# THE GREENFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE

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#### **PREFACE**

The Greenfield Municipal Code contains the codification and revision of the ordinances of the City of Greenfield, Tennessee. By referring to the historical citation appearing at the end of each section, the user can determine the origin of each particular section. The absence of a historical citation means that the section was added by the codifier. The word "modified" in the historical citation indicates significant modification of the original ordinance.

The code is arranged into titles, chapters, and sections. Related matter is kept together, so far as possible, within the same title. Each section number is complete within itself, containing the title number, the chapter number, and the section of the chapter of which it is a part. Specifically, the first digit, followed by a hyphen, identifies the title number. The second digit identifies the chapter number, and the last two digits identify the section number. For example, title 2, chapter 1, section 6, is designated as section 2-106.

By utilizing the table of contents and the analysis preceding each title and chapter of the code, together with the cross references and explanations included as footnotes, the user should locate all the provisions in the code relating to any question that might arise. However, the user should note that most of the administrative ordinances (e.g. Annual Budget, Zoning Map Amendments, Tax Assessments, etc...) do not appear in the code. Likewise, ordinances that have been passed since the last update of the code do not appear here. Therefore, the user should refer to the 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 8 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. Any 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. 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 Greenfield." Every ordinance must be approved on three (3) 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 and adoption, unless a different effective date is designated in the ordinance.

#### TITLE 1

#### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION1

#### **CHAPTER**

- 1. GOVERNING BODY.
- 2. MAYOR.
- 3. RECORDER.

#### **CHAPTER 1**

#### GOVERNING BODY<sup>2</sup>

#### **SECTION**

- 1-101. Time and place of regular meetings.
- 1-102. Order of business.
- 1-103. General rules of order.
- 1-104. Salary of mayor.
- 1-105. Salary of aldermen.
- **1-101.** <u>Time and place of regular meetings</u>. The governing body shall hold regular monthly meetings at 5:30 o'clock p.m. prevailing time on the third Tuesday of each month at the city hall.
- (1974 Code, § 1-101; Amended 10/05/1999 and 12/17/2002)
- **1-102.** Order of business. At each meeting of the governing body the following regular order of business shall be observed unless dispensed with by a majority vote of the members present:
- (a) Call to order by the mayor.
- (b) Prayer.

<sup>1</sup>Charter references

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

Municipal code references

Building, plumbing, electrical and gas inspectors: title 12.

Fire department: title 7. Utilities: titles 18 and 19.

Wastewater treatment: title 18.

Zoning: title 14.

<sup>2</sup>Charter references

Compensation: § 7.

Quorum: § 7.

Vacancies in office: § 10.

- (c) Roll call by the recorder.
- (d) Reading of minutes of the previous meeting by the recorder or city attorney, and approval or correction.
- (e) Grievances from citizens.
- (f) Communications from the mayor.
- (g) Reports from committees, members of the governing body, and other officers.
- (h) Old business.
- (i) New business.
- (j) Adjournment.
- (1974 Code, § 1-102)
- 1-103. <u>General rules of order</u>. The rules of order and parliamentary procedure contained in <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u>, <u>Revised</u>, shall govern the transaction of business by and before the governing body 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.

(1974 Code, § 1-103)

- **1-104.** Salary of mayor. The duly elected Mayor of the City of Greenfield shall be compensated on a monthly basis in the gross amount of five hundred and no/100 dollars (\$500.00) beginning with the first full month of service he provides to the City as Mayor and beginning no sooner than August 1, 2001. (Adopted 08/02/1977; Amended 07/17/2001)
- 1-105. <u>Salary of aldermen</u>. Each duly elected alderman of the City of Greenfield shall be compensated on a monthly basis in the gross amount of one hundred fifty and no/100 dollars beginning with the first full month of service said alderman provides to the City as alderman and beginning no sooner than January 1, 2005.

(Adopted 08/02/1977; Amended 07/17/2001)

#### MAYOR1

#### **SECTION**

- 1-201. Generally supervises municipality's affairs.
- 1-202. Executes municipality's contracts.
- 1-201. <u>Generally supervises municipality's affairs</u>. The mayor shall have general supervision of all city affairs and may require such reports from the officers and employees as he may reasonably deem necessary to carry out his executive responsibilities.

(1974 Code, § 1-201)

**1-202.** Executes municipality's contracts. The mayor shall execute all contracts as authorized by the governing body. (1974 Code, § 1-202)

Power and duties of mayor: § 14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Charter reference

#### RECORDER<sup>1</sup>

#### **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 such sum as may be fixed by, and with such surety as may be acceptable to, the governing body. (1974 Code, § 1-301)
- **1-302.** To keep minutes, etc. The recorder shall keep the minutes of all meetings as prepared by the city attorney and approved by the board of mayor and aldermen of the governing body. (1974 Code, § 1-302; Amended 12/17/2002)
- 1-303. To perform general administrative duties, etc. The recorder shall perform all administrative duties for the governing body and for the city which are not assigned by the charter, this code, or the governing body to another corporate officer. The recorder shall also have custody of and be responsible for maintaining all corporate bonds, records, and papers in such fireproof vault or safe as the city shall provide. (1974 Code, § 1-303)

Appointment and duties of recorder: § 15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Charter reference

## TITLE 2 $\frac{\text{BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ETC.}}{\text{[RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE]}}$

#### TITLE 3

#### MUNICIPAL COURT<sup>1</sup>

#### **CHAPTER**

- 1. MUNICIPAL JUDGE.
- 2. COURT ADMINISTRATION.
- 3. WARRANTS, SUMMONSES AND SUBPOENAS.
- 4. BONDS AND APPEALS.

#### **CHAPTER 1**

#### MUNICIPAL JUDGE

#### **SECTION**

- 3-101. Creation of office.
- 3-102. Powers and functions.
- 3-103. Age requirement.
- 3-104. Appointment.
- 3-105. Vacancies; term of office.
- 3-106. Bond; oath of office.
- 3-107. Cost of bond.
- 3-108. Salary.
- 3-109. Absence or disability of judge.
- ${f 3-101.}$  Creation of office. There is hereby created the office of municipal judge.

(Adopted 12/02/1986)

- **3-102.** Powers and functions. The municipal judge is hereby vested with the judicial powers and functions of the mayor and/or city recorder of the municipality, and shall be subject to the provisions of law and the municipality's charter governing the mayor's court or the municipal court presided over by the mayor or city recorder. (Adopted 12/02/1986)
- **3-103.** <u>Age requirement</u>. The municipal judge shall be twenty-five years of age or older. (Adopted 12/02/1986)
- **3-104.** Appointment. The municipal judge shall be appointed by the board of mayor and aldermen, to serve at the pleasure of the board. (Adopted 12/02/1986)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Charter references City judge: § 17.

- **3-105.** <u>Vacancies; term of office</u>. Vacancies in the office of municipal judge shall be filled for the unexpired term by the board of mayor and aldermen. The term of office of the municipal judge shall be two (2) years. (Adopted 12/02/1986)
- **3-106.** Bond; oath of office. Because all funds are handled by the court clerk or city recorder, the municipal judge shall not be required to be bonded. The municipal judge shall take the following oath before entering upon the duties of the office: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitutions and laws of the United States and of the State of Tennessee, and the ordinances and resolutions of this municipality, and will faithfully discharge the duties of my office without favor or fear, alone for the public good, so help me God." (Adopted 12/02/1986; Amended 12/17/2002)
- **3-107.** Cost of bond. The cost of making the bond of the municipal judge shall be paid by the municipality. (Adopted 12/02/1986)
- **3-108.** Salary. The salary of the municipal judge (which may not be altered during his term) shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month. (Adopted 12/02/1986; Amended 06/18/2002)
- **3-109.** Absence or disability of judge. In the absence or disability of the municipal judge, either the city clerk or the mayor may serve as such judge. (Adopted 12/02/1986)

#### **COURT ADMINISTRATION**

#### **SECTION**

- 3-201. Maintenance of docket.
- 3-202. Imposition of fines, penalties, and costs.
- 3-203. Disposition and report of fines, penalties, and costs.
- 3-204. Disturbance of proceedings.
- 3-205. Trial and disposition of cases.
- **3-201.** Maintenance of docket. The city court clerk shall keep a complete docket of all matters coming before the municipal court. The docket shall include for each defendant such information as his name; warrant and/or summons numbers; alleged offense; disposition; fines, penalties, and costs imposed and whether collected; whether committed to confinement; and all other information that may be relevant. (1974 Code, § 1-502; Amended 12/17/2002)
- **3-202.** <u>Imposition of fines, penalties, and costs</u>. The following regulations shall be followed in the issuance of fines, penalties, and costs:
- (a) All fines, penalties and costs shall be imposed and recorded by the city court clerk on the city court docket in open court. In all cases heard or determined by him, the city judge shall tax in the bill of costs the same amounts and for the same items allowed in courts of justices of the peace<sup>1</sup> for similar work in state cases.
- (b) For any violations not already having a fine determined by the Code or Tennessee Code Annotated, the city judge shall impose a minimum fine of TEN AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$10.00) in addition to any damages or court costs incurred.
- (1974 Code, § 1-508; Amended 10/10/2000, 12/17/2002)
- **3-203.** Disposition and report of fines, penalties, and costs. All funds coming into the hands of the city court clerk in the form of fines, penalties, costs, and forfeitures shall be recorded by him and paid over daily to the city. At the end of each month he shall submit to the governing body a report accounting for the collection or non-collection of all fines, penalties, and costs imposed by his court during the current month and to date for the current fiscal year. The city court clerk shall be bonded in the same amount as is required for the city recorder.
- (1974 Code, § 1-511; Amended 12/17/2002)
- **3-204. <u>Disturbance of proceedings</u>**. It shall be unlawful for any person to create any disturbance of any trial before the city court by making loud or unusual

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference Tennessee Code Annotated, § 8-21-401.

noises, by using indecorous, profane, or blasphemous language, or by any distracting conduct whatsoever.

(1974 Code, § 1-512)

**3-205.** Trial and disposition of cases. Every person charged with violating a municipal ordinance shall be entitled to an immediate trial and disposition of his case, provided the city court is in session or the city judge is reasonably available. However, the provisions of this section shall not apply when the alleged offender, by reason of drunkenness or other incapacity, is not in a proper condition or is not able to appear before the court. (1974 Code, § 1-506)

#### WARRANTS, SUMMONSES AND SUBPOENAS

#### **SECTION**

- 3-301. Issuance of arrest warrants.
- 3-302. Issuance of summonses.
- 3-303. Issuance of subpoenas.
- **3-301.** <u>Issuance of arrest warrants</u>.<sup>1</sup> The city judge shall have the power to issue warrants for the arrest of persons charged with contempt of court. (1974 Code, § 1-503; Amended 12/17/2002)
- 3-302. <u>Issuance of summonses</u>. 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 to appear personally 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 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. (1974 Code, § 1-504)
- **3-303.** <u>Issuance of subpoenas</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 1-505)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference

For authority to issue warrants, see <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, title 40, chapter 6.

#### **BONDS AND APPEALS**

#### **SECTION**

- 3-401. Appearance bonds authorized.
- 3-402. Appeals.
- 3-403. Bond amounts, conditions, and forms.
- **3-401.** 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 ranking police officer on duty at the time, provided such alleged offender is not drunk or otherwise in need of protective custody. (1974 Code, § 1-507)
- **3-402. Appeals**. Any defendant who is dissatisfied with any judgment of the city court against him may, within ten (10) days next after such judgment is rendered, Sundays exclusive, appeal to the next term of the circuit court upon posting a proper appeal bond.<sup>1</sup>

(1974 Code, § 1-509; Amended 12/17/2002)

**3-403.** 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 the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) and shall be conditioned that if the circuit court shall find against the appellant the fine 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 located within the county. No other type bond shall be acceptable. (1974 Code, § 1-510)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference Tennessee Code Annotated, § 27-5-101.

#### TITLE 4

#### MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL

#### **CHAPTER**

- 1. SOCIAL SECURITY.
- 2. VACATION AND SICK LEAVE.
- 3. PERSONNEL REGULATIONS.

#### **CHAPTER 1**

#### SOCIAL SECURITY

#### **SECTION**

- 4-101. Policy and purpose as to coverage.
- 4-102. Necessary agreements to be executed.
- 4-103. Withholdings from salaries or wages.
- 4-104. Appropriations for employer's contributions.
- 4-105. Records and reports to be made.
- **4-101.** Policy and purpose as to coverage. It is hereby declared to be the policy and purpose of this city to provide for all eligible employees and officials of the city, whether employed in connection with a governmental or proprietary function, the benefits of the system of federal old age and survivors insurance. In pursuance of said policy, and for that purpose, the city shall take such action as may be required by applicable state and federal laws or regulations. (1974 Code, § 1-701)
- 4-102. <u>Necessary agreements to be executed</u>. The mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all the necessary agreements and amendments thereto with the state executive director of old age insurance, as agent or agency, to secure coverage of employees and officials as provided in the preceding section. (1974 Code, § 1-702)
- **4-103.** Withholdings from salaries or wages. Withholdings from the salaries or wages of employees and officials for the purpose provided in the first section of this chapter are hereby authorized to be made in the amounts and at such times as may be required by applicable state or federal laws or regulations, and shall be paid over to the state or federal agency designated by said laws or regulations. (1974 Code, § 1-703)
- **4-104.** Appropriations for employer's contributions. There shall be appropriated from available funds such amounts at such times as may be required by applicable state or federal laws or regulations for employer's contributions, and the same shall be paid over to the state or federal agency designated by said laws or regulations.

(1974 Code, § 1-704)

**4-105.** Records and reports to be made. The recorder shall keep such records and make such reports as may be required by applicable state and federal laws or regulations.

(1974 Code, § 1-705)

#### **VACATION AND SICK LEAVE**

#### **SECTION**

- 4-201. Applicability of chapter.
- 4-202. Vacation leave.
- 4-203. Sick leave.
- 4-204. Leave records.
- **4-201. Applicability of chapter**. This chapter shall apply to all full-time municipal officers and employees except those operating under the jurisdiction of a school, utility, or other separate board or commission. No part-time employees are covered under this chapter.

(1974 Code, § 1-801; Amended 03/11/1980)

**4-202.** Vacation leave. All officers and employees shall be given one (1) week of vacation leave with pay for their first year of employment by the City, and two (2) weeks of annual vacation leave with pay for each year of employment thereafter served. Such vacation leave shall be taken at a time approved by the Mayor or such other officer as he may designate, provided that said leave must be taken within one (1) year after it is earned. Credit or vacation leave of more than twenty (20) days may not be accumulated except as allowed under the Personnel Policy as set forth in §4-308 of this Title.

(1974 Code, § 1-802; Amended 03/11/1980, 12/17/2002)

4-203. <u>Sick leave</u>. All officers and employees shall be given a credit of one (1) working day of sick leave with pay for each month of employment hereafter served. Sick leave shall be taken only when approved by the mayor or by such other officer as he may designate. Sick leave, up to the number of days accrued, shall be approved for all officers and employees whose absence from duty is due to illness, bodily injury, exposure to contagious disease, or death in the immediate family of the officer or employee. However, the mayor or his designee may, in his discretion, require doctors' certificates or other satisfactory evidence that absences are properly chargeable as sick leave. The maximum credit for accrued sick leave under the provisions of this section shall be ninety (90) days.

(1974 Code, § 1-803; Amended 12/17/2002)

**4-204.** Leave records. The mayor or his designee shall cause to be kept, for each officer and employee, a record currently up to date at all time showing credit earned and leave taken under this chapter.

(1974 Code, § 1-804; Amended 12/17/2002)

#### PERSONNEL REGULATIONS

#### **SECTION**

- 4-301. Business dealings.
- 4-302. Acceptance of gratuities.
- 4-303. Outside employment.
- 4-304. Political activity.
- 4-305. Use of municipal time, facilities, etc.
- 4-306. Use of position.
- 4-307. Strikes and unions.
- 4-308. Personnel policy.
- 4-309. Travel reimbursement procedures.
- **4-301.** Business dealings. Except for the receipt of such compensation as may be lawfully provided for the performance of his municipal duties, it shall be unlawful for any municipal officer or employee to be privately interested in, or to profit, directly or indirectly, from business dealings with the municipality. (1974 Code, § 1-901)
- **4-302.** Acceptance of gratuities. No city officer or employee shall accept any money or other consideration or favor from anyone other than the city for the performance of an act which he would be required or expected to perform in the regular course of his duties; nor shall any officer or employee accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, gratuity, or favor of any kind which might reasonably be interpreted as an attempt to influence his actions with respect to city business. (1974 Code, § 1-902)
- 4-303. <u>Outside employment</u>. No full-time officer or employee of the municipality shall accept any outside employment without written authorization from the mayor. The mayor shall not grant such authorization if the work is likely to interfere with the satisfactory performance of the officer's or employee's duties, or is incompatible with his municipal employment, or is likely to cast discredit upon or create embarrassment for the municipality. (1974 Code, § 1-903)
- **4-304.** Political activity. Municipal officers and employees may individually exercise their right to vote and privately express their political views as citizens. However, no municipal officer or employee shall solicit political campaign contributions or engage in or actively participate in any municipal political campaign. These restrictions shall not apply to elected officials. (1974 Code, § 1-904)
- **4-305.** <u>Use of municipal time, facilities, etc</u>. No city officer or employee shall use or authorize the use of municipal time, facilities, equipment, or supplies for private gain or advantage to himself or any other private person or group. Provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply where the governing body has authorized

the use of such time, facilities, equipment, or supplies, and the municipality is paid at such rates as are normally charged by private sources for comparable services. (1974 Code, § 1-905)

- **4-306.** <u>Use of position</u>. No city officer or employee shall make or attempt to make private purchases, for cash or otherwise, in the name of the city, nor shall he otherwise use or attempt to use his position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or others. (1974 Code, § 1-906)
- **4-307.** Strikes and unions. No city officer or employee shall participate in any strike against the city, nor shall he join, be a member of, or solicit any other municipal officer or employee to join any labor union which authorizes the use of strikes by government employees. (1974 Code, § 1-907)
- **4-308. Personnel policy**. Personnel issues with the City of Greenfield shall be governed by the Personnel Policy and any amendments thereto.<sup>1</sup> (Adopted 06/02/1998)
- 4-309. Travel reimbursement procedures. The purpose of this ordinance and referenced regulations is to bring the City into compliance with 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 ordinance is expanded to cover regular city employees. The intent of this policy is to assure fair and equitable treatment of all individuals traveling on city business at city expense. The city recorder or his or her designee shall be responsible for the enforcement of these travel regulations; however, in cases where the city recorder is seeking reimbursement, he or she shall submit travel expenses to the mayor for approval. Each person covered under this policy shall abide by the following guidelines:
- (a) The term "traveler" or "authorized traveler" as used herein shall mean 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 ordinance. "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 ordinance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Personnel Policy and any amendments thereto are published in a separate document and are of record in the office of the city recorder.

- (b) 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 city recorder. Under certain conditions, entertainment expenses may be eligible for reimbursement.
- (c) 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 traveling expenses. If travel advances exceed documented expenses, the traveler must immediately reimburse the city. The city recorder shall be responsible for the initiation of action to recover any undocumented travel advances.
- (d) Travel advances are available only for special travel and only after completion and approval of the travel authorization form.
- (e) The travel expense reimbursement form will be used to document all expense claims.
- (f) To qualify for reimbursement, travel expenses must be:
  - (1) Directly related to the conduct of the city business for which travel was authorized, and
  - (2) Actual, reasonable, and necessary under the circumstances. The city recorder may make exceptions for unusual circumstances. (Excessive expenses will not be allowed.)
- (g) Claims of \$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.
- (h) 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.
- (i) Mileage incurred within the city is not ordinarily considered expenses eligible for reimbursement.
- (j) Authorized travelers shall be reimbursed according to the STATE OF TENNESSEE travel regulation rates. The city's travel reimbursement rates will automatically change when the STATE OF TENNESSEE's 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 educational programs.
- (k) The city adopts and incorporates by reference -- as if fully set out herein -- the administrative procedures submitted by MTAS to, and approval by letter by, the Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Tennessee, in June 1993. A copy of the administrative procedures is on file in the office of the city recorder.

(Adopted 06/18/2002)

#### TITLE 5

#### MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND TAXATION<sup>1</sup>

#### **CHAPTER**

- 1. MISCELLANEOUS.
- 2. REAL PROPERTY TAXES.
- 3. PRIVILEGE TAXES.
- 4. WHOLESALE BEER TAX.

#### CHAPTER 1

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **SECTION**

5-101. Official depository for city funds.

**5-101.** Official depository for city funds. The Greenfield Banking Company and the Community Bank of Greenfield, both of Greenfield, Tennessee, are hereby designated as the official depositories for all city funds. (1974 Code, § 6-101; Amended 12/17/2002)

<sup>1</sup>Charter references

Annual budget: § 26. Fiscal year: § 25.

Taxes: § 33--§ 39.

<sup>2</sup>Charter reference Official depository: § 41.

