxiliary intakes, bypasses, or interconnections in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be allowed a reasonable time within which to comply with the provisions of this chapter. After a thorough investigation of existing conditions and an appraisal of the time required to complete the work, the amount of time shall be designated by the public works director.

The failure to correct conditions threatening the safety of the public water system as prohibited by this chapter and Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-13-711, within a reasonable time and within the time limits set by the public works director shall be grounds for denial of water service. If proper protection has not been provided after a reasonable time, the public works director shall give the customer legal notification that water service is to be discontinued and shall physically separate the public water supply from the customer's on-site piping system in such a manner that the two systems cannot again be connected by an unauthorized person.

Where cross connections, interconnections, auxiliary intakes, or bypasses are found that constitute an extreme hazard of immediate concern of contaminating the public water system, the management of the water supply shall require that immediate corrective action be taken to eliminate the threat to the public water system. Immediate steps shall be taken to disconnect the public water supply from the on-site piping system unless the imminent hazard(s) is (are) corrected immediately. (1988 Code, § 8-407)

18-308. Use of protective devices. (1) Where the nature of use of the water supplied a premises by the water department is such that it is deemed

- (a) Impractical to provide an effective air-gap separation,
- (b) That the owner and/or occupant of the premises cannot, or is not willing, to demonstrate to the public works director, or his designated representative, that the water use and protective features of the plumbing are such as to propose no threat to the safety or potability of the water supply,
- (c) That the nature and mode of operation within a premises are such that frequent alterations are made to the plumbing,
- (d) There is a likelihood that protective measures may be subverted, altered, or disconnected, the public works director or his designated representative, shall require the use of an approved protective

device on the service line serving the premises to assure that any contamination that may originate in the customer's premises is contained therein. The protective device shall be a reduced pressure zone type backflow preventer approved by the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment as to manufacture, model, and size. The method of installation of backflow protective devices shall be approved by the public works director prior to installation and shall comply with the criteria set forth by the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment. The installation shall be at the expense of the owner or occupant of the premises.

(2) Personnel of the municipal public water supply shall have the right to inspect and test the device or devices on an annual basis or whenever deemed necessary by the public works director or his designated representative. Water service shall not be disrupted to test the device without the knowledge of the occupant of the premises.

(3) Where the use of water is critical to the continuance of normal operations or protection of life, property, or equipment, duplicate units shall be provided to avoid the necessity of discontinuing water service to test or repair the protective device or devices. Where it is found that only one unit has been installed and the continuance of service is critical, the public works director shall notify, in writing, the occupant of the premises of plans to discontinue water service and arrange for a mutually acceptable time to test and/or repair the device. The public works director shall require the occupant of the premises to make all repairs indicated promptly, to keep the unit(s) working properly, and the expense of such repairs shall be borne by the owner or occupant of the premises. Repairs shall be made by qualified personnel acceptable to the public works director.

(4) The failure to maintain backflow prevention devices in proper working order shall be grounds for discontinuing water service to a premises. Likewise, the removal, bypassing, or altering of the protective devices or the installation thereof so as to render the devices ineffective shall constitute grounds for discontinuance of water service. Water service to such premises shall not be restored until the customer has corrected or eliminated such conditions or defects to the satisfaction of the public works director. (1988 Code, § 8-408)

18-309. Unpotable water to be labeled. In order that the potable water supply made available to premises served by the public water supply shall be protected from possible contamination as specified herein, any water outlet which could be used for potable or domestic purposes and which is not supplied by the potable system must be labeled in a conspicuous manner as:

WATER UNSAFE
FOR DRINKING

The minimum acceptable sign shall have black letters at least one (1) inch high located on a red background. (1988 Code, § 8-409)

18-310. Violations. The requirements contained herein shall apply to all premises served by the city water system whether located inside or outside the corporate limits and are hereby made a part of the conditions required to be met for the city to provide water services to any premises. Such action, being essential for the protection of the water distribution system against the entrance of contamination which may render the water unsafe healthwise, or otherwise undesirable, shall be enforced rigidly without regard to location of the premises, whether inside or outside the corporate limits.

Any person who neglects or refuses to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction therefor, shall be fined under the general penalty clause for this municipal code of ordinances. (1988 Code, § 8-410)

TITLE 19

ELECTRICITY AND GAS

CHAPTER

1. ELECTRICITY.
2. GAS.

CHAPTER 1

ELECTRICITY¹

SECTION

19-101. To be furnished by Weakley County Municipal Electric System.

19-101. To be furnished by Weakley County Municipal Electric System. Electricity shall be provided to the city and its inhabitants by the Weakly County Municipal Electric System.² The rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the city and its inhabitants, are stated in the agreements between the parties. (1988 Code, § 13-201)

¹Municipal code reference
Electrical code: title 12.

²The agreements are of record in the office of the city recorder.

CHAPTER 2

GAS¹

SECTION

19-201. To be furnished by the West Tennessee Public Utility.

19-201. To be furnished by the West Tennessee Public Utility. Gas shall be provided to the city and its inhabitants by the West Tennessee Public Utility District. The rights, powers, duties and obligations of the city and its inhabitants are stated in the agreements between the parties.² (1988 Code, § 13-301)

¹Municipal code reference
Gas code: title 12.

²The agreements are of record in the office of the city recorder.

TITLE 20

MISCELLANEOUS

CHAPTER

1. VOTING FOR NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS.

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VOTING FOR NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS

SECTION

20-101. Voting for non-resident property owners.

20-101. Voting for non-resident property owners. All persons residing outside the corporate limits of the City of Dresden who own real property within the Corporate Limits of the City of Dresden and who are entitled to vote in the City of Dresden municipal elections pursuant to the city charter, and other general law requirements, shall cast their ballot in the City of Dresden municipal elections by absentee by-mail ballots. (as added by Ord. #2021-01, Aug. 2020 ***Ch2_03-07-22***)

PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY
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I. PURPOSE AND COVERAGE.

The purpose of this plan is to provide guidelines and procedures for implementing the Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan for the employees of City of Dresden

This plan is applicable to all employees, part-time or full-time, seasonal or permanent.

The City of Dresden in electing to update and maintain an effective Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan for its employees,

- a. Provide a safe and healthful place and condition of employment.
- b. Require the use of safety equipment, personal protective equipment, and other devices where reasonably necessary to protect employees.

- c. Make, keep, preserve, and make available to the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, his designated representatives, or persons within the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to whom such responsibilities have been delegated, including the Safety Director of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, adequate records of all occupational accidents and illnesses and personal injuries for proper evaluation and necessary corrective action as required.
- d. Consult with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development or his designated representative with regard to the adequacy of the form and content of such records.
- e. Consult with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development regarding safety and health problems which are considered to be unusual or peculiar and are such that they cannot be resolved under an occupational safety and health standard promulgated by the State.
- f. Assist the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development or his monitoring activities to determine Program Plan effectiveness and compliance with the occupational safety and health standards.
- g. Make a report to the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development annually, or as may otherwise be required, including information on occupational accidents, injuries, and illnesses and accomplishments and progress made toward achieving the goals of the Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan.
- h. Provide reasonable opportunity for and encourage the participation of employees in the effectuation of the objectives of this Program Plan, including the opportunity to make anonymous complaints concerning conditions or practices which may be injurious to employees' safety and health.

II. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this Program Plan, the following definitions apply:

- a. COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT means the chief executive officer of the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. This includes any person appointed, designated, or deputized to perform the duties or to exercise the powers assigned to the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development.
- b. EMPLOYER means the City of Dresden and includes each administrative department, board, commission, division, or other agency of the City of Dresden.

- c. SAFETY DIRECTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH or SAFETY DIRECTOR means the person designated by the establishing ordinance, or executive order to perform duties or to exercise powers assigned so as to plan, develop, and administer the Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan for the employees of City of Dresden.
- d. INSPECTOR(S) means the individual(s) appointed or designated by the Safety Director of Occupational Safety and Health to conduct inspections provided for herein. If no such compliance inspector(s) is appointed, inspections shall be conducted by the Safety Director of Occupational Safety and Health.
- e. APPOINTING AUTHORITY means any official or group of officials of the employer having legally designated powers of appointment, employment, or removal there from for a specific department, board, commission, division, or other agency of this employer.
- f. EMPLOYEE means any person performing services for this employer and listed on the payroll of this employer, either as part-time, full-time, seasonal, or permanent. It also includes any persons normally classified as "volunteers" provided such persons received remuneration of any kind for their services. This definition shall not include independent contractors, their agents, servants, and employees.
- g. PERSON means one or more individuals, partnerships, associations, corporations, business trusts, or legal representatives of any organized group of persons.
- h. STANDARD means an occupational safety and health standard promulgated by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development in accordance with Section VI (6) of the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1972 which requires conditions or the adoption or the use of one or more practices, means, methods, operations, or processes or the use of equipment or personal protective equipment necessary or appropriate to provide safe and healthful conditions and places of employment.
- i. IMMINENT DANGER means any conditions or practices in any place of employment which are such that a hazard exists which could reasonably be expected to cause death or serious physical harm immediately or before the imminence of such hazard can be eliminated through normal compliance enforcement procedures.
- j. ESTABLISHMENT or WORKSITE means a single physical location under the control of this employer where business is conducted, services are rendered, or industrial type operations are performed.
- k. SERIOUS INJURY or HARM means that type of harm that would cause permanent or prolonged impairment of the body in that:

1. A part of the body would be permanently removed (e.g., amputation of an arm, leg, finger(s); loss of an eye) or rendered functionally useless or substantially reduced in efficiency on or off the job (e.g., leg shattered so severely that mobility would be permanently reduced), or
2. A part of an internal body system would be inhibited in its normal performance or function to such a degree as to shorten life or cause reduction in physical or mental efficiency (e.g., lung impairment causing shortness of breath).

On the other hand, simple fractures, cuts, bruises, concussions, or similar injuries would not fit either of these categories and would not constitute serious physical harm.

- l. ACT or TOSH Act shall mean the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1972.
- m. GOVERNING BODY means the County Quarterly Court, Board of Aldermen, Board of Commissioners, City or Town Council, Board of Governors, etc., whichever may be applicable to the local government, government agency, or utility to which this plan applies.
- n. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER means the chief administrative official, County Judge, County Chairman, County Mayor, Mayor, City Manager, General Manager, etc., as may be applicable.