#### REAL PROPERTY TAXES

#### **SECTION**

5-201. When due and payable.

5-202. When delinquent--penalty and interest.

**5-201.** When due and payable. Taxes levied by the city against real property shall become due and payable annually on the first Monday of October of the year for which levied.

(1974 Code, § 6-201)

**5-202.** When delinquent—penalty and interest.<sup>2</sup> All real property taxes shall become delinquent on and after the first day of March next after they become due and payable and shall thereupon be subject to such penalty and interest as is authorized and prescribed by the state law for delinquent county real property taxes.<sup>3</sup> (1974 Code, § 6-202)

#### <sup>1</sup>State law references

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 them, the tax due date is the first Monday in October, and the delinquency date is the following March 1.

#### <sup>2</sup>Charter 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.

<sup>3</sup>Charter 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 <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 67-5-2005.

#### PRIVILEGE TAXES

#### **SECTION**

5-301. Tax levied.

5-302. License required.

**5-301.** 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. (1974 Code, § 6-301)

**5-302.** <u>License required</u>. 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 compliance with all regulatory provisions in this code and payment of the appropriate privilege tax. (1974 Code, § 6-302)

#### WHOLESALE BEER TAX

#### **SECTION**

5-401. To be collected.

**5-401.** To be collected. The 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 <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, title 57, chapter 6. (1974 Code, § 6-401)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, 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 OFFICERS--QUALIFICATIONS.
- 2. POLICE AND ARREST.
- 3. JAIL.

#### CHAPTER 1

#### POLICE OFFICERS-QUALIFICATIONS

- 6-101. Cooperation with Tennessee Law Enforcement Planning Commission.
- 6-102. Qualifications for police officers.
- **6-101.** Cooperation with Tennessee Law Enforcement Planning Commission. It shall be the policy of this municipality to consult with and cooperate with the Tennessee Law Enforcement Planning Commission, and to require that all police officers employed by the municipality meet the uniform minimum standards of training and qualifications as established by the Tennessee Law Enforcement Planning Commission.

(1974 Code, § 1-1001)

- **6-102. Qualifications for police officers**. Any person employed by this municipality as a full-time police officer shall:
- (a) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (b) Be a citizen of the United States:
- (c) Be a high school graduate or its equivalent;
- (d) Not have been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving "moral turpitude" as the term is defined by law and who has not been released or discharged under any other than honorable conditions from the armed forces of the United States;
- (e) Have his fingerprints on file with the Tennessee Bureau of Criminal Identification;
- (f) Have passed a physical examination by a licensed physician;
- (g) Have good moral character as determined by investigation;
- (h) Be free of all latent or apparent mental disorders, as verified by a qualified professional under <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 38-1004.
- (1974 Code, § 1-1002, modified; Amended 12/17/2002)

#### POLICE AND ARREST<sup>1</sup>

#### **SECTION**

- 6-201. Policemen subject to chief's orders.
- 6-202. Policemen to preserve law and order, etc.
- 6-203. Policemen to wear uniforms and be armed.
- 6-204. When policemen to make arrests.
- 6-205. Policemen may require assistance.
- 6-206. Disposition of persons arrested.
- 6-207. Police department records.
- **6-201.** 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. (1974 Code, § 1-401)
- **6-202.** Policemen to preserve law and order, etc. Policemen shall preserve law and order within the municipality. They shall patrol the municipality and shall assist the city court during the trial of cases. Policemen shall also promptly serve any legal process issued by the city court. (1974 Code, § 1-402)
- **6-203.** Policemen to wear uniforms and be armed. All policemen shall wear such uniform and badge as the governing body shall authorize and shall carry a service pistol and and lawful related police equipment as authorized by the chief of police at all times while on duty unless otherwise expressly directed by the chief for a special assignment.

(1974 Code, § 1-403; Amended 12/17/2002)

- **6-204.** When policemen to make arrests<sup>1</sup>. Unless otherwise authorized or directed in this code or other applicable law, an arrest of the person shall be made by a policeman in the following cases:
- (a) Whenever he is in possession of a warrant for the arrest of the person.
- (b) Whenever an offense is committed or a breach of the peace is threatened in the officer's presence by the person.
- (c) Whenever a felony has in fact been committed and the officer has reasonable cause to believe the person has committed it.
  (1974 Code, § 1-404)

Traffic citations, etc.: title 15, chapter 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

- **6-205.** Policemen may require assistance. It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to refuse to aid a policeman in maintaining law and order or in making a lawful arrest when such a person's assistance is requested by the policeman and is reasonably necessary to effect the arrest. (1974 Code, § 1-405; Amended 12/17/2002)
- **6-206.** Disposition of persons arrested. Unless otherwise authorized by law, when a person is arrested he shall be brought before the city court for immediate trial or allowed to post bond. When the city judge is not immediately available and the alleged offender is not able to post the required bond, he shall be confined. (1974 Code, § 1-406; Amended 12/17/2002)
- **6-207.** Police department records. The police department shall keep a comprehensive and detailed daily record in permanent form, showing:
- (a) All known or reported offenses and/or crimes committed within the corporate limits.
- (b) All arrests made by policemen.
- (c) All police investigations made, funerals convoyed, fire calls answered, and other miscellaneous activities of the police department.

  (1974 Code, § 1-407)

#### **JAIL**

#### **SECTION**

- 6-301. County jail to be used.
- 6-302. Inmates to be worked.
- 6-303. Compensation of inmates.
- **6-301.** 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.

(1974 Code, § 1-601)

- **6-302.** <u>Inmates to be worked</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 1-602)
- **6-303.** <u>Compensation of inmates</u>. Each jail inmate shall be allowed five dollars (\$5.00) per day as credit toward payment of the fines assessed against him. (1974 Code, § 1-603)

#### TITLE 7

#### FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS<sup>1</sup>

#### **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 limits described.

**7-101. Fire limits described**. The corporate fire limits shall be as follows: within the corporate limits and within a radius of five (5) miles from said corporate limits; provided, however, that at the discretion of the fire chief, fire departments from other municipalities which so request may be assisted as may be appropriate. (1974 Code, § 7-101)

Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

#### FIRE CODE<sup>1</sup>

#### **SECTION**

- 7-201. Fire code adopted.
- 7-202. Enforcement.
- 7-203. Definition of "municipality."
- 7-204. Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc.
- 7-205. Gasoline trucks.
- 7-206. Variances.
- 7-207. False fire alarms.
- 7-208. Violations.
- **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 prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, the Standard Fire Prevention Code, 1999 edition, as recommended by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc. 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 fire prevention code has been filed with the city recorder and is available for public use and inspection. Said fire prevention code is adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein and shall be controlling within the corporate limits.

(1974 Code, § 7-201, modified; Amended 12/17/2002)

**7-202.** Enforcement. The fire prevention 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.

(1974 Code, § 7-202)

**7-203.** <u>Definition of "municipality</u>." Whenever the word "municipality" is used in the fire prevention code herein adopted, it shall be held to mean the City of Greenfield, Tennessee.

(1974 Code, § 7-203)

**7-204.** Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc. The following regulations shall be applied regarding the storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc.

Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Copies of this code are available from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213-1206.

- (a) The limits referred to in § 1901.4.2 of the fire prevention code, in which storage of explosive materials is prohibited, are hereby declared to be the fire district as set out in § 7-101 of this code.
- (b) The limits referred to in § 902.1.1 of the fire prevention code, in which storage of flammable or combustible liquids in outside above ground tanks is prohibited, are hereby declared to be the fire district as set out in § 7-101 of this code.
- (c) The limits referred to in § 906.1 of the fire prevention code, in which new bulk plants for flammable or combustible liquids are prohibited, are hereby declared to be the fire district as set out in § 7-101 of this code.
- (d) The limits referred to in § 1701.4.2 of the fire prevention code, in which bulk storage of liquified petroleum gas is restricted, are hereby declared to be the fire district as set out in § 7-101 of this code.

(1974 Code, § 7-204, modified)

**7-205.** <u>Gasoline trucks</u>. No person shall operate or park any gasoline tank truck within the central business district or within any residential area or school zone at any time except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious delivery of gasoline.

(1974 Code, § 7-205, Amended 06/19/2001)

- **7-206.** <u>Variances</u>. The chief of the fire department may recommend to the governing body variances from the provisions of the fire prevention 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 governing body. (1974 Code, § 7-206)
- **7-207.** False fire alarms. Each parcel of property within the corporate city limits of Greenfield shall be allowed three (3) false alarms per calendar year without charge. Upon the departure of the fire truck from its bay at the fire station to answer each false alarm after three (3), the owner of the property shall be charged a fee equal to the expended labor and materials to respond to said alarm. Said expended labor and materials shall be calculated beginning with the time the false alarm was received by the dispatcher and shall end at the time the fire equipment is returned to its original stored location.

(Adopted 12/17/2002)

7-208. <u>Violations</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or the <u>Standard Fire Prevention Code</u> 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 taken; or fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the governing body or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed

herein. The application of a penalty under the general penalty clause for the municipal code shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions. (1974 Code, § 7-207)

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT<sup>1</sup>

#### **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.
- **7-301.** Establishment, equipment, and membership. There is hereby established a fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the governing body. 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. (1974 Code, § 7-301, Amended 06/19/2001)
  - **7-302. Objectives**. The fire department shall have as its objectives:
- (a) To prevent uncontrolled fires from starting.
- (b) To prevent the loss of life and property because of fires.
- (c) To confine fires to their places of origin.
- (d) To extinguish uncontrolled fires.
- (e) To prevent loss of life from asphyxiation or drowning.
- (f) To perform such rescue work as its equipment and/or the training of its personnel makes practicable.

(1974 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. The fire chief, fire officers, and all other firefighters shall follow the city personnel policy and other relevant procedures as adoped by the city. (1974 Code, § 7-303, Amended 06/19/2001)
- **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 a written report on such matters to the mayor once each month, and at the end of the year a detailed annual report shall be made. (1974 Code, § 7-304)

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

**7-305.** Tenure and compensation of members. The chief shall hold office so long as his conduct and efficiency are satisfactory to the governing body. However, so that adequate discipline may be maintained, the chief shall have the authority to suspend or discharge any other member of the fire department when he deems such action to be necessary for the good of the department. The chief may be suspended up to thirty (30) days by the mayor but may be dismissed only by the governing body.

All personnel of the fire department shall receive such compensation for their services as the governing body may from time to time prescribe. (1974 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. The fire chief shall appoint personnel to training, station duty, equipment checks, fire hydrant maintenance, fire prevention safety, and other job assignments. The minimum training shall consist of having the personnel train not less than four hours per month in accordance with Insurance Service Organization (I.S.O.) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) training acts.

(1974 Code, § 7-306, Amended 06/19/2001)

7-307. Chief to be assistant to state officer. Pursuant to requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-102-108, the chief of the fire department is designated as an assistant to the state commissioner of commerce and insurance and is subject to all the duties and obligations imposed by Tennessee Code Annotated, title 68, chapter 102, and shall be subject to the directions of the fire prevention commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof. (1974 Code, § 7-308)

# FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

#### **SECTION**

- 7-401. Contract for out of town fire service.
- 7-402. Annual fee.
- 7-403. Mayor authorized to enter into contracts for service.
- 7-404. Existing ordinances to remain in effect.
- 7-405. Existing agreements unaffected.
- 7-406. Authority to dispatch fire equipment.
- 7-407. Mutual aid fire protection with interlocal cooperation agreement.
- 7-408. Person responsible for fire related charges.
- **7-401.** Contract for out of town fire service. Requests for out-of-town fire calls will be answered only at locations where the owner of the property or the tenant occupying the property has previously entered into a contract with the City of Greenfield and paid the required annual fee as set out in this chapter. (Adopted 11/03/1992; Effective 02/01/1993)
- **7-402.** Annual fee. The annual fee to be paid by owners or tenants is hereby set at the sum of fifty and no/100 dollars (\$50.00) per year (with the "year" to begin on February 1st and end on January 31st of each year beginning with the year 2002). This annual fee is to be paid at the time the contract (which is further described in the following section of this chapter) is first entered into. (Adopted 11/03/1992; Effective 02/01/1993; Amended 06/19/2001)
- 7-403. <u>Mayor authorized to enter into contracts for service</u>. The mayor is authorized to enter into contracts with owners and tenants for answering fire calls within the appropriate territory surrounding Greenfield, the provisions of such contracts to be uniform with all owners and tenants. (Adopted 11/03/1992; Effective 02/01/1993)
- **7-404.** Existing ordinances to remain in effect. Nothing in this chapter shall operate to change or repeal existing ordinances which provide that a charge be levied when response is actually made and equipment is sent to an out-of-town fire call. Such ordinances are to remain in full force, and the fee schedule provided for in such ordinances is to remain in effect until specifically amended by this board. (Adopted 11/03/1992; Effective 02/01/1993)
- **7-405.** Existing agreements unaffected. Nothing in this chapter shall affect in any way the existing agreements with other municipalities or rural fire departments for furnishing mutual aid when requested; nor shall this chapter prevent the amendment of any such mutual aid agreements or the entering of other mutual aid agreements.

(Adopted 11/03/1992; Effective 02/01/1993)

**7-406.** Authority to dispatch fire equipment. The mayor, the fire chief, deputy fire chief, or the assistant fire chief shall have the authority to dispatch fire fighting equipment to locations which are outside the corporate limits and not covered by any contract when human life is threatened or when other circumstances are such that in their judgement it is appropriate to answer a particular fire call outside the municipality.

((Adopted 11/03/1992; Effective 02/01/1993; Amended 06/19/2001)

- 7-407. <u>Mutual aid fire protection with interlocal cooperation</u> <u>agreement.</u> The following regulations shall be applied regarding mutual aid fire protection agreements:
- (a) The Mayor of the City of Greenfield, Tennessee, is authorized and empowered to enter into "Mutual Aid Fire Protection Interlocal Cooperation Agreements" on behalf of the City of Greenfield, Tennessee.
- (b) The Mayor of the City of Greenfield, Tennessee, is designated and directed to be the official representative of the City of Greenfield, Tennessee, to the joint board created to carry out the powers of such agreement as provided therein. (Adopted 06/26/1979; Effective 07/06/1979)
- **7-408.** Person responsible for fire related charges. The response of the City of Greenfield Fire Department to a fire call outside the corporate city limits (whether that fire call is an actual emergency situation or a false fire alarm) shall be charged to the owner of the parcel of property or his homeowner's insurance company as stated in the contract entered by the city and said owner. (Adopted 12/17/2002)

# **FIREWORKS**

#### **SECTION**

- 7-501. Use of fireworks within the city.
- 7-502. The sale and storage of fireworks.
- 7-503. Age requirement.
- 7-504. Proximity to business.
- 7-505. Motor vehicles and groups.
- 7-506. Violation and penalty.
- **7-501.** <u>Use of fireworks within the city</u>. It shall be unlawful to explode fireworks between the hours of 10:00 o'clock P.M. and 9:00 A.M., prevailing time, within the City of Greenfield and only on January 1st and 2nd, June 20th through 30th, July 1st through 7th, and December 25th, 30th, and 31st of each year. The exploding of fireworks at times or dates other than those listed requires a written permit from the City of Greenfield.

(Adopted 09/01/1992; Amended 12/17/2002)

- **7-502.** The sale and storage of fireworks. Any merchant or business selling or storing fireworks must obtain a city business license and county license and a state fireworks permit from the Department of Commerce and Insurance / State Fire Marshall's office. The business owners are subject to inspections by the fire chief or fire marshall (or his assistant) and zoning officer. (Adopted 06/19/2001)
- **7-503.** Age requirement. It shall be unlawful for a person under the age of sixteen (16) to explode fireworks without the supervision of a competent adult. (Adopted 12/17/2002)
- **7-504.** Proximity to business. It shall be unlawful for a person on public property to explode fireworks within three hundred (300) feet of a business. (Adopted 12/17/2002)
- **7-505.** Motor vehicles and groups. It shall be unlawful for a person to explode or allow a passenger in his vehicle to explode fireworks from a vehicle or for a person to explode a firework near or toward any person or group. (Adopted 12/17/2002)
- **7-506.** <u>Violation and penalty</u>. Persons exploding fireworks in violation of this chapter shall be subject to punishment by fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per offense.

(Adopted 09/01/1992; Amended 12/17/2002)

#### TITLE 8

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES<sup>1</sup>

## **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 ordinances<sup>2</sup>, it shall be unlawful for any person acting for himself or for any other 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.

(1974 Code, § 2-101; Amended 12/17/2002)

<sup>1</sup>State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, title 57.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>State law reference
Tennessee Code Annotated, title 39, chapter 17.

## BEER<sup>1</sup>

#### **SECTION**

- 8-201. Beer board established.
- 8-202. Meetings of the beer board.
- 8-203. Record of beer board proceedings to be kept.
- 8-204. Requirements for beer board quorum and action.
- 8-205. Powers and duties of the beer board.
- 8-206. "Beer" defined.
- 8-207. Permit required for engaging in beer business.
- 8-208. Beer permits shall be restrictive.
- 8-209. Issuance of permits to aliens prohibited.
- 8-210. Interference with public health, safety, and morals prohibited.
- 8-211. Issuance of permits to persons convicted of certain crimes prohibited.
- 8-212. Prohibited conduct or activities by beer permit holders.
- 8-213. Revocation of beer permits.
- **8-201.** Beer board established. There is hereby established a beer board to be composed of all the members of the eight (8) aldermen and mayor of the governing body. All members of the beer board shall be citizens of the municipality. They shall serve during their terms as mayor and aldermen. The mayor shall serve as chairman of the beer board and shall vote only in case of a tie. Members of the beer board shall serve without compensation.

(1974 Code, § 2-201)

**8-202.** <u>Meetings of the beer board</u>. 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.

(1974 Code, § 2-202)

8-203. Record of beer board proceedings to be kept. The recorder shall make a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the beer board. The record shall be a public record and shall contain at least the following: The date of each meeting; the names of the board members present and absent; the names of the members introducing and seconding motions and resolutions, etc., before the board; a copy of each such motion or resolution presented; the vote of each member thereon; and the provisions of each beer permit issued by the board. (1974 Code, § 2-203)

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference

- **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. Any member present but not voting shall be deemed to have cast a "nay" vote. (1974 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.

(1974 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. (1974 Code, § 2-206)
- 8-207. Permitrequired for engaging in beer business. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, store for sale, or distribute for sale 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. 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. An application for a beer permit must be filed thirty (30) days prior to the date of the hearing on such application. (1974 Code, § 2-207; Amended 03/07/1978)
- 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, and distributing. Beer permits for the retail sale of beer may be further restricted by the beer board 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 beer board. (1974 Code, § 2-208)
- 8-209. <u>Issuance of permits to aliens prohibited</u>. No permit to engage in the beer business shall be granted by the beer board to any person not a citizen of the United States nor to any syndicate or association unless all of the members thereof are citizens of the United States.

  (1974 Code, § 2-209)

- 8-210. 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 schools, churches, cemeteries, or other places of public gathering, or would otherwise interfere with the public health, safety, and morals. In no event will a permit be issued authorizing the storage, sale, or manufacture of beer at places within two thousand (2000) feet of any school, church or other such place of public gathering, measured in a direct line. (1974 Code, § 2-210; Amended 12/17/2002)
- 8-211. <u>Issuance of permits to persons convicted of certain crimes prohibited</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 2-211)
- **8-212.** Prohibited conduct or activities by beer permit holders. It shall be unlawful for any beer permit holder to:
- (a) 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.
- (b) Employ any minor under twenty-one (21) of age in the sale, storage, distribution, or manufacture of beer. (This provision shall not apply to grocery stores selling beer for off-premises consumption only.)
- (c) Make or allow any sale of beer at any time on Sunday, on election days before and while the polls are lawfully open, on Thanksgiving Day and on Christmas Day.
- (d) Allow any loud, unusual, or obnoxious noises to emanate from his premises.
- (e) Make or allow any sale of beer to a minor under twenty-one (21) years of age.
- (f) Allow any minor under twenty-one (21) of age to loiter in or about his place of business.
- (g) Make or allow any sale of beer to any intoxicated person or to any feeble-minded, insane, or otherwise mentally incapacitated person.
- (h) Allow drunk or disreputable persons to loiter about his premises.
- (i) 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.

- (j) Allow gambling on his premises.
- (k) Allow pool or billiard playing in the same room where beer is sold and/or consumed.
- Fail to provide and maintain separate sanitary toilet facilities for men and (1) women.
- (m) Allow any beer to be sold for on premises consumption on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day.
- (1974 Code, § 2-212; Amended 03/07/1978; 04/06/1993; 12/17/2002)
- **8-213.** Revocation of beer permits. The beer board shall have the power to 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 revoked until a public hearing is held by the board after reasonable notice to all the known parties in interest. Revocation proceedings may be initiated by the police chief or by any member of the beer board.

(1974 Code, § 2-213)

#### TITLE 9

# BUSINESS, PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.1

#### **CHAPTER**

- 1. MISCELLANEOUS.
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## **CHAPTER 1**

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

## **SECTION**

9-101. "Going out of business" sales.

9-101. "Going out of business" sales. It shall be unlawful for any person to represent falsely a sale as being a "going out of business" sale. A "going out of business" sale, for the purposes of this section, shall be a "fire sale," "bankrupt sale," "loss of lease sale," or any other sale made in anticipation of the termination of a business at its present location. When any person, after advertising a "going out of business" sale, adds to his stock or fails to go out of business within ninety (90) days he shall prima facie be deemed to have violated this section. (1974 Code, § 5-101)

<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

Building, plumbing, wiring and housing regulations: title 12.

Junkyards: title 13.

Liquor and beer regulations: title 8.

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# PEDDLERS, ETC.1

#### **SECTION**

- 9-201. Permit required.
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- 9-203. Application for permit.
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- 9-210. Policemen to enforce.
- 9-211. Revocation or suspension of permit.
- 9-212. Reapplication.
- 9-213. Expiration and renewal of permit.
- **9-201.** Permit required. It shall be unlawful for any peddler, canvasser or solicitor, or transient merchant to ply his trade within the corporate limits without first obtaining a permit in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. No permit shall be used at any time by any person other than the one to whom it is issued. (1974 Code, § 5-201; Amended 12/17/2002)
- **9-202.** Exemptions. The terms of this chapter shall not be applicable 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 or sell their own homegrown produce, nor to bona fide charitable, religious, educational, patriotic, or philanthropic organizations.
- (1974 Code, § 5-202; Amended 12/17/2002)
- **9-203.** Application for permit. Applicants for a permit under this chapter must file with the city recorder a sworn written application containing the following:
- (a) Name and physical description of applicant.
- (b) Complete permanent home address and local address of the applicant and, in the case of transient merchants, the local address from which proposed sales will be made.
- (c) A brief description of the nature of the business and the goods to be sold.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code references Privilege taxes: title 5.

- (d) If employed, the name and address of the employer, together with credentials therefrom establishing the exact relationship.
- (e) The length of time for which the right to do business is desired.
- (f) A recent clear photograph approximately two (2) inches square showing the head and shoulders of the applicant.
- (g) The names of at least two (2) reputable local property owners who will certify as to the applicant's good moral reputation and business responsibility, or in lieu of the names of references, such other available evidence as will enable an investigator to evaluate properly the applicant's moral reputation and business responsibility.
- (h) A statement as to whether or not the applicant has been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor or for violating any municipal ordinance; the nature of the offense; and, the punishment or penalty assessed therefor.
- (i) The last three (3) cities or towns, if that many, where applicant carried on business immediately preceding the date of application and, in the case of transient merchants, the addresses from which such business was conducted in those municipalities.
- (j) At the time of filing the application, a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) shall be paid to the municipality to cover the cost of investigating the facts stated therein.(1974 Code, § 5-203)
- **9-204.** Issuance or refusal of permit. The following regulations shall apply in the issuance or refusal of a permit:
- (a) Each application shall be referred to the chief of police for investigation. The chief shall report his findings to the city recorder within seventy-two (72) hours.
- (b) If as a result of such investigation the chief reports the applicant's moral reputation and/or business responsibility to be unsatisfactory, the city recorder shall notify the applicant that his application is disapproved and that no permit will be issued.
- (c) If, on the other hand, the chief's report indicates that the moral reputation and business responsibility of the applicant are satisfactory, the city recorder shall issue a permit upon the payment of all applicable privilege taxes and the filing of the bond required by § 9-206. The city recorder shall keep a permanent record of all permits issued.

(1974 Code, § 5-204)

**9-205.** Appeal. Any person aggrieved by the action of the chief of police and/or the city recorder in the denial of a permit shall have the right to appeal to the governing body. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the mayor within fourteen

- (14) days after notice of the action complained of, a written statement setting forth fully the grounds for the appeal. The mayor shall set a time and place for a hearing on such appeal and notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be given to the appellant. The notice shall be in writing and shall be mailed, postage prepaid, to the applicant at his last known address at least five (5) days prior to the date set for hearing, or 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. (1974 Code, § 5-205)
- 9-206. <u>Bond</u>. Every permittee shall file with the city recorder a surety bond running to the municipality in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). The bond shall be conditioned that the permittee shall comply fully with all the provisions of the ordinances of this municipality and the statutes of the state regulating peddlers, canvassers, solicitors, transient merchants, itinerant merchants, or itinerant vendors, as the case may be, and shall guarantee to any citizen of the municipality that all money paid as a down payment will be accounted for and applied according to the representations of the permittee, and further guaranteeing to any citizen of the municipality doing business with said permittee that the property purchased will be delivered according to the representations of the permittee. Action on such bond may be brought by any person aggrieved and for whose benefit, among others, the bond is given, but the surety may, by paying, pursuant to order of the court, the face amount of the bond to the clerk of the court in which the suit is commenced, be relieved without costs of all further liability.

(1974 Code, § 5-206)

- 9-207. <u>Loud noises and speaking devices</u>. No permittee, nor any person in his behalf, shall shout, cry out, blow a horn, ring a bell or use any sound amplifying device upon any of the sidewalks, streets, alleys, parks or other public places of the municipality or upon private premises where sound of sufficient volume is emitted or produced therefrom to be capable of being plainly heard upon the adjacent sidewalks, streets, alleys, parks, or other public places, for the purpose of attracting attention to any goods, wares or merchandise which such permittee proposes to sell. (1974 Code, § 5-207)
- **9-208.** <u>Use of streets</u>. No permittee shall have any exclusive right to any location in the public streets, nor shall any be permitted a stationary location thereon, nor shall any be permitted to operate in a congested area where the operation might impede or inconvenience the public use of the streets. For the purpose of this chapter, the judgment of a police officer, exercised in good faith, shall be deemed conclusive as to whether the area is congested and the public impeded or inconvenienced. (1974 Code, § 5-208)
- **9-209.** Exhibition of permit. Permittees are required to exhibit their permits at the request of any policeman or citizen. (1974 Code, § 5-209)
- **9-210.** Policemen to enforce. It shall be the duty of all policemen to see that the provisions of this chapter are enforced. (1974 Code, § 5-210)

- **9-211.** Revocation or suspension of permit. The following regulations shall apply in the revocation or suspension of a permit:
- (a) Permits issued under the provisions of this chapter may be revoked by the governing body after notice and hearing, for any of the following causes:
  - (1) Fraud, misrepresentation, or incorrect statement contained in the application for permit, or made in the course of carrying on the business of solicitor, canvasser, peddler, transient merchant, itinerant merchant, or itinerant vendor.
  - (2) Any violation of this chapter.
  - (3) Conviction of any crime or misdemeanor.
  - (4) Conducting the business of peddler, canvasser, solicitor, transient merchant, itinerant merchant, or itinerant vendor, as the case may be, in an unlawful manner or in such a manner as to constitute a breach of the peace or to constitute a menace to the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.
- (b) Notice of the hearing for 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 hearing. Such notice shall be mailed to the permittee 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.
- (c) When reasonably necessary in the public interest the mayor may suspend a permit pending the revocation hearing.
   (1974 Code, § 5-211)
- **9-212.** <u>Reapplication</u>. No permittee whose permit has been revoked shall make further application until a period of at least six (6) months has elapsed since the last revocation.

(1974 Code, § 5-212)

9-213. Expiration and renewal of permit. Permits issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire on the same date that the permittee's privilege license expires and shall be renewed without cost if the permittee applies for and obtains a new privilege license within thirty (30) days thereafter. Permits issued to permittees who are not subject to a privilege tax shall be issued for one (1) year. An application for a renewal shall be made substantially in the same form as an original application. However, only so much of the application shall be completed as is necessary to reflect conditions which have changed since the last application was filed. (1974 Code, § 5-213)

# CHARITABLE SOLICITORS

#### **SECTION**

- 9-301. Permit required.
- 9-302. Prerequisites for a permit.
- 9-303. Denial of a permit.
- 9-304. Exhibition of permit.
- 9-301. Permit required. No person shall solicit contributions or anything else of value for any real or alleged charitable or religious purpose without a permit from the city recorder authorizing such solicitation. Provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any locally established organization or church operated exclusively for charitable or religious purposes if the solicitations are conducted exclusively among the members thereof, voluntarily and without remuneration for making such solicitations, or if the solicitations are in the form of collections or contributions at the regular assemblies of any such established organization or church.

(1974 Code, § 5-301; Amended 12/17/2002)

- 9-302. Prerequisites for a permit. The recorder shall issue a permit authorizing charitable or religious solicitations when, after a reasonable investigation, he finds the following facts to exist:
- (a) The applicant has a good character and reputation for honesty and integrity, or if the applicant is not an individual person, that every member, managing officer or agent of the applicant has a good character or reputation for honesty and integrity.
- (b) The control and supervision of the solicitation will be under responsible and reliable persons.
- The applicant has not engaged in any fraudulent transaction or enterprise. (c)
- (d) The solicitation will not be a fraud on the public but will be for a bona fide charitable or religious purpose.
- (e) The solicitation is prompted solely by a desire to finance the charitable cause described by the applicant.

(1974 Code, § 5-302)

- **9-303. Denial of a permit**. Any applicant for a permit to make charitable or religious solicitations may appeal to the governing body if he has not been granted a permit within fifteen (15) days after he makes application therefor. (1974 Code, § 5-303)
- **9-304.** Exhibition of permit. Any solicitor required by this chapter to have a permit shall exhibit such permit at the request of any policeman or person solicited. (1974 Code, § 5-304)

## TAXICABS<sup>1</sup>

#### **SECTION**

- 9-401. Taxicab franchise and privilege license required.
- 9-402. Requirements as to application and hearing.
- 9-403. Liability insurance or bond required.
- 9-404. Revocation or suspension of franchise.
- 9-405. Mechanical condition of vehicles.
- 9-406. Cleanliness of vehicles.
- 9-407. Inspection of vehicles.
- 9-408. License and permit required for drivers.
- 9-409. Qualifications for driver's permit.
- 9-410. Revocation or suspension of driver's permit.
- 9-411. Drivers not to solicit business.
- 9-412. Parking restricted.
- 9-413. Drivers to use direct routes.
- 9-414. Taxicabs not to be used for illegal purposes.
- 9-415. Miscellaneous prohibited conduct by drivers.
- 9-416. Transportation of more than one passenger at the same time.
- **9-401.** Taxicab franchise and privilege license required. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the taxicab business unless he has first obtained a taxicab franchise from the municipality and has a currently effective privilege license.

(1974 Code, § 5-401)

9-402. Requirements as to application and hearing. No person shall be eligible to apply for a taxicab franchise if he has a bad character or has been convicted of a felony within the last ten (10) years. Applications for taxicab franchises shall be made under oath and in writing to the chief of police. The application shall state the name and address of the applicant, the name and address of the proposed place of business, the number of cabs the applicant desires to operate, the makes and models of said cabs, and such other pertinent information as the chief of police may require. The application shall be accompanied by at least two (2) affidavits of reputable local citizens attesting to the good character and reputation of the applicant. Within ten (10) days after receipt of an application the chief of police shall make a thorough investigation of the applicant; determine if there is a public need for additional taxicab service; present the application to the governing body; and make a recommendation to either grant or refuse a franchise to the applicant. The governing body shall thereupon hold a public hearing at which time witnesses for and against the granting of the franchise shall be heard. In deciding whether or not to grant the franchise the governing body shall consider the public need for additional service, the increased traffic congestion, parking space requirements, and whether or not the safe use of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference Privilege taxes: title 5.

streets by the public, both vehicular and pedestrian, will be preserved by the granting of such an additional taxicab franchise. Those persons already operating taxicabs when this code is adopted shall not be required to make applications under this section but shall be required to comply with all of the other provisions hereof. (1974 Code, § 5-402)

9-403. <u>Liability insurance or bond required</u>. No taxicab franchise shall be issued or continued in operation unless there is in full force and effect a liability insurance policy or bond for each vehicle authorized in an amount equal to that required by the state's financial responsibility law as set out in <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, title 55, chapter 12. The insurance policy or bond required by this section shall contain a provision that it shall not be cancelled except after at least twenty (20) days' written notice is given by the insuror to both the insured and the recorder of the municipality.

(1974 Code, § 5-403)

- **9-404.** Revocation or suspension of franchise. The governing body, after a public hearing, may revoke or suspend any taxicab franchise for misrepresentations or false statements made in the application therefor or for traffic violations or violations of this chapter by the taxicab owner or any driver. (1974 Code, § 5-404)
- 9-405. Mechanical condition of vehicles. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any taxicab in the city unless such taxicab is equipped with four (4) wheel brakes, front and rear lights, safe tires, horn, muffler, windshield wipers, and rear view mirror, all of which shall conform to the requirements of the state motor vehicle law. Each taxicab shall be equipped with a handle or latch or other opening device attached to each door of the passenger compartment so that such doors may be operated by the passenger from the inside of the taxicab without the intervention or assistance of the driver. The motor and all mechanical parts shall be kept in such condition or repair as may be reasonably necessary to provide for the safety of the public and the continuous satisfactory operation of the taxicab. (1974 Code, § 5-405)
- **9-406.** Cleanliness of vehicles. All taxicabs operated in the municipality shall, at all times, be kept in a reasonably clean and sanitary condition. They shall be thoroughly swept and dusted at least once each day. At least once every week they shall be thoroughly washed and the interior cleaned with a suitable antiseptic solution. (1974 Code, § 5-406)
- **9-407.** <u>Inspection of vehicles</u>. All taxicabs shall be inspected at least semiannually by the chief of police to insure that they comply with the requirements of this chapter with respect to mechanical condition, cleanliness, etc. (1974 Code, § 5-407)
- **9-408.** License and permit required for drivers. No person shall drive a taxicab unless he is in possession of a state special chauffeur's license and a taxicab driver's permit issued by the chief of police. (1974 Code, § 5-408)

- **9-409. Qualifications for driver's permit**. No person shall be issued a taxicab driver's permit unless he complies with the following to the satisfaction of the chief of police:
- (a) Makes written application to the chief of police.
- (b) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age and holds a state special chauffeur's license.
- (c) Undergoes an examination by a physician and is found to be of sound physique, with good eyesight and hearing and not subject to epilepsy, vertigo, heart trouble or any other infirmity of body or mind which might render him unfit for the safe operation of a public vehicle.
- (d) Is clean in dress and person and is not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor or drugs.
- (e) Produces affidavits of good character from two (2) reputable citizens of the municipality who have known him personally and have observed his conduct for at least two (2) years next preceding the date of his application.
- (f) Has not been convicted of a felony, drunk driving, driving under the influence of an intoxicant or drug, or of frequent traffic offenses.
- (g) Is familiar with the state and local traffic laws. (1974 Code, § 5-409)
- **9-410.** Revocation or suspension of driver's permit. The governing body, after a public hearing, may revoke or suspend any taxicab driver's permit for violation of traffic regulations, for violation of this chapter, or when the driver ceases to possess the qualifications as prescribed in § 9-409. (1974 Code, § 5-410)
- **9-411. Drivers not to solicit business**. All taxicab drivers are expressly prohibited from indiscriminately soliciting passengers or from cruising upon the streets of the municipality for the purpose of obtaining patronage for their cabs. (1974 Code, § 5-411)
- **9-412.** Parking restricted. It shall be unlawful to park any taxicab on any street except in such places as have been specifically designated and marked by the municipality for the use of taxicabs. It is provided, however, that taxicabs may stop upon any street for the purpose of picking up or discharging passengers if such stops are made in such manner as not to interfere unreasonably with or obstruct other traffic and provided the passenger loading or discharging is promptly accomplished. (1974 Code, § 5-412)

- **9-413.** <u>Drivers to use direct routes</u>. Taxicab drivers shall always deliver their passengers to their destinations by the most direct available route. (1974 Code, § 5-413)
- **9-414.** Taxicabs not to be used for illegal purposes. No taxicab shall be used for or in the commission of any illegal act, business, or purpose. (1974 Code, § 5-414)
- 9-415. <u>Miscellaneous prohibited conduct by drivers</u>. It shall be unlawful for any taxicab driver, while on duty, to be under the influence of, or to drink any intoxicating beverage or beer; to use profane or obscene language; to shout or call to prospective passengers; to blow unnecessarily the automobile horn; or to disturb otherwise the peace, quiet and tranquility of the municipality in any way. (1974 Code, § 5-415)
- **9-416.** Transportation of more than one passenger at the same time. No person shall be admitted to a taxicab already occupied by a passenger without the consent of such other passenger. (1974 Code, § 5-416)

# POOL ROOMS<sup>1</sup>

#### **SECTION**

- 9-501. Prohibited in residential areas.
- 9-502. Hours of operation regulated.
- 9-503. Minors to be kept out; exception.
- 9-504. Gambling, etc., not to be allowed.
- **9-501.** Prohibited in residential areas. It shall be unlawful for any person to open, maintain, conduct, or operate any place where pool tables or billiard tables are kept for public use or hire on any premises located in any block where fifty percent (50%) or more of the land is used or zoned for residential purposes (1974 Code, § 5-501)
- **9-502.** Hours of operation regulated. It shall be unlawful for any person to open, maintain, conduct, or operate any place where pool tables or billiard tables are kept for public use or hire at any time on Sunday or between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. on other days. (1974 Code, § 5-502)
- 9-503. Minors to be kept out; exception. It shall be unlawful for any person engaged regularly, or otherwise, in keeping billiard, bagatelle, or pool rooms or tables, their employees, agents, servants, or other persons for them, knowingly to permit any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to play on said tables at any game of billiards, bagatelle, pool, or other games requiring the use of cue and balls, without first having obtained the written consent of the father and mother of such minor, if living; if the father is dead, then the mother, guardian, or other person having legal control of such minor; or if the minor be in attendance as a student at some literary institution, then the written consent of the principal or person in charge of such school; provided that this section shall not apply to the use of billiards, bagatelle, and pool tables in private residences.

(1974 Code, § 5-503)

**9-504.** Gambling, etc., not to be allowed. It shall be unlawful for any person operating, conducting, or maintaining any place where pool tables or billiard tables are kept for public use or hire, to permit any gambling or other unlawful or immoral conduct on such premises.

(1974 Code. § 5-504)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference Privilege taxes: title 5.

# PERSONAL PROPERTY SALES

#### **SECTION**

- 9-601. Intent and purpose.
- 9-602. Permit required.
- 9-603. Exceptions.
- 9-604. Advertisements of personal property sales.
- **9-601.** <u>Intent and purpose</u>. It is the intent and purpose of these regulations to prohibit infringement of any businesses in any established residential areas and in so doing to regulate the term and frequency of a personal property sale (such as garage sales, porch sales, and other similar types of sales) so as not to disturb or disrupt the residential environment of the area. It is not the intent of this chapter to seek control of sales by individuals selling a few of their household or personal items. (Adopted 12/17/2002)
- **9-602.** Permit required. It shall be unlawful for any person desirous of holding a personal property sale (such as, but not limited to, garage sale, porch sale, or yard sale) within any residentially zoned area of the city, to sell clothing or any personal property items owned by the residents of the premises to hold such sale without first obtaining a permit therefor from the City of Greenfield. A permit issued by the City of Greenfield shall be under the following conditions:
- (a) The permit issued shall be for a term for four (4) consecutive calendar days.
- (b) No more than two (2) permits shall be issued per year to any residential dwelling.
- (c) The application for a permit shall be made to the City of Greenfield upon the forms furnished by the city and shall state the following information:
  - (1) Full name of applicant.
  - (2) Address of the applicant (which shall be the same as the location of the personal property sale).
  - (3) Full name of any other active participant who is the owner of items to be sold at the personal property sale for which the application is sought.
  - (4) Date or dates upon which the personal property sale shall be held.
  - (5) Date or dates of any other previous personal property sales conducted during the current calendar year.
  - (6) An affirmative statement that the personal property to be sold was owned by the applicant as his own personal property or by one of the other active participants listed on the application and said personal property was neither acquired or consigned for the purpose of resale.
- (d) The permit shall be posted on the premises in a conspicuous place so as to be seen by the public and city inspectors.
   (Adopted 12/17/2002)

- **9-603. Exceptions**. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to or affect the following persons or sales:
- (a) Persons selling goods pursuant to an order or process of a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (b) Persons acting in accordance with their powers and duties as public officials.
- (c) Any bona fide charitable, educational, cultural or government institution or organization, provided however, that the burden of establishing the exemption shall be on the organization or institution claiming such exemption.
- (d) Any licensed auctioneer licensed to do business in the State of Tennessee may conduct an auction sale.
   (Adopted 12/17/2002)
- **9-604.** Advertisements of personal property sales. No signs shall be posted anywhere in the City of Greenfield advertising such sales, except that the property owner may install one (1) sign not larger than 2' x 3' on the residential lot on which the sale is held. Such sign shall not be erected more than three (3) days prior to the date of the sale, and shall be removed at the end of the last day upon which the sale is held. (Adopted 12/17/2002)

#### TITLE 10

# **ANIMAL CONTROL**

#### **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. Pen or enclosure to be kept clean.
- 10-104. Adequate food, water, and shelter, etc., to be provided.
- 10-105. Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited.
- 10-106. Cruel treatment prohibited.
- 10-107. Seizure and disposition of animals.
- 10-108. Inspections of premises.
- **10-101.** Running at large prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or being in charge of any cows, swine, 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.