III. EMPLOYERS RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

Rights and duties of the employer shall include, but are not limited to, the following provisions:

- a. Employer shall furnish to each employee conditions of employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious injury or harm to employees.
- b. Employer shall comply with occupational safety and health standards and regulations promulgated pursuant to Section VI (6) of the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1972.
- c. Employer shall refrain from and unreasonable restraint on the right of the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development to inspect the employers place(s) of business. Employer shall assist the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development in the performance of their monitoring duties by supplying or by making available information, personnel, or aids reasonably necessary to the effective conduct of the monitoring activity.

- d. Employer is entitled to participate in the development of standards by submission of comments on proposed standards, participation in hearing on proposed standards, or by requesting the development of standards on a given issue under Section 6 of the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1972.
- e. Employer is entitled to request an order granting a variance from an occupational safety and health standard.
- f. Employer is entitled to protection of its legally privileged communication.
- g. Employer shall inspect all worksites to insure the provisions of this Program Plan are complied with and carried out.
- h. Employer shall notify and inform any employee who has been or is being exposed in a biologically significant manner to harmful agents or material in excess of the applicable standard and of corrective action being taken.
- i. Employer shall notify all employees of their rights and duties under this Program Plan.

IV. EMPLOYEES RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

Rights and duties of employees shall include, but are not limited to, the following provisions:

- a. Each employee shall comply with occupational safety and health act standards and all rules, regulations, and orders issued pursuant to this Program Plan and the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1972 which are applicable to his or her own actions and conduct.
- b. Each employee shall be notified by the placing of a notice upon bulletin boards, or other places of common passage, of any application for a permanent or temporary order granting the employer a variance from any provision of the TOSH Act or any standard or regulation promulgated under the Act.
- c. Each employee shall be given the opportunity to participate in any hearing which concerns an application by the employer for a variance from a standard or regulation promulgated under the Act.
- d. Any employee who may be adversely affected by a standard or variance issued pursuant to the Act or this Program Plan may file a petition with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development or whoever is responsible for the promulgation of the standard or the granting of the variance.
- e. Any employee who has been exposed or is being exposed to toxic materials or harmful physical agents in concentrations or at levels in excess of that provided for by any applicable standard shall be

- provided by the employer with information on any significant hazards to which they are or have been exposed, relevant symptoms, and proper conditions for safe use or exposure. Employees shall also be informed of corrective action being taken.
- f. Subject to regulations issued pursuant to this Program Plan, any employee or authorized representative of employees shall be given the right to request an inspection and to consult with the Safety Director or Inspector at the time of the physical inspection of the worksite.
 - g. Any employee may bring to the attention of the Safety Director any violation or suspected violations of the standards or any other health or safety hazards.
 - h. No employee shall be discharged or discriminated against because such employee has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding or inspection under or relating to this Program Plan.
 - i. Any employee who believes that he or she has been discriminated against or discharged in violation of subsection (h) of this section may file a complaint alleging such discrimination with the Safety Director. Such employee may also, within thirty (30) days after such violation occurs, file a complaint with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development alleging such discrimination.
 - j. Nothing in this or any other provisions of this Program Plan shall be deemed to authorize or require any employee to undergo medical examination, immunization, or treatment for those who object thereto on religious grounds, except where such is necessary for the protection of the health or safety or others or when a medical examination may be reasonably required for performance of a specific job.
 - k. Employees shall report any accident, injury, or illness resulting from their job, however minor it may seem to be, to their supervisor or the Safety Director within twenty-four (24) hours after the occurrence.

V. ADMINISTRATION.

- a. The Safety Director of Occupational Safety and Health is designated to perform duties or to exercise powers assigned so as to administer this Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan.
 - 1. The Safety Director may designate person or persons as he deems necessary to carry out his powers, duties, and responsibilities under this Program Plan.

2. The Safety Director may delegate the power to make inspections, provided procedures employed are as effective as those employed by the Safety Director.
 3. The Safety Director shall employ measures to coordinate, to the extent possible, activities of all departments to promote efficiency and to minimize any inconveniences under this Program Plan.
 4. The Safety Director may request qualified technical personnel from any department or section of government to assist him in making compliance inspections, accident investigations, or as he may otherwise deem necessary and appropriate in order to carry out his duties under this Program Plan.
 5. The Safety Director shall prepare the report to the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development required by subsection (g) of Section 1 of this plan.
 6. The Safety Director shall make or cause to be made periodic and follow-up inspections of all facilities and worksites where employees of this employer are employed. He shall make recommendations to correct any hazards or exposures observed. He shall make or cause to be made any inspections required by complaints submitted by employees or inspections requested by employees.
 7. The Safety Director shall assist any officials of the employer in the investigation of occupational accidents or illnesses.
 8. The Safety Director shall maintain or cause to be maintained records required under Section VIII of this plan.
 9. **The Safety Director shall, in the eventuality that there is a fatality or an accident resulting in the hospitalization of three or more employees insure that the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development receives notification of the occurrence within eight (8) hours. All work-related inpatient hospitalizations, amputations, and losses of an eye must be reported to TOSHA within twenty-four (24) hours.**
- b. The administrative or operational head of each department, division, board, or other agency of this employer shall be responsible for the implementation of this Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan within their respective areas.
1. The administrative or operational head shall follow the directions of the Safety Director on all issues involving

occupational safety and health of employees as set forth in this plan.