(1974 Code, § 3-101; Amended 12/17/2002)

- **10-102.** <u>Keeping near a residence or business restricted</u>. No person shall keep any animal or fowl enumerated in the preceding section within one thousand (1,000) feet of any residence, place of business, or public street, without a permit from the mayor or health officer. The mayor or health officer shall issue a permit only when in his sound judgment the keeping of such an animal in a yard or building under the circumstances as set forth in the application for the permit will not injuriously affect the public health. (1974 Code, § 3-102)
- **10-103.** Pen or enclosure to be kept clean. When animals or fowls are kept within the corporate limits, the building, structure, corral, pen, or enclosure in which they are kept shall at all times be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. (1974 Code, § 3-103)
- **10-104.** Adequate food, water, and shelter, etc., to be provided. No animal or fowl shall be kept or confined in any place where the food, water, shelter, and ventilation are not adequate and sufficient for the preservation of its health and safety.

All feed shall be stored and kept in a rat-proof and fly-tight building, box, or receptacle.

(1974 Code, § 3-104)

10-105. <u>Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited</u>. No animal or fowl shall be kept in such a place or condition as to become a nuisance because of noise, odor, contagious disease, or other reason. (1974 Code, § 3-105)

- **10-106.** <u>Cruel treatment prohibited</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to beat or otherwise abuse or injure any dumb animal or fowl. (1974 Code, § 3-106)
- 10-107. Seizure and disposition of animals. Any animal or fowl found running at large or otherwise being kept in violation of this chapter may be seized by the health officer or by any police officer and confined in a pound provided or designated by the governing body. If the owner is known he shall be given notice in person, by telephone, or in writing 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 five (5) 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 governing body.

The pound keeper shall collect from each person claiming an impounded animal or fowl reasonable fees, in accordance with a schedule approved by the governing body, to cover the costs of impoundment and maintenance.

(1974 Code, § 3-107)

**10-108.** <u>Inspections of premises</u>. For the purpose of making inspections to insure compliance with the provisions of this title, any police officer, the health officer, or his authorized representative, shall be authorized to enter, at any reasonable time, any premises where he has reasonable cause to believe an animal or fowl is being kept in violation of this chapter. (1974 Code, § 3-108)

## **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.
- **10-201.** 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. (1974 Code, § 3-201)
- **10-202.** <u>Dogs to wear tags</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 3-202)
- **10-203.** Running at large prohibited. 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 to the danger or annoyance of any of the inhabitants of the municipality. It shall be unlawful for any person being the owner, harborer, possessor or keeper of any female dog to permit her to run at large while in heat. (1974 Code, § 3-203)
- **10-204.** <u>Vicious dogs to be securely restrained</u>. 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. (1974 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, annoys, or disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood. (1974 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 health officer or chief of police may cause such dog to be confined or isolated for such time as he deems reasonably necessary to determine if such dog is rabid. (1974 Code, § 3-206)
- **10-207.** <u>Seizure and disposition of dogs</u>. Any dog found running at large may be seized by the health officer or any police officer and placed in a pound provided

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference

or designated by the governing body. If said dog is wearing a tag the owner shall be notified in person, by telephone, or in writing addressed to his last-known mailing address to appear within five (5) days and redeem his dog by paying a reasonable pound fee, in accordance with a schedule approved by the governing body, or the dog will be humanely destroyed or sold. If said dog is not wearing a tag it shall be humanely destroyed or sold unless legally claimed by the owner within two (2) days. 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.

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 the health officer or any policeman.<sup>2</sup>

(1974 Code, § 3-207)

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>State law reference

#### **TITLE 11**

# MUNICIPAL OFFENSES<sup>1</sup>

## **CHAPTER**

- 1. MISDEMEANORS OF THE STATE ADOPTED.
- 2. ALCOHOL.
- 3. FORTUNE TELLING, ETC.
- 4. OFFENSES AGAINST THE PEACE AND QUIET.
- 5. INTERFERENCE WITH PUBLIC OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL.
- 6. FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND MISSILES.
- 7. TRESPASSING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF AND INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC.
- 8. MISCELLANEOUS.
- 9. OBSCENITY, MORALS.
- 10. LOITERING, ETC.
- 11. GAMBLING.

#### CHAPTER 1

## MISDEMEANORS OF THE STATE ADOPTED

#### **SECTION**

11-101. Misdemeanors of the state adopted.

11-101. <u>Misdemeanors of the state adopted</u>. 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 municipality also. Any violation of any such law within the corporate limits is also a violation of this section. (1974 Code, § 10-101)

<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

Animals and fowls: title 10.

Housing and utilities: title 12. Fireworks and explosives: title 7.

Traffic offenses: title 15.

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

## ALCOHOL<sup>1</sup>

## **SECTION**

11-201. Drinking beer, etc., on streets, etc.

11-202. Minors in beer places.

11-201. <u>Drinking beer, etc.</u>, on streets, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to drink or 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 unless the place has an appropriate permit and/or license for on premises consumption.

(1974 Code, § 10-229; Amended 12/17/2002)

11-202. <u>Minors in beer places</u>. No person under the age of twenty-one (21) shall loiter in or around, work in, or otherwise frequent any place where beer is sold at retail for consumption on the premises.

(1974 Code, § 10-222; Amended 12/17/2002)

Sale of alcoholic beverages, including beer: title 8.

State law reference

See <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u> § 33-8-203 (<u>Arrest for Public Intoxication</u>, cities may not pass separate legislation).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

# FORTUNE TELLING, ETC.

# **SECTION**

11-301. Fortune telling, etc.

**11-301.** Fortune telling, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to hold himself forth to the public as a fortune teller, clairvoyant, hypnotist, spiritualist, palmist, phrenologist, or other mystic endowed with supernatural powers. (1974 Code, § 10-234)

# OFFENSES AGAINST THE PEACE AND QUIET

## **SECTION**

- 11-401. Disturbing the peace.
- 11-402. Anti-noise regulations.
- 11-401. <u>Disturbing the peace</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 10-202)
- 11-402. <u>Anti-noise regulations</u>. 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.
- (a) <u>Miscellaneous prohibited noises enumerated</u>. 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:
  - (1) <u>Blowing horns</u>. The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, truck, or other 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.
  - (2) 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.
  - (3) 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.
  - (4) 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.

- (5) <u>Use of vehicle</u>. 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.
- (6) <u>Blowing whistles</u>. 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8)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 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.
- (9) <u>Noises near schools, hospitals, churches, etc</u>. 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.
- (10) <u>Loading and unloading operations</u>. 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.
- (11) 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.
- (12) <u>Loudspeakers or amplifiers on vehicles</u>. The use of mechanical loudspeakers or amplifiers on trucks or other moving or standing vehicles for advertising or other purposes.
- (b) <u>Exceptions</u>. None of the terms or prohibitions hereof shall apply to or be enforced against:
  - (1) <u>City vehicles</u>. Any vehicle of the city while engaged upon necessary public business.
  - (2) Repair of streets, etc. Excavations or repairs of bridges, streets, or highways at night, by or on behalf of the city, the county, or the state,

- when the public welfare and convenience renders it impracticable to perform such work during the day.
- (3) Noncommercial and nonprofit use of loudspeakers or amplifiers. The reasonable use of amplifiers or loudspeakers in the course of public addresses which are noncommercial in character and in the course of advertising functions sponsored by nonprofit organizations. However, no such use shall be made until a permit therefor is secured from the recorder. Hours for the use of an amplifier or public address system will be designated in the permit so issued and the use of such systems shall be restricted to the hours so designated in the permit.

(1974 Code, § 10-234; Amended 12/17/2002)

# INTERFERENCE WITH PUBLIC OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL

#### **SECTION**

- 11-501. Impersonating a government officer or employee.
- 11-502. False emergency alarms.
- 11-503. Coercing people not to work.
- 11-504. Escape from custody or confinement.
- 11-505. Resisting or interfering with city personnel.
- 11-501. <u>Impersonating a government officer or employee</u>. 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.

  (1974 Code, § 10-211)
- 11-502. <u>False emergency alarms</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 10-217)
- 11-503. Coercing people not to work. It shall be unlawful for any person in association or agreement with any other person to assemble, congregate, or meet together in the vicinity of any premises where other persons are employed or reside for the purpose of inducing any such other person by threats, coercion, intimidation, or acts of violence to quit or refrain from entering a place of lawful employment. It is expressly not the purpose of this section to prohibit peaceful picketing. (1974 Code, § 10-230)
- 11-504. 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. (1974 Code, § 10-209)
- 11-505. Resisting or interfering with city personnel. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to resist or in any way interfere with or attempt to interfere with any officer or employee of the city while such officer or employee is performing or attempting to perform his municipal duties. (1974 Code, § 10-210)

# FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND MISSILES

## **SECTION**

- 11-601. Air rifles, etc.
- 11-602. Throwing missiles.
- 11-603. Weapons and firearms generally.
- 11-601. <u>Air rifles, etc</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 10-213)
- **11-602.** <u>Throwing missiles</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person maliciously to throw any stone, snowball, bottle, or any other missile upon or at any vehicle, building, tree, or other public or private property or upon or at any person. (1974 Code, § 10-214)
- 11-603. Weapons and firearms generally. It shall be unlawful for any person to carry in any manner whatever, with the intent to go armed, any razor, dirk, knife, blackjack, brass knuckles, pistol, revolver, or any other dangerous weapon or instrument as defined by Tennessee Code Annotated Title 39 unless properly permitted by the state. However, the foregoing prohibition shall not apply to members of the United States Armed Forces carrying such weapons as are prescribed by applicable regulations nor to any officer or policeman engaged in his official duties, in the execution of process, or while searching for or engaged in arresting persons suspected of having committed crimes. Furthermore, the prohibition shall not apply to persons who may have been summoned by such officer or policeman to assist in the discharge of his said duties, nor to any conductor of any passenger or freight train of any railroad while he is on duty. It shall also be unlawful for any unauthorized person to discharge a firearm within the municipality.

(1974 Code, § 10-212)

# TRESPASSING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF AND INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC

#### **SECTION**

- 11-701. Trespassing.
- 11-702. Trespassing on trains.
- 11-703. Malicious mischief.
- 11-704. Interference with traffic.
- 11-701. <u>Trespassing</u>. The owner or person in charge of any lot or parcel of land or any building or other structure within the corporate limits may post the same against trespassers. It shall be unlawful for any person to go upon any such posted lot or parcel of land or into any such posted building or other structure without the consent of the owner or person in charge.

It shall be unlawful and deemed to be a trespass for any peddler, canvasser, solicitor, transient merchant, or other person to fail to leave promptly the private premises of any person who requests or directs him to leave. (1974 Code, § 10-226)

- 11-702. <u>Trespassing on trains</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to climb, jump, step, stand upon, or cling to, or in any other way attach himself to any locomotive engine or railroad car unless he works for the railroad corporation and is acting the scope of his employment or unless he is a lawful passenger or is otherwise lawfully entitled to be on such vehicle. (1974 Code, § 10-221)
- 11-703. <u>Malicious mischief</u>. It shall be unlawful and deemed to be malicious mischief for any person willfully, maliciously, or wantonly to damage, deface, destroy, conceal, tamper with, remove, or withhold real or personal property which does not belong to him.

(1974 Code, § 10-225)

11-704. <u>Interference with traffic</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 10-231)

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

## **SECTION**

- 11-801. Abandoned refrigerators, etc.
- 11-802. Posting notices, etc.
- 11-803. Curfew for minors.
- 11-804. Wearing masks.
- 11-805. Assault and battery.
- 11-801. <u>Abandoned refrigerators, etc.</u> 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. (1974 Code, § 10-223)
- **11-802.** Posting notices, etc. No person shall fasten, in any way, any showcard, poster, or other advertising device upon any public or private property unless legally authorized to do so. (1974 Code, § 10-227)
- 11-803. <u>Curfew for minors</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to be abroad at night between 11:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M. unless going directly to or from a lawful activity or upon a legitimate errand for, or accompanied by, a parent, guardian, or other adult person having lawful custody of such minor.

(1974 Code, § 10-224)

- 11-804. <u>Wearing masks</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to appear on or in any public way or place while wearing any mask, device, or hood whereby any portion of the face is so hidden or covered as to conceal the identity of the wearer. The following are exempted from the provisions of this section:
- (a) Children under the age of ten (10) years.
- (b) Workers while engaged in work wherein a face covering is necessary for health and/or safety reasons.
- (c) Persons wearing gas masks in civil defense drills and exercises or emergencies.
- (d) Any person having a special permit issued by the city recorder to wear a traditional holiday costume.

(1974 Code, § 10-235)

11-805. <u>Assault and battery</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to commit an assault or battery upon any person. (1974 Code, § 10-201; Amended 12/17/2002)

# **OBSCENITY, MORALS**

#### **SECTION**

- 11-901. Disorderly houses.
- 11-902. Immoral conduct.
- 11-903. Obscene literature, etc.
- 11-904. Indecent or improper exposure or dress.
- 11-905. Window peeping.
- 11-906. Profanity, etc.
- 11-901. <u>Disorderly houses</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep a disorderly house or house of ill fame for the purpose of prostitution or lewdness or where drunkenness, quarreling, fighting, or other breaches of the peace are carried on or permitted to the disturbance of others. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful for any person to visit knowingly any such house for the purpose of engaging in such activities. (1974 Code, § 10-203)
- 11-902. <u>Immoral conduct</u>. No person shall commit, offer, or agree to commit, nor shall any person secure or offer another for the purpose of committing, a lewd or adulterous act or an act of prostitution or moral perversion; nor shall any person knowingly transport or direct or offer to transport or direct any person to any place or building for the purpose of committing any lewd act or act of prostitution or moral perversion; nor shall any person knowingly receive, or offer or agree to receive any person into any place or building for the purpose of performing a lewd act, or an act of prostitution or moral perversion, or knowingly permit any person to remain in any place or building for any such purpose.

  (1974 Code, § 10-204)
- 11-903. Obscene literature, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to publish, sell, exhibit, distribute, or possess for the purpose of lending, selling, or otherwise circulating or exhibiting, any book, pamphlet, ballad, movie film, filmstrip, phonograph record, or other written, printed, or filmed matter containing obscene language, prints, pictures, or descriptions manifestly intended to corrupt the morals. (1974 Code, § 10-205)
- **11-904.** <u>Indecent or improper exposure or dress</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to appear naked publicly or in any dress not appropriate to his or her sex, or in any indecent or lewd dress, or to otherwise make any indecent exposure of his or her person.

(1974 Code, § 10-206)

**11-905. Window peeping**. No person shall spy, peer, or peep into any window of any residence or dwelling premise that he does not occupy nor shall he loiter around or within view of any such window with the intent of watching or looking through it. (1974 Code, § 10-207)

11-906. <u>Profanity, etc</u>. No person shall use any profane, vulgar, or indecent language in or near any public street or other public place or in or around any place of business open to the use of the public in general. (1974 Code, § 10-208)

## LOITERING, ETC.

## **SECTION**

11-1001. Loitering.

11-1002. Prowling.

11-1003. Vagrancy.

**11-1001. Loitering**. It shall be unlawful for any person without legitimate business or purpose to loaf, loiter, wander, or idle in, upon, or about any way or place customarily open to public use. (1974 Code, § 10-218)

**11-1002. Prowling**. It shall be unlawful for any person to prowl or wander about the streets, alleys, or other public or private ways or places, or be found abroad at late or unusual hours in the night without any visible or lawful business and when unable to give a satisfactory account of himself. (1974 Code, § 10-219)

11-1003. <u>Vagrancy</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to beg or solicit alms or, if without apparent lawful means of support, to neglect wilfully to apply himself to some honest occupation. (1974 Code, § 10-220)

## **GAMBLING**

## **SECTION**

11-1101. Gambling.

11-1102. Promotion of gambling.

**11-1101. Gambling**. It shall be unlawful for any person to play at any game of hazard or chance for money or other valuable thing or to make or accept any bet or wager for money or other valuable thing. (1974 Code, § 10-215)

11-1102. <u>Promotion of gambling</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to encourage, promote, aid, or assist the playing at any game, or the making of any bet or wager, for money or other valuable thing, or to possess, keep, or exhibit for the purpose of gambling, any gaming table, device, ticket, or any other gambling paraphernalia.

(1974 Code, § 10-216)

### **TITLE 12**

## **BUILDING, UTILITY, ETC. CODES**

### **CHAPTER**

- 1. BUILDING CODE.
- 2. PLUMBING CODE.

### **CHAPTER 1**

## BUILDING CODE<sup>1</sup>

#### **SECTION**

- 12-101. Building code adopted.
- 12-102. Modifications.
- 12-103. Available in recorder's office.
- 12-104. Violations.

12-101. <u>Building code adopted</u>. Pursuant to authority granted by <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, §§ 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, the Southern Standard Building Code,<sup>2</sup> as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the building code.

(1974 Code, § 4-101)

12-102. <u>Modifications</u>. Whenever the building code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority" or the "Chief Administrator," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the governing body of the municipality. When the "Building Official" or "Director of Public Works" is named it shall, for the purposes of the building code, mean such person as the municipal governing body shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the building code. The schedule of permit fees set forth in section 107.4 is amended so that the fees to be collected shall be exactly one-half of the sums therein prescribed. Provided, however, that the minimum fee for an inspection shall be \$1.50. Section 114 of the building code is hereby deleted. (1974 Code, § 4-102)

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

**12-103.** 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.

(1974 Code, § 4-103, modified; Amended 12/17/2002)

**12-104.** <u>Violations</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the building code as herein adopted by reference and modified.

(1974 Code, § 4-104)

## PLUMBING CODE<sup>1</sup>

### **SECTION**

- 12-201. Plumbing code adopted.
- 12-202. Modifications.
- 12-203. Available in recorder's office.
- 12-204. Violations.

**12-201.** 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 Southern Standard Plumbing Code,<sup>2</sup> as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the plumbing code. (1974 Code, § 4-201)

**12-202.** <u>Modifications</u>. 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 governing body of this municipality.

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. Section 111 of the plumbing code is hereby deleted. (1974 Code, § 4-202; Amended 12/17/2002)

**12-203.** <u>Available in recorder's office</u>. Pursuant to the requirements of <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 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.

(1974 Code, § 4-203, modified; Amended 12/17/2002)

<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

Cross connections: title 18. Street excavations: title 16. Wastewater treatment: title 18.

Water and sewer system administration: title 18.

<sup>2</sup>Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

**12-204.** <u>Violations</u>. 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.

(1974 Code, § 4-204)

#### TITLE 13

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS<sup>1</sup>

### **CHAPTER**

- 1. MISCELLANEOUS.
- 2. JUNKYARDS.
- 3. INOPERABLE VEHICLE ORDINANCE.
- 4. CITY BEAUTIFICATION.

### **CHAPTER 1**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **SECTION**

- 13-101. Health officer.
- 13-102. Smoke, soot, cinders, etc.
- 13-103. Stagnant water.
- 13-104. Weeds.
- 13-105. Dead animals.
- 13-106. Health and sanitation nuisances.
- 13-107. House trailers.
- 13-108. Adulterated food, drugs, and cosmetics.
- 13-109. Communicable diseases.
- 13-110. Spitting on streets, etc.
- 13-111. Private swimming pools.
- **13-101.** <u>Health officer</u>. The "health officer" shall be such municipal, county, or state officer as the governing body shall appoint or designate to administer and enforce health and sanitation regulations within the municipality. (1974 Code, § 8-101)
- **13-102.** 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.
- (1974 Code, § 8-105)
- 13-103. <u>Stagnant water</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 8-106)

<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

Animal control: title 10.

Littering streets, etc.: § 16-107.

- 13-104. <u>Weeds</u>. Every owner or tenant of property shall periodically cut the grass and other vegetation commonly recognized as weeds on his property, and it shall be unlawful for any person to fail to comply with an order by the city recorder or chief of police to cut such vegetation when it has reached a height of over one (1) foot. (1974 Code, § 8-107)
- **13-105.** <u>Dead animals</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 8-108)
- **13-106.** Health and sanitation nuisances. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any premises owned, occupied, or controlled by him to become or remain in a filthy condition, or permit the use or occupation of same in such a manner as to create noxious or offensive smells and odors in connection therewith, or to allow the accumulation or creation of unwholesome and offensive matter or the breeding of flies, rodents, or other vermin on the premises to the menace of the public health or the annoyance of people residing within the vicinity. (1974 Code, § 8-109)
- **13-107.** 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 therefor shall have been first duly issued by the building official, as provided for in the building code. (1974 Code, § 8-104)
- **13-108.** Adulterated food, drugs, and cosmetics. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this section for any person to violate within the municipality any provisions of the state food, drug, and cosmetic laws. (1974 Code, § 8-102)
- 13-109. <u>Communicable diseases</u>. When there exists or is suspected to exist in any household a communicable disease other than a venereal disease or a common childhood disease, it shall be the duty of any attending physician and the head or other responsible person in such household possessing knowledge of the facts immediately to notify the health officer. The health officer shall thereupon make such investigation and issue such quarantine orders as may reasonably be necessary to protect the public health. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any such orders of the health officer.

(1974 Code, § 8-103)

**13-110.** Spitting on streets, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to spit upon any public street or sidewalk or upon the floors or walks of any public place. (1974 Code, § 8-110)

- 13-111. <u>Private swimming pools.</u> It shall be unlawful to own, maintain, or operate a private swimming pool as hereinafter defined, within the corporate limits of the City of Greenfield except in conformity with the following requirements:
- (a) A private swimming pool is defined to be any permanent structure constructed for swimming or bathing which has in excess of 250 square feet and a depth at any point in excess of 36 inches and which is built for private use in connection with a single family residence, and available only to the family of the householder and his private guests, as distinguished from general public use.
- (b) Such swimming pools will be protected by a fence, mesh or better, or a minimum height of five (5) feet, with a controlled means of entrance to the swimming area.
- (c) Such pools shall comply with the minimum public health standards for private swimming pools as published or established by the state health department and shall be subject to inspection by a health officer.
- (d) Such pools will be located at the rear of the lot or lots upon which constructed, but the outer edge of the swimming area shall be at least five (5) feet from any adjacent rear or side yard line, and on corner lots said outer edge of the swimming area shall be at least fifteen (15) feet from the right-of-way of any public street.

(Adopted 12/17/2002)

## **JUNKYARDS**

## **SECTION**

13-201. Junkyards.

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

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.(1974 Code, § 8-111)

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 <u>Hagaman v. Slaughter</u>, 49 Tenn. App. 338, 354 S.W.2d 818 (1961).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference

## **INOPERABLE VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

### **SECTION**

- 13-301. Title.
- 13-302. Definitions.
- 13-303. Violation declared.
- 13-304. Storage on private property restricted.
- 13-305. Removal required.
- 13-306. Notice to remove.
- 13-307. Serving of notice.
- 13-308. Hearing.
- 13-309. Violation.
- 13-310. Penalties.
- 13-311. Removal by the city.
- 13-312. Entry to remove; removal by owner.
- 13-313. Redemption.
- 13-301. <u>Title</u>. This chapter shall be entitled "The City of Greenfield Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance."

(Formerly §8-601; Adopted 01/25/1999)

- **13-302. Definitions**. For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms are defined as hereinafter set forth, to-wit:
- (a) "Commercial property" shall mean any lot, tract, parcel, land, or other property located within the City of Greenfield, Tennessee, on which any business, industry, or commercial enterprise exists, or any property that is located within an area of the City of Greenfield that is zoned for commercial or industrial use.
- (b) "Inoperable vehicle" shall mean any vehicle not currently licensed, or which has been abandoned, or is in a state of disassembly, or in the process of being stripped, dismantled, overhauled, or undergoing body work, or other condition that renders the vehicle inoperable or incapable of being used for its designed or intended purpose.
- (c) "Junk" shall mean and include, but not be limited to, any used or second-hand parts of machinery, parts of automobiles, trucks, buses, motorcycles, water craft, or other motor vehicles.
- (d) "Owner" or "owners" shall mean the title holder or person having right of possession of real or personal property, or agent of legal title holder of said property.
- (e) "Person" shall mean any individual, owner, title holder, agent, firm, corporation, partnership, association, or organization of any kind. It shall include, but not be limited to, any tenant, lessee, manager, operator, occupant, executor,

- executrix, administrator, administratrix, guardian, or other person in charge of, care of, possession of, or control of property.
- (f) "Premises" shall mean any lot, yard, plot, parcel, or other piece of land or property located within the City of Greenfield, Tennessee.
- (g) "Residential property" shall mean any lot, tract, parcel, land, or other property located within the City of Greenfield, Tennessee, on which single or multi-family structures used as a residence or for human habitation exist, or any property that is located within an area that is zoned for residential use by the City of Greenfield, Tennessee.
- (h) "Vehicle" shall mean any devise in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported, carried, or drawn from one place to another, and shall include, but not be limited to, motor vehicles, boat trailers, utility trailers, horse trailers, bicycles, motorcycles, carts, tractors, or other devices.

(Formerly §8-602; Adopted 01/25/1999)

- 13-303. <u>Violation declared</u>. On enacting this chapter, the city board finds and declares that the accumulation and storage of inoperable vehicles (whether licensed or unlicensed), or junk on private residential or commercial property, which motor vehicles are in the nature of rubbish and unsightly debris, violates 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 residential or commercial property; invite plundering, create 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 aggravate urban blight, and that the public health, safety, and general welfare require that such conditions be regulated, abated, and prohibited. (Formerly §8-603; Adopted 01/25/1999)
- 13-304. 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 inoperable vehicle of any kind or junk, for a period in excess of seventy-two (72) hours, whether attended or not, upon any private residential or commercial property within the city unless the same 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 and unless the vehicle is being repaired actively. This exception shall not exempt the owner or operator of any such business from any other zoning, building, property maintenance and other regulations governing business engaged in repairing vehicles.

(Formerly §8-604; Adopted 01/25/1999)

13-305. <u>Removal required</u>. The accumulation and storage of one or more such inoperable vehicles or junk in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall constitute rubbish and debris and a nuisance detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the city. It shall be the duty of the registered owner of such inoperable vehicle or junk and it shall also be the duty of the person in

charge or control of the private property upon which such inoperable vehicle or junk is located, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, to remove the same to a place of lawful storage.

(Formerly §8-605; Adopted 01/25/1999)

13-306. Notice to remove. The chief of police, or any officer of the police department is hereby authorized and empowered to give notice to the owner or person in possession or control of any premises in the City of Greenfield, Tennessee, on which there is located an inoperable vehicle or junk as set forth in § 13-302 herein which said notice shall direct said person to appear before the Municipal Court of the City of Greenfield, Tennessee, at a time and place to be fixed in said notice, and then and there show cause why the said vehicle or junk should not be declared a nuisance, and an order issued requiring the same to be removed and impounded. Said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

#### **NOTICE**

To the following owner or person in possession or control of the property located in the City of Greenfield, Tennessee:

(NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPERTY OWNER)

You are hereby notified that there exists on the above-mentioned property an abandoned, wrecked, rusted, partially dismantled, or inoperable motor vehicle or junk in violation of Greenfield City Code § 13-303.

You are further notified that a hearing will be conducted by the Municipal Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Greenfield, Tennessee, at the courtroom for said Court in the City of Greenfield, Tennessee, at \_\_\_ o'clock, \_.m., on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, at which time and place you are directed to appear and show cause, if any you have, why the said automobile should not be declared a nuisance and an order issued requiring same to be removed and impounded.

(Formerly §8-606; Adopted 01/25/1999)

13-307. <u>Serving of notice</u>. The notice provided for in the foregoing section shall be served upon the owner or person in possession or control of said property, if his address is known or he can be found within the City of Greenfield, Tennessee, but if such person is not known or cannot be found, service of said notice shall be effected by posting one copy thereof on the premises where the said inoperable vehicle or junk is found. The notice as herein provided for shall be served or posted, as the case may be, at least fourteen (14) days before the date fixed for hearing before the municipal judge.

(Formerly §8-607; Adopted 01/25/1999)

13-308. <u>Hearing</u>. At the time and place appointed in the notice provided for in § 13-306 herein, the judge shall conduct a hearing for purposes of determining whether the said vehicle or junk complained of exists in violation of this chapter, and if he finds that same constitutes a violation of this chapter, he shall so declare the same and make an order requiring the removal of said inoperable vehicle or junk within ten (10) days from the making of said order. Court costs shall be assessed by

the court in any case in which a violation existing at the time the notice was given. The court may dismiss the case on payment of court costs if a finding is made that a violation of this chapter, existing at the time of the notice, has since been remedied by the owner or person in possession or control of the inoperable motor vehicle or junk. (Formerly §8-608; Adopted 01/25/1999)

- 13-309. <u>Violation</u>. The owner or person having possession or control of any premises on which there exists an inoperable motor vehicle or junk in violation of this chapter, who having been personally served with the notice provided for in § 13-306 hereof, and who having had the opportunity to be heard as provided for in § 13-308, who shall fail, neglect, or refuse to comply with the order of the municipal judge requiring the removal of said inoperable motor vehicle or junk within the time specified therefor, shall be guilty of violation of this chapter, and on conviction shall be punished as provided herein. Each day's violation constitutes a separate offense. Relocating said vehicle to another property within the city limits does not abate said nuisance. (Formerly §8-609; Adopted 01/25/1999)
- **13-310.** Penalties. Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined an amount not less than \$25.00 and not to exceed \$100.00 per violation. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder. (Formerly §8-610; Adopted 01/25/1999)
- 13-311. 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 inoperable vehicles or junk from private residential or commercial 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 inoperable vehicle or junk in accordance with the notice given pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the chief of police shall verify by inspection the information provided by the owner of the property on which the vehicle is located, and may remove and dispose of such vehicle or junk in the manner provided for by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-16-101 et seq. 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 vehicle or junk in the event the proceeds of any sale thereof shall be insufficient to recover such costs. (Formerly §8-611; Adopted 01/25/1999)
- 13-312. 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 Greenfield, and employees of such contracting agents, and authorized officers, employees, and agents of the City of Greenfield, 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. Any removal or housing of such vehicle or junk in accordance with said notice either

by duly constituted public officials or an authorized private party shall be at the expense of the owner of the said vehicle and the owner of the property on which the vehicle is located.

(Formerly §8-612; Adopted 01/25/1999)

**13-313. Redemption**. The owner of any property taken up and stored as herein provided may redeem the same at any time prior to its sale by paying the reasonable expense of taking the property in charge, its maintenance and storage, and a pro rata share of the cost of any publication made regarding said property. (Formerly §8-613; Adopted 01/25/1999)

## **CITY BEAUTIFICATION**

### **SECTION**

- 13-401. Purpose.
- 13-402. City beautification board established.
- 13-403. Meeting of the city beautification board.
- 13-404. Record of the city beautification board proceedings to be kept.
- 13-405. Requirements for city beautification board quorum and action.
- 13-406. Powers and duties of the city beautification board.
- 13-407. Donations, gifts, and bequests.
- 13-401. <u>Purpose</u>. This section entitled "City Beautification" is hereby enacted to promote the health, safety, convenience and welfare of the inhabitants, both permanent and transient, of the city.

(Formerly § 8-501; Adopted 06/01/1995)

13-402. <u>City beautification board established</u>. There is hereby established a city beautification board to be composed of the eight (8) councilmen and mayor of the governing body. All members of the city beautification board shall be citizens of the municipality. They shall serve during their terms as councilmen and mayor. The mayor shall serve as chairman of the city beautification board and shall vote only in case of a tie. Members of the city beautification board shall serve without compensation.

(Formerly § 8-502; Adopted 06/01/1995)

- 13-403. <u>Meetings of the city beautification board</u>. All meetings of the city beautification 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 city beautification 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. (Formerly § 8-503; Adopted 06/01/1995)
- 13-404. Record of city beautification board proceeding to be kept. The recorder shall make a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the city beautification board. The record shall be a public record and shall contain at least the following: The date of each meeting; the names of the board members present and absent; the names of the members introducing and seconding motions and resolutions, etc., before the board; a copy of each such motion or resolution presented; the vote of each member thereon; and the provisions of each action taken by the board. At the option of the board, its actions and recommendations may be included in the regular city board minutes.

(Formerly § 8-504; Adopted 06/01/1995)

13-405. Requirements for city beautification board quorum and action. The attendance of at least a majority of the members of the city beautification 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. Any member present but not voting shall be deemed to have cast a "nay" vote.

(Formerly § 8-505; Adopted 06/01/1995)

13-406. Powers and duties of the city beautification board. The city beautification board shall have the power and it is hereby directed to protect the health, sanitation, safety and cleanliness of any area of the city by evaluating and regulating the prevention of fires, diseases, and debris within the city; the removal and/or elimination of any accumulated debris from the city; and the promotion of public interest in the general improvement of the city's appearance. The board may also act in an advisory capacity to any interested persons, firms, corporations, or public agencies on matters related to the improvement of that entity's property. Areas of the city included within this board's authority include: streets, highways, alleys, lots, yards, plots, drainage ditches, and other similar places in the city. (Formerly § 8-506; Adopted 06/01/1995)

13-407. <u>Donations</u>, <u>gifts</u>, <u>and bequests</u>. The city beautification board, on behalf of the city council, shall have authority to receive gifts or bequests from any person for various beautification projects for the benefit of the City of Greenfield. Said gifts or bequests shall be received by the City Recorder of the City of Greenfield and placed in the appropriate fund to be used for the purposes for which the same were donated.

(Formerly § 8-507; Adopted 06/01/1995)

#### **TITLE 14**

## ZONING AND LAND USE CONTROL

### **CHAPTER**

- 1. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION.
- 2. ZONING ORDINANCE.

#### 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, § 13-4-101 there is hereby created a municipal planning commission, hereinafter referred to as the planning commission. The planning commission shall consist of five (5) members; two (2) of these shall be the mayor and another member of the governing body selected by the governing body; the other three (3) members shall be appointed by the mayor. All members of the planning commission shall serve as such without compensation. Except for the initial appointments, the terms of the three (3) members appointed by the mayor shall be for three (3) years each. The three (3) members first appointed shall be appointed for terms of one (1), two (2), and three (3) years respectively so that the term of one (1) member expires each year. The terms of the mayor and the member selected by the governing body shall run concurrently their terms of office. Any vacancy in an appointive membership shall be filled for the unexpired term by the mayor.

(1974 Code, § 11-101)

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. (1974 Code, § 11-102)

# **ZONING ORDINANCE**

## **SECTION**

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

**14-201.** Land use to be govered by zoning ordinance. Land use within the City of Greenfield shall be governed by the Zoning Ordinance of Greenfield, Tennessee, and any amendments thereto.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Zoning Ordinance and any amendments thereto, are published as separate documents and are of record in the office of the city recorder.

Amendments to the zoning map are of record in the office of the city recorder.

#### **TITLE 15**

# MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING<sup>1</sup>

### **CHAPTER**

- 1. MISCELLANEOUS.
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- 4. TURNING MOVEMENTS.
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#### **CHAPTER 1**

## MISCELLANEOUS<sup>2</sup>

### **SECTION**

- 15-101. Motor vehicle requirements.
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- 15-114. Clinging to vehicles in motion.
- 15-115. Riding on outside of vehicles.
- 15-116. Backing vehicles.

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

## <sup>2</sup>State law references

Under <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 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 <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 55-10-401; failing to stop after a traffic accident, as prohibited by <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 55-10-101, <u>et seq.</u>; driving while license is suspended or revoked, as prohibited by <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 55-7-116; and drag racing, as prohibited by <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 55-10-501.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

- 15-117. Projections from the rear of vehicles.
- 15-118. Causing unnecessary noise.
- 15-119. Vehicles and operators to be licensed.
- 15-120. Passing.
- 15-121. Damaging pavements.
- 15-122. Bicycle riders, etc.
- 15-123. Driving under the influence.
- 15-124. Compliance with financial responsibility law required.
- **15-101.** <u>Motor vehicle requirements</u>. 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 <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, title 55, chapter 9. (1974 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. (1974 Code, § 9-106)
- **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. (1974 Code, § 9-107)
- **15-104.** <u>One-way streets</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 9-109)
- **15-105.** <u>Unlaned streets</u>. The following regulations shall be applied in relation to unlaned streets:
- (a) Upon all unlaned streets of sufficient width, a vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the street except:
  - (1) When lawfully overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
  - (2) When the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair.
  - (3) Upon a roadway designated and signposted by the city for one-way traffic.
- (b) 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.

(1974 Code, § 9-110)

**15-106.** <u>Laned streets</u>. 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.

(1974 Code, § 9-111)

- **15-107.** <u>Yellow lines</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 9-112)
- **15-108.** <u>Miscellaneous traffic-control signs, etc</u>.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 violate willfully or fail to comply with the reasonable directions of any police officer. (1974 Code, § 9-113)

- 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. (1974 Code, § 9-114)
- 15-110. <u>Unauthorized traffic-control signs, etc.</u> 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. (1974 Code, § 9-115)

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

- 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. All presently installed traffic-control signs, signals, markings and devices are hereby expressly authorized, ratified, approved and made official. (1974 Code, § 9-116)
- 15-112. <u>School safety patrols</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 9-117)
- 15-113. <u>Driving through funerals or other processions</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 9-118)
- **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. (1974 Code, § 9-120)
- **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. (1974 Code, § 9-121; Amended 12/17/2002)
- **15-116.** <u>Backing vehicles</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 9-122)
- 15-117. <u>Projections from the rear of vehicles</u>. 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 (½) hour after sunset and one-half (½) 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.

(1974 Code, § 9-123)

**15-118.** <u>Causing unnecessary noise</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause unnecessary noise by unnecessarily sounding the horn, "racing" the motor, causing the "screeching" or "squealing" of the tires on any motor vehicle, or playing loud music unnecessarily.

(1974 Code, § 9-124; Amended 12/17/2002)

**15-119.** <u>Vehicles and operators to be licensed</u>. 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."

(1974 Code, § 9-125)

15-120. <u>Passing</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 9-126)

- 15-121. <u>Damaging pavements</u>. No person shall operate or cause to be operated upon any street of the municipality any vehicle, motor propelled or otherwise, which by reason of its weight or the character of its wheels, tires, or track is likely to damage the surface or foundation of the street. (1974 Code, § 9-119)
- 15-122. <u>Bicycle riders, etc.</u> Every person riding or operating a bicycle, motorcycle, or motor driven cycle 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, or other motor driven cycles. The following specific regulations shall apply to an operator of a bicycle, motorcycle, or motor driven cycle:
- (a) No person operating or riding a bicycle, motorcycle, or other motor driven cycle 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.
- (b) No bicycle, motorcycle, or other motor driven cycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.
- (c) No person operating a bicycle, motorcycle, or other motor driven cycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the rider from keeping both hands upon the handlebars.
- (d) No person under the age of sixteen (16) years shall operate any motorcycle, motorbike, or other motor driven cycle while any other person is a passenger upon said motor vehicle.
- (e) All motorcycles and motor driven cycles operated on public ways within the corporate limits shall be equipped with crash bars approved by the state's commissioner of safety.
- (f) Each driver of a motorcycle, motor driven cycle, or 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.
- (g) Every motorcycle or motor driven cycle operated upon any public way within the corporate limits shall be equipped with a windshield of a type approved by the state's commissioner of safety, or, in the alternative, the operator and any passenger on any such motorcycle or motor driven cycle shall be required to wear safety goggles of a type approved by the state's commissioner of safety for the purpose of preventing any flying object from striking the operator or any passenger in the eyes.
- (h) 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 or motor driven cycle in violation of this section.
- (1974 Code, § 9-127; Amended 12/17/2002)
- 15-123. <u>Driving under the influence</u>. No person shall drive or operate any automobile or other motor driven vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or any other intoxicant, or while under the influence of narcotic drugs, or while under the influence of drugs producing stimulating effects on the central nervous system. (1974 Code, § 9-108)
- 15-124. <u>Compliance with financial responsibility law required.</u> Every vehicle operated within the corporate limits must be in compliance with the financial responsibility law.
- (a) The officer shall request evidence of financial responsibility as required by this section 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 city code; or at the time of an accident for which notice is required under T.C.A. §55-10-106. In case of an accident for which notice is required under T.C.A. §55-10-106, the officer shall request such evidence from all drivers involved in the accident, without regard to apparent or actual fault.

- (b) For the purposes of this section, "financial responsibility" means:
  - (1) 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, Title 55, Chapter 12, has been issued;
  - (2) 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, Title 55, Chapter 12, has been paid or filed with the commissioner, or has qualified as a self-insurer under Tennessee Code Annotated, §55-12-111; or
  - (3) 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.
- (c) It shall be a civil offense to fail to provide evidence of financial responsibility pursuant to this ordinance. Any violation of this ordinance is punishable by a civil penalty of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00). The civil penalty prescribed by this ordinance shall be in addition to any other penalty prescribed by the laws of this state or by this city's code of ordinances.
- (d) On or before the court date, the person charged with a violation of this ordinance may submit evidence of compliance with this ordinance 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.

(Adopted 12/17/2002)

## **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.** <u>Authorized emergency vehicles defined</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 9-102)
- **15-202.** Operation of authorized emergency vehicles. The following regulations shall apply to the operation of authorized emergency vehicles:
- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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 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.
- (d) 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.

(1974 Code, § 9-103)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Operation of other vehicle upon the approach of emergency vehicles: § 15-501.