2. The administrative or operational head shall comply with all abatement orders issued in accordance with the provisions of this plan or request a review of the order with the Safety Director within the abatement period.
3. The administrative or operational head should make periodic safety surveys of the establishment under his jurisdiction to become aware of hazards or standards violations that may exist and make an attempt to immediately correct such hazards or violations.
4. The administrative or operational head shall investigate all occupational accidents, injuries, or illnesses reported to him. He shall report such accidents, injuries, or illnesses to the Safety Director along with his findings and/or recommendations in accordance with APPENDIX IV of this plan.

VI. STANDARDS AUTHORIZED.

The standards adopted under this Program Plan are the applicable standards developed and promulgated under Section VI (6) of the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1972. Additional standards may be promulgated by the governing body of this employer as that body may deem necessary for the safety and health of employees. Note: 29 CFR 1910 General Industry Regulations; 29 CFR 1926 Construction Industry Regulations; and the Rules of Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Occupational Safety and Health, CHAPTER 0800-01-1 through CHAPTER 0800-01-11 are the standards and rules invoked.

VII. VARIANCE PROCEDURE.

The Safety Director may apply for a variance as a result of a complaint from an employee or of his knowledge of certain hazards or exposures. The Safety Director should definitely believe that a variance is needed before the application for a variance is submitted to the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development.

The procedure for applying for a variance to the adopted safety and health standards is as follows:

- a. The application for a variance shall be prepared in writing and shall contain:

1. A specification of the standard or portion thereof from which the variance is sought.
 2. A detailed statement of the reason(s) why the employer is unable to comply with the standard supported by representations by qualified personnel having first-hand knowledge of the facts represented.
 3. A statement of the steps employer has taken and will take (with specific date) to protect employees against the hazard covered by the standard.
 4. A statement of when the employer expects to comply and what steps have or will be taken (with dates specified) to come into compliance with the standard.
 5. A certification that the employer has informed employees, their authorized representative(s), and/or interested parties by giving them a copy of the request, posting a statement summarizing the application (to include the location of a copy available for examination) at the places where employee notices are normally posted and by other appropriate means. The certification shall contain a description of the means actually used to inform employees and that employees have been informed of their right to petition the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development for a hearing.
- b. The application for a variance should be sent to the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development by registered or certified mail.
- c. The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development will review the application for a variance and may deny the request or issue an order granting the variance. An order granting a variance shall be issued only if it has been established that:
1. The employer
 - i. Is unable to comply with the standard by the effective date because of unavailability of professional or technical personnel or materials and equipment required or necessary construction or alteration of facilities or technology.
 - ii. Has taken all available steps to safeguard employees against the hazard(s) covered by the standard.
 - iii. Has as effective Program Plan for coming into compliance with the standard as quickly as possible.
 2. The employee is engaged in an experimental Program Plan as described in subsection (b), section 13 of the Act.

- d. A variance may be granted for a period of no longer than is required to achieve compliance or one (1) year, whichever is shorter.
- e. Upon receipt of an application for an order granting a variance, the Commissioner to whom such application is addressed may issue an interim order granting such a variance for the purpose of permitting time for an orderly consideration of such application. No such interim order may be effective for longer than one hundred eighty (180) days.
- f. The order or interim order granting a variance shall be posted at the worksite and employees notified of such order by the same means used to inform them of the application for said variance (see subsection (a)(5) of this section).

VIII. RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING.

Recording and reporting of all occupational accident, injuries, and illnesses shall be in accordance with instructions and on forms prescribed in the booklet. You can get a copy of the Forms for Recordkeeping from the internet. Go to www.osha.gov and click on Recordkeeping Forms located on the home page.

The position responsible for recordkeeping is shown on the SAFETY AND HEALTH ORGANIZATIONAL CHART, Appendix IV to this plan.

Details of how reports of occupational accidents, injuries, and illnesses will reach the recordkeeper are specified by ACCIDENT REPORTING PROCEDURES, Appendix IV to this plan. The Rule of Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Occupational Safety and Health, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH RECORD-KEEPING AND REPORTING, CHAPTER 0800-01-03, as authorized by T.C.A., Title 50.

IX. EMPLOYEE COMPLAINT PROCEDURE.

If any employee feels that he is assigned to work in conditions which might affect his health, safety, or general welfare at the present time or at any time in the future, he should report the condition to the Safety Director of Occupational Safety and Health.