- **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. (1974 Code, § 9-104)
- **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. (1974 Code, § 9-105)

## SPEED LIMITS

### **SECTION**

- 15-301. In general.
- 15-302. At intersections.
- 15-303. In school zones.
- 15-304. In congested areas.
- **15-301.** <u>In general</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 9-201)
- 15-302. <u>At intersections</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 9-202)
- 15-303. <u>In school zones</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle through any school zone or near any playground at a rate of speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour when passing a school during recess or while children are going to or leaving school during its opening or closing hours. (1974 Code, § 9-203; Amended 12/17/2002)
- **15-304.** <u>In congested areas</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle through any congested area at a rate of speed in excess of any posted speed limit when such speed limit has been posted by authority of the municipality.

(1974 Code, § 9-204)

## TURNING MOVEMENTS

### **SECTION**

- 15-401. Generally.
- 15-402. Right turns.
- 15-403. Left turns on two-way roadways.
- 15-404. Left turns on other than two-way roadways.
- 15-405. U-turns.
- 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. (1974 Code, § 9-301)
- **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. (1974 Code, § 9-302)
- **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. (1974 Code, § 9-303)
- 15-404. <u>Left turns on other than two-way roadways</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 9-304)
- **15-405.** <u>U-turns</u>. U-turns are prohibited. (1974 Code, § 9-305)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-143.

### STOPPING AND YIELDING

#### **SECTION**

- 15-501. Upon approach of authorized emergency vehicles.
- 15-502. When emerging from alleys, etc.
- 15-503. To prevent obstructing an intersection.
- 15-504. At railroad crossings.
- 15-505. At "stop" signs.
- 15-506. At "yield" signs.
- 15-507. At traffic-control signals generally.
- 15-508. At flashing traffic-control signals.
- 15-509. Stops to be signaled.
- **15-501.** Upon approach of authorized emergency vehicles. <sup>1</sup> 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. (1974 Code, § 9-401)
- 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. (1974 Code, § 9-402)
- 15-503. <u>To prevent obstructing an intersection</u>. 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.

(1974 Code, § 9-403)

**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:

Special privileges of emergency vehicles: title 15, chapter 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

- (a) A clearly visible electrical or mechanical signal device gives warning of the approach of a railroad train.
- (b) A crossing gate is lowered or a human flagman signals the approach of a railroad train.
- (c) A railroad train is approaching within approximately fifteen hundred (1500) feet of the highway crossing and is emitting an audible signal indicating its approach.
- (d) An approaching railroad train is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to the crossing.

(1974 Code, § 9-404)

**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.

(1974 Code, § 9-405)

**15-506.** <u>At "yield" signs</u>. 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.

(1974 Code, § 9-406)

- **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:
- (a) Green alone, or "Go":
  - (1) 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.
  - (2) Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- (b) Steady yellow alone, or "Caution":
  - (1) 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.
  - (2) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway unless authorized so to do by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.

- (c) Steady red alone, or "Stop":
  - (1) 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.
  - (2) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway unless authorized so to do by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.
- (d) Steady red with green arrow:
  - (1) 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.
  - (2) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway unless authorized to do so by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.
- (e) 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.

(1974 Code, § 9-407)

**15-508.** At flashing traffic-control signals. The following regulations shall apply in relation to flashing traffic-control signals:

- (a) 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:
  - (1) <u>Flashing red (stop signal)</u>. 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.
  - (2) <u>Flashing yellow (caution signal)</u>. When a yellow lens is illuminated with intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past such signal only with caution.
- (b) 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.

(1974 Code, § 9-408)

**15-509. 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.

(1974 Code, § 9-409)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 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.
- 15-606. Presumption with respect to illegal parking.

**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.

(1974 Code, § 9-501)

**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.

(1974 Code, § 9-502)

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.

(1974 Code, § 9-503)

- **15-604.** Where prohibited. No person shall park a vehicle in violation of any sign placed or erected by the state or city, nor:
- (a) On a sidewalk.

- (b) In front of a public or private driveway.
- (c) Within an intersection or within fifteen (15) feet thereof.
- (d) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.
- (e) Within a pedestrian crosswalk.
- (f) Within fifty (50) feet of a railroad crossing.
- (g) Within twenty (20) feet 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 (75) feet of the entrance.
- (h) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when other traffic would be obstructed.
- (i) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
- (j) Upon any bridge.
- (k) Alongside any curb painted yellow or red by the city.
- (1974 Code, § 9-504; Amended 12/17/2002)
- **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.

(1974 Code, § 9-505)

15-606. <u>Presumption with respect to illegal parking</u>. 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.

(1974 Code, § 9-506)

### **CHAPTER 7**

# **ENFORCEMENT**

### **SECTION**

- 15-701. Issuance of traffic citations.
- 15-702. Failure to obey citation.
- 15-703. Illegal parking.
- 15-704. Impoundment of vehicles.
- 15-705. Disposal of abandoned motor vehicles.
- 15-706. Violation and penalty.
- 15-701. <u>Issuance of traffic citations</u>.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.

(1974 Code, § 9-601)

- 15-702. 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. (1974 Code, § 9-602)
- 15-703. <u>Illegal parking</u>. 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 ten (10) days during the hours and at a place specified in the citation.

(1974 Code, § 9-603; Amended 12/17/2002)

15-704. <u>Impoundment of vehicles</u>. 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. An impounded vehicle shall be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference

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, or until otherwise lawfully disposed of. The fee for impounding a vehicle shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and the storage cost shall be five dollars (\$5.00) for each twenty-four (24) hour period or fraction thereof that the vehicle is stored. (1974 Code, § 9-604; Amended 12/17/2002)

- 15-705. <u>Disposal of abandoned motor vehicles.</u> "Abandoned motor vehicles," as defined in <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 55-16-103, shall be impounded and disposed of by the police department in accordance with the provisions of <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, §§ 55-16-103 through 55-16-109. (1974 Code, § 9-605)
- **15-706.** <u>Violation and penalty</u>. Any violation of this <u>title</u> shall be a civil offense punishable as follows:
- (a) <u>Traffic citations</u>. Traffic citations shall be punishable by a civil penalty up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each separate offense.
- (b) Parking violations. For parking violations, the offender may, within ten (10) days, have the charge against him disposed of by paying to the city recorder a fine of five dollars (\$5.00) provided he waives his right to a judicial hearing. If he appears and waives his right to a judicial hearing after ten (10) days his civil penalty shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).

(Adopted 12/17/2002)

## **TITLE 16**

## STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, ETC1

### **CHAPTER**

- 1. MISCELLANEOUS.
- 2. EXCAVATIONS AND CUTS.

#### **CHAPTER 1**

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **SECTION**

- 16-101. Obstructing streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.
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- 16-105. Banners and signs across streets and alleys restricted.
- 16-106. Gates or doors opening over streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.
- 16-107. Littering streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.
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- 16-109. Abutting occupants to keep sidewalks clean, etc.
- 16-110. Parades, etc., regulated.
- 16-111. Operation of trains at crossings regulated.
- 16-112. Animals and vehicles on sidewalks.
- 16-113. 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.

(1974 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 out over any street, alley at a height of less than fourteen (14) feet or over any sidewalk at a height of less than eight (8) feet. (1974 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 driving vehicles on public streets or alleys from obtaining a clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection.

(1974 Code, § 12-103)

Related motor vehicle and traffic regulations: title 15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

- **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. (1974 Code, § 12-104)
- 16-105. <u>Banners and signs across streets and alleys restricted</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person to place or have placed any banner or sign across 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. (1974 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 statute.

  (1974 Code, § 12-106)
- **16-107.** <u>Littering streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited</u>. 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. (1974 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. (1974 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. (1974 Code, § 12-109)
- 16-110. <u>Parades, etc., regulated</u>. It shall be unlawful for any club, organization, or similar group to hold any meeting, parade, demonstration, or exhibition on the public streets without some responsible representative first securing a permit from the recorder. No permit shall be issued by the recorder unless such activity will not unreasonably interfere with traffic and unless such representative shall agree to see to the immediate cleaning up of all litter which shall be left on the streets as a result of the activity. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful for any person

Building code: title 12, chapter 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

obtaining such a permit to fail to carry out his agreement to clean up the resulting litter immediately.

(1974 Code, § 12-110)

**16-111.** Operation of trains at crossings regulated. No person shall operate any railroad train across any street or alley without giving a warning of its approach as required by state law; nor shall he make such crossing at a speed in excess of forty-five (45) miles per hour. It shall be unlawful to stop a railroad train so as to block or obstruct any street or alley for a period of more than five (5) consecutive minutes.

(1974 Code, § 12-111)

- **16-112.** 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 interfere unreasonably 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. (1974 Code, § 12-112)
- **16-113.** Fires in streets, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to set or contribute to any fire on any public street, alley, or sidewalk. (1974 Code, § 12-113)

### **CHAPTER 2**

## EXCAVATIONS AND CUTS<sup>1</sup>

### **SECTION**

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16-201. Permit required. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, association, or others, to make any excavation in any street, alley, or public place, or to tunnel under any street, alley, or public place without having first obtained a permit as herein required, and without complying with the provisions of this chapter; and it shall also be unlawful to violate, or vary from, the terms of any such permit; 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 a permit when emergency circumstances demand the work to be done immediately and a permit cannot reasonably and practicably be obtained beforehand. The person shall thereafter apply for a permit on the first regular business day on which the office of the recorder is open for business, and said permit shall be retroactive to the date when the work was begun. (1974 Code, § 12-201)

16-202. <u>Applications</u>. Applications for such permits shall be made to the recorder, or such person as he may designate to receive such applications, and shall state thereon the location of the intended excavation or tunnel, the size thereof, the purpose thereof, the person, firm, corporation, association, or others doing the actual excavating, the name of the person, firm, corporation, association, or others for whom the work is being done, and shall contain an agreement that the applicant will comply with all ordinances and laws relating to the work to be done. Such application shall be rejected or approved by the recorder within twenty-four (24) hours of its filing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference

This chapter was patterned substantially after the ordinance upheld by the Tennessee Supreme Court in the case of <u>City of Paris</u>, <u>Tennessee v. Paris-Henry County Public Utility District</u>, 207 Tenn. 388, 340 S.W.2d 885 (1960).

(1974 Code, § 12-202)

**16-203.** <u>Fee.</u> The fee for such permits shall be two dollars (\$2.00) for excavations which do not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet in area or tunnels not exceeding twenty-five (25) feet in length; and twenty-five cents (\$.25) for each additional square foot in the case of excavations, or lineal foot in the case of tunnels; but not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for any permit. (1974 Code, § 12-203)

16-204. <u>Deposit or bond</u>. No such permit shall be issued unless and until the applicant therefor has deposited with the recorder a cash deposit. The deposit shall be in the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) if no pavement is involved or seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) if the excavation is in a paved area and shall insure the proper restoration of the ground and laying of the pavement, if any. Where the amount of the deposit is clearly inadequate to cover the cost of restoration, the mayor may increase the amount of the deposit to an amount considered by him to be adequate to cover the cost. From this deposit shall be deducted the expense to the city of relaying the surface of the ground or pavement, and of making the refill if this is done by the city or at its expense. The balance shall be returned to the applicant without interest after the tunnel or excavation is completely refilled and the surface or pavement is restored.

In lieu of a deposit the applicant may deposit with the recorder a surety bond in such form and amount as the recorder shall deem adequate to cover the costs to the city if the applicant fails to make proper restoration. (1974 Code, § 12-204; Amended 12/17/2002)

16-205. Manner of excavating--barricades and lights--temporary sidewalks. Any person, firm, corporation, association, or others making any excavation or tunnel shall do so according to the terms and conditions of the application and permit authorizing the work to be done. Sufficient and proper barricades and lights shall be maintained 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.

(1974 Code, § 12-205)

16-206. 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 said street, alley, or public place to its original condition except for the surfacing, which shall be done by the city, but shall be paid for by such person, firm, corporation, association, or others promptly upon the completion of the work for which the excavation or tunnel was made. In case of unreasonable delay in restoring the street, alley, or public place, the 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 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. (1974 Code, § 12-206)

- 16-207. <u>Insurance</u>. In addition to making the deposit or giving the bond hereinbefore required to insure that proper restoration is made, each person applying for an excavation permit shall file a certificate of insurance indicating that he is insured against claims for damages for personal injury as well as against claims for property damage which may arise from or out of the performance of the work, whether such performance be by himself, his subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by him. Such insurance shall cover collapse, explosive hazards, and underground work by equipment on the street, and shall include protection against liability arising from completed operations. The amount of the insurance shall be prescribed by the recorder in accordance with the nature of the risk involved; provided, however, that the liability insurance for bodily injury shall not be less than \$100,000 for each person and \$300,000 for each accident, and for property damages not less than \$25,000 for any one (1) accident, and a \$75,000 aggregate. (1974 Code, § 12-207)
- 16-208. <u>Time limits</u>. Each application for a permit shall state the length of time it is estimated will elapse from the commencement of the work until the restoration of the surface of the ground or pavement, or until the refill is made ready for the pavement to be put on by the city if the city restores such surface pavement. It shall be unlawful to fail to comply with this time limitation unless permission for an extension of time is granted by the recorder. (1974 Code, § 12-208)
- **16-209.** <u>Supervision</u>. The public works director shall from time to time inspect all excavations and tunnels being made in or under any public street, alley, or other public place in the city and see to the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. Notice shall be given to him at least ten (10) hours before the work of refilling any such excavation or tunnel commences. (1974 Code, § 12-209; Amended 12/17/2002)
- 16-210. <u>Driveway curb cuts</u>. No one shall cut, build, or maintain a driveway across a curb or sidewalk without first obtaining a permit from the recorder. Such a permit will not be issued when the contemplated driveway is to be so located or constructed as to create an unreasonable hazard to pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic. No driveway shall exceed thirty-five (35) feet in width at its outer or street edge and when two (2) or more adjoining driveways are provided for the same property, a safety island of not less than ten (10) feet in width at its outer or street edge shall be provided. Driveway aprons shall not extend out into the street. (1974 Code, § 12-210)

### **TITLE 17**

## REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL<sup>1</sup>

### **CHAPTER**

1. REFUSE.

### **CHAPTER 1**

## **REFUSE**

### **SECTION**

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- 17-108. Disposal.
- 17-109. Disposal by non-residents.
- 17-101. <u>Refuse defined</u>. Refuse shall mean and include garbage, rubbish, leaves, brush, and refuse as those terms are generally defined except that dead animals and fowls, body wastes, hot ashes, rocks, concrete, bricks, and similar materials are expressly excluded therefrom and shall not be stored therewith. (1974 Code, § 8-201)
- 17-102. <u>Premises to be kept clean</u>. All persons within the city are required to keep their premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from accumulations of refuse except when stored as provided in this chapter. (1974 Code, § 8-202)
- 17-103. Storage. Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within this city where refuse accumulates or is likely to accumulate, shall provide and keep covered an adequate number of refuse containers. The refuse containers shall be strong, durable, and rodent and insect proof. They shall each have a capacity of not less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty-two (32) gallons, except that this maximum capacity shall not apply to larger containers which the city handles mechanically, and also except that commercial businesses may utilize fifty-five (55) gallon drums provided that such drums are located at a place accessible to within twenty-five (25) feet by the garbage truck. Furthermore, except for containers which the city handles mechanically, the combined weight of any refuse container and its contents shall not exceed seventy-five (75) pounds. No refuse shall be placed in a refuse container until such refuse has been drained of all free liquids.

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Tree trimmings, hedge clippings, and similar materials shall be cut to a length not to exceed four (4) feet and shall be securely tied in individual bundles weighing not more than seventy-five (75) pounds each and being not more than two (2) feet thick before being deposited for collection

(1974 Code, § 8-203; Amended 10/07/1986)

17-104. <u>Location of containers</u>. Where alleys are used by the city refuse collectors, containers shall be placed on or within six (6) feet of the alley line in such a position as not to intrude upon the traveled portion of the alley. Where streets are used by the city refuse collectors, containers shall be placed adjacent to and back of the curb, or adjacent to and back of the ditch or street line if there is no curb, at such times as shall be scheduled by the city for the collection of refuse therefrom. As soon as practicable after such containers have been emptied they shall be removed by the owner to within, or to the rear of, his premises and away from the street line until the next scheduled time for collection.

(1974 Code, § 8-204)

17-105. <u>Disturbing containers</u>. 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 refuse containers for their intended purpose. (1974 Code, § 8-205)

**17-106.** <u>Collection</u>. All refuse accumulated within the corporate limits shall be collected, conveyed, and disposed of under the supervision of such officer as the governing body shall designate. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule.

(1974 Code, § 8-206)

17-107. <u>Collection vehicles</u>. The collection of refuse shall be by means of vehicles with beds constructed of impervious materials which are easily cleanable and so constructed that there will be no leakage of liquids draining from the refuse onto the streets and alleys. Furthermore, all refuse collection vehicles shall utilize closed beds or such coverings as will effectively prevent the scattering of refuse over the streets or alleys.

(1974 Code, § 8-207)

- **17-108.** <u>Disposal</u>. The disposal of refuse in any quantity by any person in any place, public or private, other than at the site or sites designated for refuse disposal by the governing body is expressly prohibited. (1974 Code, § 8-208)
- 17-109. <u>Disposal by non-residents</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person who is not a resident of this municipality to deposit or dump or otherwise dispose of any refuse container on wheels owned by the municipality without first having written consent and permission authorized by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen; except that this section shall not be construed to prohibit the disposal of refuse by businesses

located in the City even though the owners/employees of said businesses may be non-residents. (Adopted 03/20/1980)

## **TITLE 18**

## WATER AND SEWERS<sup>1</sup>

#### **CHAPTER**

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### CHAPTER 1

### WATER AND SEWERS

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

Building, utility and housing 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/or sewer service from the city and shall apply whether the service is based upon contract, agreement, signed application, or otherwise.

(1974 Code, § 13-101)

- **18-102. Definitions**. Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this chapter shall be as follows:
- (a) "Customer" means any person, firm, or corporation who receives water and/or sewer service from the city under either an express or implied contract.
- (b) "Household" means any two (2) or more persons living together as a family group.
- (c) "Service line" shall consist of the pipe line extending from any watera main of the city 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 city's water main to and including the meter and meter box.
- (d) "Discount date" shall mean the date ten (10) days after the date of a bill, except when some other date is provided by contract. The discount date is the last date upon which water and/or sewer bills can be paid at net rates.
- (e) "Dwelling" means any single structure, with auxiliary buildings, occupied by one or more persons or households for residential purposes.
- (f) "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.

(1974 Code, § 13-102; Amended 12/17/2002)

- **18-103.** <u>Obtaining service</u>. A formal application for either original or additional service must be made and be approved by the city before connection or meter installation orders will be issued and work performed. (1974 Code, § 13-103)
- 18-104. <u>Application and contract for service</u>. Each prospective customer desiring water and/or sewer service will be required to sign a standard application form 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 said service.

The receipt of a prospective customer's application for service, regardless of whether or not accompanied by a deposit, shall not obligate the city to render the service applied for. If the service applied for cannot be supplied in accordance with this chapter and general practice, the liability of the city to the applicant shall be limited to the return of any deposit made by such applicant. (1974 Code, § 13-104)

**18-105.** 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.

(1974 Code, § 13-105)

**18-106.** Connection charge. Except as otherwise provided in the "Subdivision Regulations" duly passed and approved by the planning and zoning commission, service lines will be laid by the city from its mains to the property line at the expense of the city for service. The location of such lines will be determined by the city.

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, or cut off valve if no meter is installed and such portion of the service line shall belong to the city.

The remaining portion of the service line beyond the meter box (or property line, in the case of sewers) shall belong to and be the responsibility of the customer. (1974 Code, § 13-106)

**18-107.** <u>Meters</u>. 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.

(1974 Code, § 13-107)

**18-108.** <u>Meter tests</u>. The city will, at its own expense, make routine tests of meters when it considers such tests desirable.

In testing meters, the water passing through a meter will be weighed or measured at various rates of discharge and under varying pressures. To be considered accurate, the meter registration shall check with the weighed or measured amounts of water within the percentage shown in the following table:

Meter Size	<u>Percentage</u>
5/8", 3/4", 1", 2"	2%
3"	3%
4"	4%
6"	5%

The city will also make tests or inspections of its meters at the request of the customer. However, if a test requested by a customer shows a meter to be accurate within the limits stated above, the customer shall pay a meter testing charge in the amount stated in the following table:

Meter Size	<u>Test Charge</u>
5/8", 3/4", 1"	\$2.00
1-1/2", 2"	5.00

3"	8.00
4"	12.00
6" and over	20.00

If such test shows a meter not to be accurate within such limits, the cost of such meter test shall be borne by the city. (1974 Code, § 13-108)

**18-109.** 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.<sup>1</sup> (1974 Code, § 13-109)

18-110. <u>Multiple services through a single meter</u>. No customer shall supply water or sewer 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/or sewer 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 rates 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.

(1974 Code, § 13-110)

**18-111. Billing**. Bills for residential water and sewer service will be rendered monthly.

Bills for commercial and industrial service may be rendered weekly, semimonthly, or monthly, at the option of the city.

Both charges shall be collected as a unit; no city employee shall accept payment of water service charges from any customer without receiving at the same time payment of all sewer service charges owed by such customer. Water service may be discontinued for non-payment of the combined bill.

Water and sewer bills must be paid on or before the discount date shown thereon to obtain the net rate, otherwise the gross rate shall apply. Failure to receive a bill will not release a customer from payment obligation, nor extend the discount date.

In the event a bill is not paid on or before five (5) days after the discount date, a written notice shall be mailed to the customer. The notice shall advise the customer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Administrative ordinances and resolutions are of record in the recorder's office.

that his service may be discontinued without further notice if the bill is not paid on or before twenty-four (24) hours from the ????????????????????????????? after the discount date. The city shall not be liable for any damages resulting from discontinuing service under the provisions of this section, even though payment of the bill is made at any time on the day that service is actually discontinued.

Should the final date of payment of bill at the net rate fall on Sunday or a holiday, the business day next following the final date will be the last day to obtain the net rate. At net remittance received by mail after the time limit for payment at the net rate will be accepted by the city if the envelope is date-stamped on or before the final date for payment of the net amount.

If a meter fails to register properly, or if a meter is removed to be tested or repaired, or if water is received other than through a meter, the city reserves the right to render an estimated bill based on the best information available. (1974 Code, § 13-111; Amended 12/17/2002)

- **18-112.** <u>Discontinuance or refusal of service</u>. The city shall have the right to discontinue water and/or sewer service or to refuse to connect service for a violation of, or a failure to comply with, any of the following:
- (a) These rules and regulations.
- (b) The customer's application for service.
- (c) 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 therefrom, 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.

The final utility bill charged for water service, sewer service, and garbage collection shall be set at a minimum of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) when the customer fails to notify the City to discontinue service.

(1974 Code, § 13-112; Amended 5/10/1993)

**18-113.** <u>Re-connection charge</u>. Whenever service has been discontinued as provided for above, a re-connection charge of twenty-five (\$25.00) shall be collected by the city before service is restored.

(1974 Code, § 13-113; Amended 12/17/2002)

18-114. <u>Termination of service by customer</u>. 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:

- (a) 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.
- (b) During the ten (10) day period, or thereafter, 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.
- (c) The final utility bill charged for water service, sewer service and garbage collection shall be a minimum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) when the customer fails to notify the city to discontinue service.

(1974 Code, § 13-114; Amended 12/17/2002)

18-115. <u>Access to customers' premises</u>. 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 customer's plumbing and premises generally in order to secure compliance with these rules and regulations.

(1974 Code, § 13-115)

**18-116.** <u>Inspections</u>. The city shall have the right, but shall not 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 meeting standards fixed by city ordinances regulating building and plumbing, or not in accordance 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. (1974 Code, § 13-116)

18-117. <u>Customer's responsibility for system's property</u>. 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 properly for same, the cost of necessary repairs or replacements shall be paid by the customer.

(1974 Code, 13-117)

- 18-118. <u>Customer's responsibility for violations</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 13-118)
- 18-119. <u>Supply and resale of water</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 13-119)
- 18-120. <u>Unauthorized use of or interference with water supply</u>. No person shall turn on or turn off any of the city's stop cocks, valves, hydrants, spigots, fire plugs, or water meters without permission or authority from the city's Fire Chief, Public Works Director, or Assistant Public Works Director. A violation of this ordinance will result in a fine up to the maximum allowable penalty as provided for in Tennessee Code Annotated 6-54-306 or 308, as amended, plus compensatory damages due to the City for water used as well as labor and material expended to correct said interference.

(1974 Code, § 13-120; Amended 12/21/1999)

18-121. <u>Limited use of unmetered private fire line</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 13-121)

18-122. <u>Damages to property due to water pressure</u>. 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. (1974 Code, § 13-122)

- **18-123.** <u>Liability for cutoff failures</u>. 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:
- (a) After receipt of at least ten (10) days' written notice to cut off water service, the city has failed to cut off such service.
- (b) The city has attempted to cut off a service but such service has not been completely cut off.
- (c) 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. (1974 Code, § 13-123)

- **18-124.** 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. (1974 Code, § 13-124)
- **18-125.** <u>Interruption of service</u>. 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 city 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. (1974 Code, § 13-125)

### **CHAPTER 2**

### SUPPLEMENTARY SEWER REGULATIONS<sup>1</sup>

## **SECTION**

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**18-201. Definitions**. Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this chapter shall be as follows:

- (a) "BOD" (denoting Biochemical Oxygen Demand) shall mean the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five (5) days at 20°C. expressed in milligrams per liter.
- (b) "Building drain" shall mean that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a drainage system which receives the discharge from soil, waste, and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer, beginning five (5) feet (1.5 meters) outside the inner face of the building wall.
- (c) "Building sewer" shall mean the extension from the building drain to the public sewer or other place of disposal.
- (d) "Combined sewer" shall mean a sewer receiving both surface runoff and sewage.
- (e) "Garbage" shall mean solid wastes from the domestic and commercial preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage, and sale of produce.
- (f) "Industrial wastes" shall mean the liquid wastes from industrial manufacturing processes, trade, or business as distinct from sanitary sewage.
- (g) "Natural outlet" shall mean any outlet into a watercourse, pond, ditch, lake, or other body of surface or groundwater.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The regulations in this chapter are recommended to cities by the Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Sanitary Engineering.

- (h) "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, or group.
- (i) "pH" shall mean the logarithm of the reciprocal of the weight of hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution.
- (j) "Properly shredded garbage" shall mean the wastes from the preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food that have been shredded to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no particle greater than one-half (½) inch (1.27 centimeters) in any dimension.
- (k) "Public sewer" shall mean a sewer in which all owners of abutting properties have equal rights, and controlled by public authority.
- (l) "Sanitary sewer" shall mean a sewer which carries sewage and to which storm, surface, and groundwaters are not intentionally admitted.
- (m) "Sewage" shall mean a combination of the watercarried wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions and industrial establishments, together with such ground, surface, and stormwaters as may be present.
- (n) "Sewage treatment plant" shall mean any arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sewage.
- (o) "Sewage works" shall mean all facilities for collecting, pumping, treating, and disposing of sewage.
- (p) "Sewer" shall mean a pipe or conduit for carrying sewage.
- (q) "Shall" is mandatory; "may" is permissive.
- (r) "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 concentration of flows during normal operation.
- (s) "Storm drain" (sometimes termed "storm sewer") shall mean a sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage, but excludes sewage and industrial wastes, other than unpolluted cooling water.
- (t) "Public works director" shall mean the public works director of sewage works and/or of water pollution control of the city, or his authorized deputy, agent, or representative.

- (u) "Suspended solids" shall mean solids that are in suspension in water, sewage, or other liquids, and which are removable by laboratory filtering.
- (v) "Watercourse" shall mean a channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continuously or intermittently.(1974 Code, § 13-201)

**18-202.** <u>Use of public sewers required</u>. The following regulations apply to the use of the public sewers:

- (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 city, or in any area under its jurisdiction, any human or animal excrement, garbage, or other objectionable waste.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet within the city, or in any area under its jurisdiction, any sewage or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of this chapter.
- (c) Except as hereinafter 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) The owner of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes, situated within the city and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is now located or may in the future be located a public sanitary or combined sewer of the city, 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 this chapter, within ninety (90) days after date of official notice to do so, provided that said public sewer is within two hundred (200) feet of the property line.

(1974 Code, § 13-202)

- 18-203. <u>Private sewage disposal</u>. The disposal of sewage by means other than the use of the sanitary sewage system shall be in accordance with local and state laws. The disposal of sewage by private disposal systems shall be permissible only in those instances where service from the sanitary sewage system is not available. (1974 Code, § 13-203)
- **18-204.** Building sewers and connections. The following regulations shall apply to the building of sewers and connections:

- (a) No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter, or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the public works director.
- (b) There shall be two (2) classes of building sewer permits:

of the public works director.

- (1) For residential and commercial service, and
- (2) For service to establishments producing industrial wastes. In either case, the owner or his agent shall make application on a special form furnished by the city. The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent in the judgment
- (c) All costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection 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.
- (d) 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.
- (e) Old building sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found, on examination and test by the public works director, to meet all requirements of this chapter.
- (f) The size, slope, alignment, materials of construction of a building sewer, and the methods to be used in excavating, placing of the pipe, jointing, testing, and backfilling the trench, shall all conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing code or other applicable rules and regulations of the city.
- (g) Whenever possible, the building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor. 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 an approved means and discharged to the building sewer.
- (h) No person shall make connection of roof downspouts, exterior foundation drains, areaway drains, or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.
- (i) The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing code or other applicable rules and

regulations of the city. All such connections shall be made gastight and watertight. Any deviation from the prescribed procedures and materials must be approved by the public works director before installation.

- (j) The applicant for the building sewer permit 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.
- (k) All excavations for building sewer installations 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.

(1974 Code, § 13-204)

**18-205.** <u>Use of the public sewers</u>. The following regulations apply to the use of the public sewers:

- (a) No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process water to any sanitary sewer.
- (b) 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 Tennessee Stream Pollution Control Board. Industrial cooling water or unpolluted process waters may be discharged, on approval of the Tennessee Stream Pollution Control Board, to a storm sewer, or natural outlet.
- (c) No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes to any public sewer:
  - (1) Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid or gas.
  - (2) Any waters or wastes containing toxic or poisonous solids, liquids, or gases in sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other wastes, to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, create a public nuisance, or create any hazard in the receiving waters of the sewage treatment plant.
  - (3) Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 5.5, or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and personnel of the sewage works.
  - (4) Solid or viscous substances in quantities or of such size capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers, or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage works such as, but not limited to, ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, unground garbage, whole blood, paunch manure, hair and

fleshings, entrails and paper dishes, cups, milk containers, etc. either whole or ground by garbage grinders.

- (d) No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged the following described substances, materials, waters, or wastes if it appears likely in the opinion of the public works director that such wastes can harm either the sewers, sewage treatment process, or equipment, have an adverse effect on the receiving stream, or can otherwise endanger life, limb, public property, or constitute a nuisance. In forming his opinion as to the acceptability of these wastes, the public works director will give consideration to such factors as the quantities of subject wastes in relation to flows and velocities in the sewers, materials of construction of the sewers, nature of the sewage treatment process, capacity of the sewage treatment plant, degree of treatability of wastes in the sewage treatment plant, and other pertinent factors. The substances prohibited are:
  - (1) Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than one hundred fifty (150)° F (65°C).
  - (2) Any water or waste containing fats, wax, grease, or oils, whether or not emulsified, in excess of one hundred (100) mg/l or containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between thirty-two (32) and one hundred fifty (150)° F (0 and 65°C).
  - (3) Any garbage that has not been properly shredded. The installation and operation of any garbage grinder equipped with a motor of three-fourths (3/4) horsepower (0.76 hp metric) or greater shall be subject to the review and approval of the public works director.
  - (4) Any waters or wastes containing strong acid from pickling wastes, or concentrated plating solutions whether neutralized or not.
  - (5) Any waters or wastes containing iron, chromium, copper, zinc, cyanide, and similar objectionable or toxic substances; or wastes exerting an excessive chlorine requirement, to such degree that any such material received in the composite sewage at the sewage treatment works exceeds the limits established by the public works director and/or the Division of Sanitary Engineering, Tennessee Department of Health, for such materials.
  - (6) Any waters or wastes containing phenols or other taste-producing substances or odor-producing substances, in such concentrations exceeding limits which may be established by the public works director as necessary, after treatment of the composite sewage, to meet the requirements of the state, federal, or other public agencies of jurisdiction for such discharge to the receiving waters.
  - (7) Any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration as may exceed limits established by the public works director in compliance with applicable state or federal regulations.
  - (8) Any waters or wastes having a pH in excess of 9.5.
  - (9) Materials which exert or cause:
    - (A) Unusual concentrations of inert suspended solids (such as, but not limited to, Fullers earth, lime slurries, and lime residues) or of

- dissolved solids (such as, but not limited to, sodium chloride and sodium sulfate).
- (B) Excessive discoloration (such as, but not limited to, dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions).
- (C) Unusual BOD (above 300 mg/l), chemical oxygen demand, or chlorine requirement in such quantities as to constitute a significant load on the sewage treatment works.
- (D) Unusual volume of flow or concentration of wastes constituting "slugs" and defined herein.
- (10) Waters or wastes containing substances which are not amenable to treatment or reduction by the sewage treatment processes employed, or are amenable to treatment only to such degree that the sewage treatment plant affluent cannot meet the requirements of other agencies having jurisdiction over discharge to the receiving waters.
- (11) Waters or wastes containing suspended solids in excess of 300 mg/l.
- (e) If any waters or wastes are discharged, or are proposed to be discharged to the public sewers, which waters contain the substances or possess the characteristics enumerated in subsection (4) of this section, and which in the judgment of the public works director and/or the Division of Sanitary Engineering, Tennessee Department of Health, may have a deleterious effect upon the sewage works, processes, equipment, or receiving waters, or which otherwise create a hazard to life or constitute a public nuisance, the public works director may:
  - (1) Reject the wastes;
  - (2) Require pretreatment to an acceptable condition for discharge to the public sewers;
  - (3) Require control over the quantities and rates of discharge; and/or
  - (4) Require payment to cover the added cost of handling and treating the wastes not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges under the provisions of subsection (10) of this section.

If the public works director permits the pretreatment or equalization of waste flows, the design and installation of the plants and equipment shall be subject to the review and approval of the public works director, and the Tennessee Department of Health, and subject to the requirements of all applicable codes, ordinances, and laws.

(f) Grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be provided when, in the opinion of the public works director, they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease in excessive amounts, or any flammable wastes, sand, or other harmful ingredients; except that such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units. All interceptors shall be of a type and capacity approved by the public works director, and shall be so located as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection.

- (g) Where preliminary treatment or flow-equalizing facilities are provided for any waters or wastes, they shall be maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operation by the owner at his expense.
- (h) When required by the public works director, the owner of any property serviced by a building sewer carrying industrial wastes shall install a suitable control manhole together with such necessary meters and other appurtenances in the building sewer to facilitate observation, sampling, and measurement of the wastes. Such manhole, when required, shall be accessibly and safely located, and shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the public works director. The manhole shall be installed by the owner at his expense and shall be maintained by him so as to be safe and accessible at all times.
- (i) All measurements, tests, and analyses of the characteristics of waters and wastes to which reference is made in this chapter shall be determined in accordance with the latest edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater," published by the American Public Health Association and shall be determined at the control manhole provided, or upon suitable samples taken at said control manhole. In the event that no special manhole has been required, the control manhole shall be considered to be the nearest downstream manhole in the public sewer to the point at which the building sewer is connected. Sampling shall be carried out by customarily accepted methods to reflect the effect of constituent upon the sewage works and to determine the existence of hazards to life, limb, and property. (The particular analysis involved will determine whether a twenty-four (24) hour composite of all outfalls of a premise is appropriate or whether a grab sample or samples should be taken. Normally, but not always, BOD and suspended solids analyses are obtained from 24-hr. composites of all outfalls whereas pH's are obtained from periodic grab samples.)
- (j) No statement contained in this section shall be construed as preventing any special agreement or arrangement between the city and any industrial concern whereby an industrial waste of unusual strength or character may be accepted by the city for treatment, subject to payment therefor, by the industrial concern. (1974 Code, § 13-205)
- **18-206.** 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. Any person violating this provision shall be subject to immediate arrest under charge of disorderly conduct. (1974 Code, § 13-206)
- **18-207.** Powers and authority of inspectors. Inspectors shall have the following powers and authority:

- (a) The public works director and other duly authorized employees of the city bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all properties for the purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, and testing in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The public works director or his representatives shall have no authority to inquire into any processes including metallurgical, chemical, oil, refining, ceramic, paper, or other industries beyond that point having a direct bearing on the kind and source of discharge to the sewers or waterways or facilities for waste treatment.
- (b) While performing the necessary work on private properties referred to in subsection (1) of this section, 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 municipal 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 damages asserted against the company and growing out of the gauging and sampling operation, except as such may be caused by negligence or failure of the company to maintain safe conditions as required in § 18-205(h).
- (c) The public works director and other duly authorized employees of the city bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all private properties through which the city holds a duly negotiated easement for the purposes of, but not limited to, inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, repair, and maintenance of any portion of the sewage works lying within said easement. All entry and subsequent work, if any, on said easement, shall be done in full accordance with the terms of the duly negotiated easement pertaining to the private property involved.

(1974 Code, § 13-207)

**18-208.** <u>Violations</u>. It shall be a violation of to commit one or more of the following acts:

- (a) Any person found to be violating any provision of this chapter except § 18-206 shall be served by the city with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all violations.
- (b) Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit provided for in subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined under the general penalty clause for this municipal code of ordinances.

(c) Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall become liable to the city for any expense, loss, or damage occasioned the city by reason of such violation.

(1974 Code, § 13-208)

### **CHAPTER 3**

## SEWER USE ORDINANCE

### **SECTION**

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- 18-301. <u>General provisions</u>. <u>Purpose and policy</u>. This chapter sets forth uniform requirements for direct and indirect contributors into the wastewater collection and treatment system for the City of Greenfield (the "City of Greenfield" being referred to hereinafter in this chapter as "City") and enables the city to comply with all applicable state and federal laws required by the Clean Water Act of 1977 and the General Pretreatment Regulations (40 CFR, Part 403). The objectives of this chapter are:
- (a) To prevent the introduction of pollutants into the municipality wastewater system which will interfere with the operation of the system or contaminate the resulting sludge;
- (b) To prevent the introduction of pollutants into the municipal wastewater system which will pass through the system, inadequately treated, into receiving waters or the atmosphere or otherwise be incompatible with the system;
- (c) To improve the opportunity to recycle and reclaim wastewaters and sludges from the system; and
- (d) To provide for equitable distribution of the cost of the municipal wastewater system.

This chapter provides for the regulation of direct and indirect contributors to the municipal wastewater system through the issuance of permits to certain non-domestic users and through enforcement of general requirements for the other users, authorizes monitoring and enforcement activities, requires user reporting, assumes that existing customer's capacity will not be preempted, and provides for the setting of fees for the equitable distribution of costs and resulting from the program established herein.

This chapter shall apply to the City of Greenfield and to persons outside the city who are, by contract or agreement with the city, users of the city POTW. This chapter is a supplement to the Greenfield Municipal Code. Except as otherwise provided herein, the mayor of the city POTW shall administer, implement, and enforce the provisions of this chapter. (Adopted 06/02/1987)

18-302. <u>Definitions</u>. Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the following terms and phrases, as used in this chapter, shall have the meanings hereinafter designated:

- (a) "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.
- (b) "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.
- (c) "Authorized representative of industrial user." An authorized representative of an industrial user may be:
  - (1) A principal executive officer of at least the level of vice-president, if the industrial user is a corporation;
  - (2) A general partner or proprietor if the industrial user is a partnership or proprietorship, respectively;
  - (3) 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.
- (d) "Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)." The quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure, five (5) days at 20° centigrade expressed in terms of weight and concentration (milligrams per liter (mg/l)).
- (e) "Building sewer." A sewer conveying wastewater from the premises of a user to the POTW.
- (f) "Categorical standards." National Categorical Pretreatment Standards or pretreatment standard.
- (g) "City." The City of Greenfield or the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Greenfield.
- (h) "Cooling water." The water discharged from any use such as air conditioning, cooling or refrigeration, or to which the only pollutant added is heat.

- (i) "Control authority." The term "control authority" shall refer to the "approval authority," defined hereinabove; or the public works director if the city has an approved pretreatment program under the provisions of 40 CFR, 403.11.
- (j) "Direct discharge." The discharge of treated or untreated wastewater directly to the waters of the State of Tennessee.
- (k) "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 said agency.
- (l) "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.
- (m) "Holding tank waste." Any waste from holding tanks such as vessels, chemical toilets, campers, trailers, septic tanks, and vacuum-pump tank trucks.
- (n) "Indirect discharge." The discharge or the introduction of nondomestic 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 discharge into the system).
- (o) "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).
- (p) "Interference." The inhibition or disruption of the POTW treatment 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 POTW.
- (q) "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.
- (r) "National prohibitive discharge standard or prohibitive discharge standard." Any regulation developed under the authority of 307 (b) of the Act and 40 CFR, Section 403.5.