- a. The complaint should be in the form of a letter and give details on the condition(s) and how the employee believes it affects or will affect his health, safety, or general welfare. The employee should

- sign the letter but need not do so if he wishes to remain anonymous (see subsection (h) of Section 1 of this plan).
- b. Upon receipt of the complaint letter, the Safety Director will evaluate the condition(s) and institute any corrective action, if warranted. Within ten (10) working days following the receipt of the complaint, the Safety Director will answer the complaint in writing stating whether or not the complaint is deemed to be valid and if no, why not, what action has been or will be taken to correct or abate the condition(s), and giving a designated time period for correction or abatement. Answers to anonymous complaints will be posted upon bulletin boards or other places of common passage where the anonymous complaint may be reasonably expected to be seen by the complainant for a period of three (3) working days.
 - c. If the complainant finds the reply not satisfactory because it was held to be invalid, the corrective action is felt to be insufficient, or the time period for correction is felt to be too long, he may forward a letter to the Chief Executive Officer or to the governing body explaining the condition(s) cited in his original complaint and why he believes the answer to be inappropriate or insufficient.
 - d. The Chief Executive Officer or a representative of the governing body will evaluate the complaint and will begin to take action to correct or abate the condition(s) through arbitration or administrative sanctions or may find the complaint to be invalid. An answer will be sent to the complainant within ten (10) working days following receipt of the complaint or the next regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body following receipt of the complaint explaining decisions made and action taken or to be taken.
 - e. After the above steps have been followed and the complainant is still not satisfied with the results, he may then file a complaint with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development. Any complaint filed with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development in such cases shall include copies of all related correspondence with the Safety Director and the Chief Executive Officer or the representative of the governing body.
 - f. Copies of all complaint and answers thereto will be filed by the Safety Director who shall make them available to the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development or his designated representative upon request.

X. EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

- a. Safety Director and/or Compliance Inspector(s):

1. Arrangements will be made for the Safety Director and/or Compliance Inspector(s) to attend training seminars, workshops, etc., conducted by the State of Tennessee or other agencies. A list of Seminars can be obtained.
2. Access will be made to reference materials such as 29 CFR 1910 General Industry Regulations; 29 CFR 1926 Construction Industry Regulations; The Rules of Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Occupational Safety and Health, and other equipment/supplies, deemed necessary for use in conducting compliance inspections, conducting local training, wiring technical reports, and informing officials, supervisors, and employees of the existence of safety and health hazards will be furnished.

b. All Employees (including supervisory personnel):

A suitable safety and health training program for employees will be established. This program will, as a minimum:

1. Instruct each employee in the recognition and avoidance of hazards or unsafe conditions and of standards and regulations applicable to the employees work environment to control or eliminate any hazards, unsafe conditions, or other exposures to occupational illness or injury.
2. Instruct employees who are required to handle or use poisons, acids, caustics, toxicants, flammable liquids, or gases including explosives, and other harmful substances in the proper handling procedures and use of such items and make them aware of the personal protective measures, person hygiene, etc., which may be required.
3. Instruct employees who may be exposed to environments where harmful plants or animals are present, of the hazards of the environment, how to best avoid injury or exposure, and the first aid procedures to be followed in the event of injury or exposure.
4. Instruct all employees of the common deadly hazards and how to avoid them, such as Falls; Equipment Turnover; Electrocution; Struck by/Caught In; Trench Cave In; Heat Stress and Drowning.
5. Instruct employees on hazards and dangers of confined or enclosed spaces.

- i. Confined or enclosed space means space having a limited means of egress and which is subject to the accumulation of toxic or flammable contaminants or has an oxygen deficient atmosphere. Confined or enclosed spaces include, but are not limited to, storage tanks, boilers, ventilation or exhaust ducts, sewers, underground utility accesses, tunnels, pipelines, and open top spaces more than four feet (4) in depth such as pits, tubs, vaults, and vessels.
- ii. Employees will be given general instruction on hazards involved, precautions to be taken, and on use of personal protective and emergency equipment required. They shall also be instructed on all specific standards or regulations that apply to work in dangerous or potentially dangerous areas.
- iii. The immediate supervisor of any employee who must perform work in a confined or enclosed space shall be responsible for instructing employees on danger of hazards which may be present, precautions to be taken, and use of personal protective and emergency equipment, immediately prior to their entry into such an area and shall require use of appropriate personal protective equipment

XI. GENERAL INSPECTION PROCEDURES.

It is the intention of the governing body and responsible officials to have an Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan that will insure the welfare of employees. In order to be aware of hazards, periodic inspections must be performed. These inspections will enable the finding of hazards or unsafe conditions or operations that will need correction in order to maintain safe and healthful worksites. Inspections made on a pre-designated basis may not yield the desired results. Inspections will be conducted, therefore, on a random basis at intervals not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days.

- a. In order to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, the Safety Director and/or Compliance Inspector(s), if appointed, is authorized:
 - 1. To enter at any reasonable time, any establishment, facility, or worksite where work is being performed by an employee when such establishment, facility, or worksite is under the jurisdiction of the employer and;
 - 2. To inspect and investigate during regular working hours and at other reasonable times, within reasonable limits, and

in a reasonable manner, any such place of employment and all pertinent conditions, processes, structures, machines, apparatus, devices, equipment, and materials therein, and to question privately any supervisor, operator, agent, or employee working therein.

- b. If an imminent danger situation is found, alleged, or otherwise brought to the attention of the Safety Director or Inspector during a routine inspection, he shall immediately inspect the imminent danger situation in accordance with Section XII of this plan before inspecting the remaining portions of the establishment, facility, or worksite.
- c. An administrative representative of the employer and a representative authorized by the employees shall be given an opportunity to consult with and/or to accompany the Safety Director or Inspector during the physical inspection of any worksite for the purpose of aiding such inspection.
- d. The right of accompaniment may be denied any person whose conduct interferes with a full and orderly inspection.
- e. The conduct of the inspection shall be such as to preclude unreasonable disruptions of the operation(s) of the workplace.
- f. Interviews of employees during the course of the inspection may be made when such interviews are considered essential to investigative techniques.
- g. Advance Notice of Inspections.
 - 1. Generally, advance notice of inspections will not be given as this precludes the opportunity to make minor or temporary adjustments in an attempt to create misleading impression of conditions in an establishment.
 - 2. There may be occasions when advance notice of inspections will be necessary in order to conduct an effective inspection or investigation. When advance notice of inspection is given, employees or their authorized representative(s) will also be given notice of the inspection.
- h. The Safety Director need not personally make an inspection of each and every worksite once every thirty (30) days. He may delegate the responsibility for such inspections to supervisors or other personnel provided:
 - 1. Inspections conducted by supervisors or other personnel are at least as effective as those made by the Safety Director.
 - 2. Records are made of the inspections, any discrepancies found and corrective actions taken. This information is forwarded to the Safety Director.
- i. The Safety Director shall maintain records of inspections to include identification of worksite inspected, date of inspection,

description of violations of standards or other unsafe conditions or practices found, and corrective action taken toward abatement. Those inspection records shall be subject to review by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development or his authorized representative.

XII. IMMINENT DANGER PROCEDURES.

- a. Any discovery, any allegation, or any report of imminent danger shall be handled in accordance with the following procedures:
 1. The Safety Director shall immediately be informed of the alleged imminent danger situation and he shall immediately ascertain whether there is a reasonable basis for the allegation.
 2. If the alleged imminent danger situation is determined to have merit by the Safety Director, he shall make or cause to be made an immediate inspection of the alleged imminent danger location.
 3. As soon as it is concluded from such inspection that conditions or practices exist which constitutes an imminent danger, the Safety Director or Compliance Inspector shall attempt to have the danger corrected. All employees at the location shall be informed of the danger and the supervisor or person in charge of the worksite shall be requested to remove employees from the area, if deemed necessary.
 4. The administrative or operational head of the workplace in which the imminent danger exists, or his authorized representative, shall be responsible for determining the manner in which the imminent danger situation will be abated. This shall be done in cooperation with the Safety Director or Compliance Inspector and to the mutual satisfaction of all parties involved.
 5. The imminent danger shall be deemed abated if:
 - i. The imminence of the danger has been eliminated by removal of employees from the area of danger.
 - ii. Conditions or practices which resulted in the imminent danger have been eliminated or corrected to the point where an unsafe condition or practice no longer exists.
 6. A written report shall be made by or to the Safety Director describing in detail the imminent danger and its abatement.

This report will be maintained by the Safety Director in accordance with subsection (i) of Section XI of this plan.

- b. Refusal to Abate.
 - 1. Any refusal to abate an imminent danger situation shall be reported to the Safety Director and Chief Executive Officer immediately.
 - 2. The Safety Director and/or Chief Executive Officer shall take whatever action may be necessary to achieve abatement.

XIII. ABATEMENT ORDERS AND HEARINGS.

- a. Whenever, as a result of an inspection or investigation, the Safety Director or Compliance Inspector(s) finds that a worksite is not in compliance with the standards, rules or regulations pursuant to this plan and is unable to negotiate abatement with the administrative or operational head of the worksite within a reasonable period of time, the Safety Director shall:
 - 1. Issue an abatement order to the head of the worksite.
 - 2. Post or cause to be posted, a copy of the abatement order at or near each location referred to in the abatement order.
- b. Abatement orders shall contain the following information:
 - 1. The standard, rule, or regulation which was found to violated.
 - 2. A description of the nature and location of the violation.
 - 3. A description of what is required to abate or correct the violation.
 - 4. A reasonable period of time during which the violation must be abated or corrected.
- c. At any time within ten (10) days after receipt of an abatement order, anyone affected by the order may advise the Safety Director in writing of any objections to the terms and conditions of the order. Upon receipt of such objections, the Safety Director shall act promptly to hold a hearing with all interested and/or responsible parties in an effort to resolve any objections. Following such hearing, the Safety Director shall, within three (3) working days, issue an abatement order and such subsequent order shall be binding on all parties and shall be final.

XIV. PENALTIES.

- a. No civil or criminal penalties shall be issued against any official, employee, or any other person for failure to comply with safety and health standards or any rules or regulations issued pursuant to this Program Plan.
- b. Any employee, regardless of status, who willfully and/or repeatedly violates, or causes to be violated, any safety and health standard, rule, or regulation or any abatement order shall be subject to disciplinary action by the appointing authority. It shall be the duty of the appointing authority to administer discipline by taking action in one of the following ways as appropriate and warranted:
 - 1. Oral reprimand.
 - 2. Written reprimand.
 - 3. Suspension for three (3) or more working days.
 - 4. Termination of employment

XV. CONFIDENTIALITY OF PRIVILEGED INFORMATION.

All information obtained by or reported to the Safety Director pursuant to this plan of operation or the legislation (ordinance, or executive order) enabling this Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan which contains or might reveal information which is otherwise privileged shall be considered confidential. Such information may be disclosed to other officials or employees concerned with carrying out this Program Plan or when relevant in any proceeding under this Program Plan. Such information may also be disclosed to the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development or their authorized representatives in carrying out their duties under the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1972.

XVI. DISCRIMINATION INVESTIGATIONS AND SANCTIONS.

The Rule of Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Occupational Safety and Health, DISCRIMINATION AGAINST EMPLOYEES EXERCISING RIGHTS UNDER THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1972 0800-01-08, as authorized by T.C.A., Title 50. The agency agrees that any employee who believes they have been discriminated against or discharged in violation of Tenn. Code Ann § 50-3-409 can file a complaint with their agency/safety Safety Director within 30 days, after the alleged discrimination occurred. Also, the agency agrees the employee has a right to file their complaint with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development within the same

30 day period. The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development may investigate such complaints, make recommendations, and/or issue a written notification of a violation.

XVII. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS NOT EXCUSED.

- a. Compliance with any other law, statute, ordinance, or executive order, which regulates safety and health in employment and places of employment, shall not excuse the employer, the employee, or any other person from compliance with the provisions of this Program Plan.
- b. Compliance with any provisions of this Program Plan or any standard, rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant to this Program Plan shall not excuse the employer, the employee, or any other person from compliance with the law, statute, ordinance, or executive order, as applicable, regulating and promoting safety and health unless such law, statute, ordinance, or executive order, as applicable, is specifically repealed.

Signature, Safety Director, Occupational Safety and Health and Date

**APPENDIX - I WORK LOCATIONS
(ORGANIZATIONAL CHART)**

Water Plant - 2 employees

Jeff Pierpoint

Moore Street

Dresden, TN 38225

731-364-5585

Dresden Public Works - 9 employees

Kerry Cooper

580 Gaylord St.

Dresden, TN 38225

731-364-3386

Dresden Parks & Recreation - 4 employees

Joey Winstead

589 Evergreen St

Dresden, TN 38225

731-364-3366

Dresden City Hall & Police Department - 14 employees

Jennifer Branscum & Steve Howe

117 W. Main Street

Dresden, TN 38225

731-364-2270

Dresden Fire Department - 28 employees

Paul Hutcherson

117 W. Main Street

Dresden, TN 38225

TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES : 57

APPENDIX – II NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES

NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF City of Dresden

The Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1972 provide job safety and health protection for Tennessee workers through the promotion of safe and healthful working conditions. Under a plan reviewed by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, this government, as an employer, is responsible for administering the Act to its employees. Safety and health standards are the same as State standards and jobsite inspections will be conducted to insure compliance with the Act.

Employees shall be furnished conditions of employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious injury or harm to employees.

Each employee shall comply with occupational safety and health standards and all rules, regulations, and orders issued pursuant to this Program Plan which are applicable to his or her own actions and conduct.

Each employee shall be notified by the placing upon bulletin boards or other places of common passage of any application for a temporary variance from any standard or regulation.

Each employee shall be given the opportunity to participate in any hearing which concerns an application for a variance from a standard.

Any employee who may be adversely affected by a standard or variance issued pursuant to this Program Plan may file a petition with the Safety Director or Supervisor/Department Head.

Any employee who has been exposed or is being exposed to toxic materials or harmful physical agents in concentrations or at levels in excess of that provided for by an applicable standard shall be notified by the employer and informed of such exposure and corrective action being taken.

Subject to regulations issued pursuant to this Program Plan, any employee or authorized representative(s) of employees shall be given the right to request an inspection.

No employee shall be discharged or discriminated against because such employee has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceedings or inspection under, or relating to, this Program Plan.

Any employee who believes he or she has been discriminated against or discharged in violation of these sections may, within thirty (30) days after such violation occurs, have an opportunity to appear in a hearing before Personnel Board of Appeals for assistance in obtaining relief or to file a complaint with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development alleging such discrimination.

A copy of the Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan for the Employees of City of Dresden is available for inspection by any employee at Dresden City Hall during regular office hours.

Signature: MAYOR AND DATE

APPENDIX – III PROGRAM PLAN BUDGET

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESOURCE AVAILABILITY

Be assured that City of Dresden has sufficient financial resources available or will make sufficient financial resources available as may be required in order to administer and staff its Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan and to comply with standards.

APPENDIX – IV ACCIDENT REPORTING PROCEDURES

(1-15) Employees shall report all accidents, injuries, or illnesses directly to the Safety Director as soon as possible, but not later than twenty-four (24) hours after the occurrence. Such reports may be verbal or in writing. All fatalities or accidents involving the hospitalization of three (3) or more employees shall be reported to the Safety Director and/or record keeper immediately, either by telephone or verbally, and will be followed by a written report within four (4) hours after their occurrence. The Safety Director will insure completion of required reports and records in accordance with Section VIII of the basic plan.

(16-50) Employees shall report all accidents, injuries, or illnesses to their supervisor as soon as possible, but not later than two (2) hours after the occurrence. All fatalities or accidents involving the hospitalization of three (3) or more employees shall be reported to the Safety Director and/or record keeper immediately, either by telephone or verbally, and will be followed by a written report within four (4) hours after their occurrence. The supervisor will investigate the accident or illness, complete an accident report, and forward the accident report to the Safety Director and/or record keeper within twenty-four (24) hours of the time the accident or injury occurred or the time of the first report of the illness.

(51-250) Employees shall report all accidents, injuries, or illnesses to their supervisors as soon as possible, but not later than two (2) hours after the occurrence. The supervisor will provide the Safety Director and/or record keeper with the name of the injured or ill employee and a brief description of the accident or illness by telephone as soon as possible, but not later than four (4) hours, after the accident or injury occurred or the time of the first report of the illness. All fatalities or accidents involving the hospitalization of three (3) or more employees shall be reported to the Safety Director and/or record keeper immediately, either by telephone or verbally, and will be followed by a written report within four (4) hours after their occurrence. The supervisor will then make a thorough investigation of the accident or illness (with the assistance of the Safety Director or Compliance Inspector, if necessary) and will complete a written report on the accident or illness and forward it to the Safety Director within seventy-two (72) hours after the accident, injury, or first report of illness and will provide one (1) copy of the written report to the recordkeeper.

(251-Plus) Employees shall report all accidents, injuries, or illnesses to their supervisors as soon as possible, but not later than two (2) hours after their occurrence. The supervisor will provide the administrative head of the department with a verbal or telephone report of the accident as soon as possible, but not later than four (4) hours, after the accident. If the accident involves loss

of consciousness, a fatality, broken bones, severed body member, or third degree burns, the Safety Director will be notified by telephone immediately and will be given the name of the injured, a description of the injury, and a brief description of how the accident occurred. The supervisor or the administrative head of the accident within seventy-two (72) hours after the accident occurred (four (4) hours in the event of accidents involving a fatality or the hospitalization of three (3) or more employees).

Since Workers Compensation Form 6A or OSHA NO. 301 Form must be completed; all reports submitted in writing to the person responsible for recordkeeping shall include the following information as a minimum:

1. Accident location, if different from employer's mailing address and state whether accident occurred on premises owned or operated by employer.
2. Name, social security number, home address, age, sex, and occupation (regular job title) of injured or ill employee.
3. Title of the department or division in which the injured or ill employee is normally employed.
4. Specific description of what the employee was doing when injured.
5. Specific description of how the accident occurred.
6. A description of the injury or illness in detail and the part of the body affected.
7. Name of the object or substance which directly injured the employee.
8. Date and time of injury or diagnosis of illness.
9. Name and address of physician, if applicable.
10. If employee was hospitalized, name and address of hospital.
11. Date of report.

NOTE: A procedure such as one of those listed above or similar information is necessary to satisfy Item Number 4 listed under PROGRAM PLAN in Section V. ADMINISTRATION, Part b of the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Plan. This information may be submitted in flow chart form instead of in narrative form if desired. These procedures may be modified in any way to fit local situations as they have been prepared as a guide only.

The four (4) procedures listed above are based upon the size of the work force and relative complexity of the organization. The approximate size of the organization for which each procedure is suggested is indicated in parenthesis in the left hand margin at the beginning, i.e., (1 -15), (16-50), (51-250), and (251 Plus), and the figures relate to the total number of employees including the

Chief Executive Officer but excluding the governing body (County Court, City Council, Board of Directors, etc.).

Generally, the more simple an accident reporting procedure is, the more effective it is. Please select the one procedure listed above, or prepare a similar procedure or flow chart, which most nearly fits what will be the most effective for your local situation. Note also that the specific information listed for written reports applies to all three of the procedures listed for those organizations with sixteen (16) or more employees.

ORDINANCE NO. 2005 - 04

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

WHEREAS some of the ordinances of the City of Dresden 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 Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Dresden, 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 "Dresden Municipal Code," now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF DRESDEN, TENNESSEE, THAT:

Section 1. Ordinances codified. The ordinances of the city 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 "Dresden Municipal Code," hereinafter referred to as the "municipal code."

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 or 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 imposition 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."¹

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

¹State law reference

For authority to allow deferred payment of fines, or payment by installments, see Tennessee Code Annotated, § 40-24-101 et seq.

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 mayor and aldermen, 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.

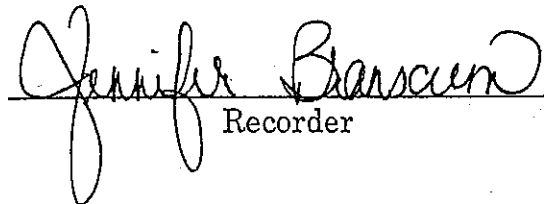
Section 10. Date of effect. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it, and the municipal code, including all the codes and ordinances therein adopted by reference, shall be effective on and after that date.

Passed 1st reading, April 4, 2005.

Passed 2nd reading, May 2, 2005.



Mayor



Recorder