- (s) "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 <u>Federal Register</u>. Where the standard is promulgated later than 120 days after proposal, a new source means any source, the construction of which is commenced after the date of promulgation of the standard.
- (t) "National Pollution Discharge Elimination System or NPDES Permit." A permit issued pursuant to section 402 of the Act (33 U.S.C. 1342).
- (u) "Person." Any individual, partnership, copartnership, 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, the singular shall include the plural where indicated by the context.
- (v) "pH." The logarithm (base 10) of the reciprocal of the concentration of hydrogen ions expressed in grams per liter of solution.
- (w) "Pollution." The man-made or man-induced alteration of the chemical, physical, biological, and radiological integrity of water.
- (x) "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 discharged into water.
- (y) "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 or biological processes, or process changes other means, except as prohibited by 40 CFR Section 403.6 (d).
- (z) "Pretreatment requirements." Any substantive or procedural requirement related to pretreatment, other than a national pretreatment standard imposed on an industrial user.
- (aa) "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.
- (bb) "POTW treatment plant." That portion of the POTW designed to provide treatment to wastewater.
- (cc) "Shall" is mandatory: "May" is permissive.
- (dd) "Significant industrial user." Any industrial user of the city's wastewater disposal system who
  - (1) Has a discharge flow of 25,000 gallons or more per average work day, or
  - (2) Has a flow greater than 5% of the flow in the city's wastewater treatment system, or
  - (3) Has in his wastes toxic pollutants as defined pursuant to Section 307 of the Act or state statutes and rules or
  - (4) Is found by the city, Tennessee Department of Public Health and Environment or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to have significant impact, either singly or in combination with other contributing industries, on the wastewater treatment system, the quality of sludge, the system's effluent quality, or air emissions generated by the system.
- (ee) "State." State of Tennessee.
- (ff) "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.
- (gg) "Storm water." Any flow occurring during or following any form of natural precipitation and resulting therefrom.
- (hh) "Suspended solids." The total suspended matter that floats on the surface of, or is suspended in, water, wastewater or other liquids, and which is removable by laboratory filtering.
- (ii) "Public works director." The person designated by the city to supervise the operation of the publicly owned treatment works and who is charged with certain duties and responsibilities by this article, or his duly authorized representative.
- (jj) "Toxic pollutant." Any pollutant or combination of pollutants listed as toxic in regulations promulgated by the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under the provision of CWA 307 (a) or other Acts.
- (kk) "User." Any person who contributes, causes or permits the contribution of wastewater into the city's POTW.

- (ll) "Wastewater." The liquid and water-carried industrial or domestic wastes from dwellings, commercial buildings, industrial facilities, and institutions, together with may be present, whether treated or untreated, which is contributed into or permitted to enter the POTW.
- (mm) "Waters of the state." All streams, lakes, ponds, marshes, watercourses, waterways, wells, springs, reservoirs, aquifers, irrigation systems, drainage systems and all other bodies or accumulations of water, surface or underground, natural or artificial, public or private, which are contained within, flow through, or border upon the state or any portion thereof.
- (nn) "Wastewater contribution permit." As set forth in § 18-306(b) of this chapter. (Adopted 06/02/1987)

**18-303.** <u>Abbreviations</u>. The following abbreviations shall have the designated meanings:

BOD - Biochemical Oxygen Demand. CFR - Code of Federal Regulations. COD - Chemical Oxygen Demand.

EPA - Environmental Protection Agency.

l - Liter.

mg - Milligrams.

mg/l - Milligrams per liter.

NPDES - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

POTW - Publicly Owned Treatment Works. SIC - Standard Industrial Classification.

SWDA - Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901, et seq.

USCTSS- United States Code.- Total Suspended Solids.

(Adopted 06/02/1987)

- **18-304.** Regulations. The following regulations shall be used in the application of this Chapter:
- (a) 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 or 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:
  - (1) 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

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, bromates, carbides, hydrides and sufides 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.

- (2) 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 such as, but not limited to: grease, garbage with particles greater than one-half inch (½") in any dimension, animal guts or tissues, paunch manure, bones, hair, hides, or flishings, 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, residues from refining, or processing of fuel or lubricating oil, mud, or glass grinding or polishing wastes.
- (3) Any wastewater having a pH less than 5.0, unless the POTW is specifically designed to accommodate such wastewater, or wastewater having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage of hazard to structures, equipment, and/or personnel of the POTW.
- (4) Any wastewater containing toxic pollutants 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.
- (5) Any noxious or malodorous liquids, gases, or solids which either singly or by interaction with other wastes are sufficient to create a public nuisance or hazard to life or are sufficient to prevent entry into the sewers for maintenance and repair.
- (6) 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 disposal criteria, guidelines or regulations developed 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.
- (6) Any substance which will cause the POTW to violate its NPDES and/or state disposal system permit or the receiving water quality standards.
- (7) Any wastewater with objectionable color not removed in the treatment process, such as, but not limited to, dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions.
- (8) 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 POTW treatment plant which exceeds 40 degrees C. (104 degrees F.) unless the POTW treatment plant is designed to accommodate such temperature.
- (9) 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. In no case shall a slug load have a flow rate or contain concentration or qualities of pollutants that exceed for any time period longer than fifteen (15) minutes more than five (5) times the average twenty-four (24) hour concentration, quantities, or flow during normal operation.
- (10) Any wastewater 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.
- (11) Any wastewater which causes a hazard to human life or creates a public nuisance. When the public works director determines that a user(s) is contributing to the POTW, any of the above enumerated substances in such amounts as to interfere with the operation of the POTW, the public works director shall:
  - (A) Advise the user(s) of the impact of the contribution on the POTW;
  - (B) Develop effluent limitation(s) for such user to correct the interference with the POTW.
- (b) <u>Federal categorical pretreatment standards</u>. 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 sub-category, 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.

- (c) Modification of federal categorical pretreatment standards. Where the city's wastewater treatment system achieves consistent removal of pollutants limited by federal pretreatment standards, the city may apply to the approval authority for modification of specific limits in the federal pretreatment standards. "Consistent removal" shall mean reduction in the amount of pollutant or alteration of the nature of the pollutant by the wastewater treatment system to a less toxic or harmless state in the effluent which is achieved by the system 95 percent of the samples taken when measured according to the procedures set forth in Section 403.7 (c) (2) of (Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 403) "General Pretreatment Regulations for Existing and New Sources of Pollution" promulgated pursuant to the Act. The city may then notify pollutant discharge limits in the Federal Pretreatment Standards if the requirements contained in 40 CFR, Part 403, Section 403.7, are fulfilled and prior approval from the approval authority is obtained.
- (d) <u>Specific pollutant limitations</u>. No person shall discharge wastewater containing in excess of:

PARAMETER	<b>CONCENTRATION</b>
	mg/l
Copper	26
Chromium	68
Nickel	63
Cadmium	1.2
Lead	12
Mercury	1.1
Silver	1.3
Zinc	64
Cyanide	4.8
Toluene	15
Benzene	4
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	50
Ethylbenzene	4.6
Carbon tetrachloride	15
Tetrachloroethylene	26
Chloroform	41
1,2 Transdichloroethylene	2.3
Methylene chloride	50
Phenol	1.1
Naphthalene	0.04
Bis (2-ethyl hexyl) phathalate	

Total =

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Butyl benzyl phthalate Di-n-butyl phthalate

Diethyl phthalate

- (e) <u>State requirements</u>. State requirements and limitations on discharges shall apply in any case where they are more stringent than federal requirements and limitations or those in this chapter.
- (f) <u>City's right of revision</u>. The city reserves the right to establish by ordinance more stringent limitations or requirements on discharges to the wastewater disposal system if deemed necessary to comply with the objectives presented in § 18-301 of this chapter.
- (g) Excessive discharge. No user shall ever increase the use of process water, or in any way, attempt to dilute a discharge as a partial or complete substitute for adequate treatment to achieve compliance with the limitations contained in the Federal Categorical Pretreatment Standards, or in any other pollutant-specific limitation developed by the city or state (Comment: Dilution may be an acceptable means of complying with some of the prohibitions set forth in Section 2.1, e.q. the pH prohibition.)
- (h) Accidental discharge. Each user shall provide protection from accidental discharge of prohibited materials or other substances regulated by this chapter. Facilities to prevent accidental discharge of prohibited materials shall be provided and maintained at the owner or user's own cost and expense. Detailed plans showing facilities and operating procedures to provide this protection shall be submitted to the city for review and shall be approved by the city before construction of the facility. All existing users shall complete such a plan by January 1, 1987. No user who commences contribution to the POTW after the effective date of this chapter shall be permitted to introduce pollutants into the system until accidental discharge procedures have been approved by the city. Review and approval of such plans and operating procedures shall not relieve the industrial user from the responsibility to modify the user's facility as necessary to meet the requirements of this chapter. In the case of an accidental discharge, it is the responsibility of the user to telephone and notify immediately the POTW of the incident. The notification shall include location of discharge, type of waste, concentration and volume, and corrective actions.

Written Notice -- Within five (5) days following an accidental discharge, the user shall submit to the public works director a detailed written report describing the cause of the discharge and the measures to be taken by the user to prevent similar future occurrences. Such notification shall not relieve the user of any expense, loss, damage, or other liability which may be incurred as a result of damage to the POTW, fish kills, or any other damage to person or property; nor shall notification relieve the user of any fines, civil penalties, or other liability which may be imposed by this article or other applicable law.

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 insure that all employees who may cause or suffer such a dangerous discharge to occur are advised of the emergency notification procedure.

(Adopted 06/02/1987)

- **18-305.** Fees. These fees relate solely to the matters covered by this chapter and are separate from all other fees chargeable by the city.
- (a) <u>Purpose</u>. It is the purpose of this chapter to provide for the recovery of costs from users of the city's wastewater disposal system for the implementation of the program established herein. The Schedule of Charges and Fees.
- (b) <u>Charges and fees</u>. The city will access charges and fees to cover adequately the following:
  - (1) Fees for reimbursement of costs of setting up and operating the city's pretreatment program;
  - (2) Fees for monitoring, inspections, and surveillance procedures;
  - (3) Fees for reviewing accidental discharge procedures and construction;
  - (4) Fees for permit applications;
  - (5) Fees for filing appeals;
  - (6) Fees for consistent removal (by the city) of pollutants otherwise subject to federal pretreatment standards;
  - (7) Other fees as the city may deem necessary to carry out the requirements contained herein.

(Adopted 06/02/1987)

## 18-306. Administration.

- (a) <u>Wastewater discharges</u>. It shall be unlawful to discharge without a city permit to any natural outlet within the City of Greenfield, or in any area under the jurisdiction of said city and/or to the POTW any wastewater except as authorized by the public works director in accordance with the provision of this chapter.
- (b) Wastewater contribution permits. General permits. All significant users proposing to connect to or to contribute to the POTW shall obtain a wastewater discharge permit before connecting to or contributing to the POTW. All existing significant users connected to or contributing to the POTW shall obtain a wastewater contribution permit within 180 days after the effective date of this chapter.
  - (1) Permit application. Users required to obtain a wastewater contribution permit shall complete and file with the city an application in the form prescribed by the city, and accompanied by a fee of \$50.00. Existing users shall apply for a wastewater contribution permit within 30 days after the effective date of this chapter, and proposed new users shall apply at least 90 days prior to connecting to or contributing to the POTW. In support of the application, the user shall submit, in units and terms appropriate for evaluation, the following information:
    - (A) Name, address, and location, (if different from the address);

- (B) SIC number according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, Bureau of the Budget, 1972, as amended;
- (C) Wastewater constituents and characteristics including but not limited to those mentioned in § 18-304 of this chapter as determined by a reliable analytical laboratory; sampling and analysis shall be performed in accordance with procedures established by the EPA pursuant to Section 304 (g) of the Act and contained in 40 CFR, Part 136, as amended.
- (D) Times and duration of contribution;
- (E) Average daily and 30 minute peak wastewater flow rates, including daily, monthly and seasonal variations if any;
- (F) Site plans, floor plans, mechanical and plumbing plans and details to show all sewers, sewer connections, and appurtenances by the size, location and elevation;
- (G) Description of activities, facilities and plant processes on the premises including all materials which are or could be discharged;
- (H) Where known, the nature and concentration of any pollutants in the discharge which are limited by any city, state, or federal pretreatment standards, and a statement regarding whether or not the pretreatment standards are being met on a consistent basis and if not, whether additional Operation and Maintenance (O&M) and/or additional pretreatment for the user to meet applicable pretreatment standards;
- (I) If additional pretreatment and/or O&M will be required to meet the pretreatment standards; 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:

The following conditions shall apply to this schedule:

- (i) The schedule shall contain increments of progress in the form of dates for the commencement and completion of major events leading to the construction and operation of additional pretreatment required for the user to meet the applicable pretreatment standards (e.g., hiring an engineer, completing preliminary plans, completing final plans, executing contract for major components, commencing constructing, completing construction, etc. . .).
- (ii) No increment referred to in paragraph (i) shall exceed 9 months.
- (iii) Not later than 14 days following each date in the schedule and the final date for compliance, the user shall submit a progress report to the public works director including, as a minimum, whether or not it complied with the increment of progress to be met on such date and, if not, the date on which it expects to comply with this increment of progress, the reason for delay, and the steps being taken by the user

to return the construction to the schedule established. In no event shall more than 9 months elapse between such progress reports to the public works director.

- (J) Each product produced by type, amount, process or processes and rate of production;
- (K) Type and amount of raw materials processed (average and maximum per day);
- (L) Number and type of employees, and hours of operation of plant and proposed or actual hours of operation of pretreatment system;
- (M) Any other information as may be deemed by the city to be necessary to evaluate the permit application.

The city will evaluate the date furnished by the user and may require additional information. After evaluation and acceptance of the data furnished, the city may issue a wastewater contribution permit subject to terms and conditions provided herein.

- (1) <u>Permit modifications</u>. 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:
  - (A) The unit charge or schedule of user charges and fees for the wastewater to be discharged to a community sewer;
  - (B) Limits on the average and maximum wastewater constituents and characteristics;
  - (C) Limits on average and maximum rate and time of discharge or requirements for flow regulations and equalization;
  - (D) Requirements for installation and maintenance of inspection and sampling facilities;
  - (E) Specifications for monitoring programs which may include sampling locations, frequency of sampling, number, types and standards for tests and reporting schedules;
  - (F) Compliance schedules;
  - (G) Requirements for submission of technical reports or discharge reports (see § 18-305(c));
  - (H) Requirements for maintaining and retaining plant records relating to wastewater discharge as specified by the city, and affording city access thereto;
  - (I) Requirements for notification of the city or 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. It will be necessary to apply for a new permit upon such a notification.
  - (J) Requirements for notification of slug discharges as per  $\S 18-306(b)$ .
  - (K) Other conditions as deemed appropriate by the city to ensure compliance with this chapter.

- (4) 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 180 days prior to the expiration of the user's existing permit. The terms and conditions of the permit may be subject to modification by the city during the term of the permit as limitations or requirements as identified in § 18-304 are modified or other just cause exists. The user shall be informed of any proposed changes in his permit at least 30 days prior to the effective date change. Any changes or new conditions in the permit shall include a reasonable time schedule for compliance.
- (5) 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.

# (c) Reporting requirements for permit.

Compliance date report. Within 90 days following the date for final (1) compliance with applicable pretreatment standards or, in the case of a new source, following commencement of the introduction of wastewater into the POTW, and 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 or The report shall state whether the applicable requirements. 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 qualified professional.

# (2) 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. In addition, this report shall include a record of all daily flows which during the reporting period exceeded the average daily flow reported in paragraph (b)

- (4) of this section. 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.
- The public works director may impose mass limitations on users (B) which are using dilution to meet applicable pretreatment standards or requirements, or in other cases where the imposition of mass limitations are appropriate. In such cases, the report required by subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall indicate the mass of pollutants regulated by pretreatment standards in the effluent of the user. These reports 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. frequency of monitoring shall be prescribed in the applicable pretreatment standards. All analyses 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 136 and amendments thereto or with any other test procedures approved by the administrator. Sampling shall be performed in accordance with the techniques approved by the administrator.

(Comment: Where 40 CFR, Parts 136 does not include a sampling or analytical technique for the pollutant in question, sampling and analysis shall be performed in accordance with the procedures set forth in the EPA publication, Sampling and Analysis Procedures for Screening of Industrial Effluents for Priority Pollutants, April 1977, and amendments thereto, or with any other sampling and analytical procedures approved by the administrator.)

(d) Monitoring facilities. The city shall require to be provided and operated at the user's own expense, monitoring facilities to allow inspection, sampling, and flow measurement of the building sewer and/or internal drainage systems. The monitoring facility should normally be situated on the user's premises, but the city may, when such a location would be impractical or cause undue hardship on the user, allow the facility to be constructed in the public street or sidewalk area 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 expense of the user.

Whether constructed on public or private property, the sampling and monitoring facilities shall be provided in accordance with the city's requirements and all applicable local construction standards and specifications. Construction shall be completed within 90 days following written notification by the city.

- (e) 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 purposes of inspection, sampling, records examination or in the examination or in the performance of any of their duties. The city, approval authority, and (where the NPDES state is the approval authority) 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 performing their specific responsibilities.
- (f) Pretreatment. Users shall provide necessary wastewater treatment as required to comply with this chapter and shall achieve compliance with all federal categorical pretreatment standards within the time limitations as specified by the federal pretreatment regulations. Any facilities required to pretreat wastewater to a level acceptable to the city shall be provided, operated, and maintained at the user's expense. Detailed plans showing the pretreatment facilities and operating procedures shall be submitted to the city for review, and shall be acceptable to the city before construction of the facility. The review of such plans and operating procedures will 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. Any subsequent changes in the pretreatment facilities or method of operation shall be reported to and be acceptable to the city prior to the user's initiation of the changes.

If pretreatment is necessary in order for discharge to come under compliance, development of a compliance schedule as stated in § 18-306(b)(3)(f) shall be submitted to the city.

The city shall annually publish in the local newspaper a list of the users which were not in compliance with any pretreatment requirements or standards at least once during the 12 previous months. The notification shall also summarize any enforcement actions taken against the user(s) during the same 12 months.

All records relating to compliance with pretreatment standards shall be made available to officials of the EPA or approval authority upon request.

(g) <u>Confidential information</u>. Information and data on a user obtained from reports, questionnaires, permit applications, permits and monitoring programs and from inspections shall be available to the public or other governmental agency without restrictions unless the user specifically requests and is able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the city that the release of such information would divulge information processes or methods of production entitled to protection as trade secrets of the user.

When requested by the person furnishing a 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 upon written request to governmental agencies for uses related to this chapter, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, state disposal system permit and/or the pretreatment programs; 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 city as confidential shall not be transmitted to any governmental agency or to the general public by the city until and unless a ten-day notification is given to the user.

(Adopted 06/02/1987)

# 18-307. Enforcement.

(a) <u>Harmful contribution</u>. The city 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 service upon proof of the elimination of the noncomplying 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 15 days of the date of occurrence.

- (b) Revocation of permit. Any user who violates the following conditions of this chapter, or applicable state and federal regulations, is subject to having his permit revoked in accordance with the procedures of § 18-306 of this chapter.
  - (1) Failure of a user to report factually the wastewater constituents and characteristics of his discharge;

- (2) Failure of the user to report significant changes in operations or wastewater constituents and characteristics;
- (3) Refusal of reasonable access to the user's premises for the purpose of inspection or monitoring; or,
- (4) Violation of conditions of the permit.
- (c) <u>Notification of violation</u>. Whenever the city finds that any user has violated or is violating this chapter, wastewater contribution permit, or any prohibition, limitation of requirements contained herein, the city may serve upon such person a written notice stating the nature of the violation. Within 30 days of the date of the notice, a plan for the satisfactory correction thereof shall be submitted to the city by the user.
- (d) Show cause hearing. The city may order any user who causes or allows an unauthorized discharge to enter the POTW to show cause before the city council 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 mayor and board of 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 mayor and board of 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. Service may be made on any agent or officer of a corporation.
  - (1) The mayor and board of aldermen may itself conduct the hearing and take the evidence or may designate any of its members or any officer or employee of the assigned department to
    - (A) Issue in the name of the mayor and board of aldermen notices of hearing requesting the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence relevant to any matter involved in such hearings;
    - (B) Take the evidence;
    - (C) Transmit a report of the evidence and hearing, including transcripts and other evidence, together with recommendations to the mayor and board of aldermen for action thereon.
  - (2) At any hearing held pursuant to this chapter, testimony taken must be under oath and recorded stenographically. The transcript, so recorded, will be made available to any member of the public or any party to the hearing upon payment of the usual charges thereof.
  - (3) After the mayor and board of aldermen have reviewed the evidence, it 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,

devices, or other related appurtenances are properly operated. Further orders and directives as are necessary and appropriate may be issued.

(e) <u>Legal action</u>. 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 the circuit court of this country.

(Adopted 06/02/1987)

## 18-308. Penalty; costs.

- (a) <u>Civil penalties</u>. Any user who is found to have violated an order of the mayor and board of aldermen or who willfully or negligently failed to comply with any provision of this chapter, and the orders, rules, regulations and permits issued hereinunder, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offense. Each day on 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 attorneys' 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 of the orders, rules, regulations, and permits issued hereunder.
- (b) <u>Falsifying information</u>. 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 chapter, or wastewater contribution permit, or who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required under this chapter, shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or by both.

(Adopted 06/02/1987)

- **18-309.** <u>Severability</u>. If any provision, paragraph, word, section, or article of this chapter is invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions, paragraphs, words, sections, and chapters shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. (Adopted 06/02/1987)
- **18-310.** Conflict. All other chapters and parts of other chapters inconsistent or conflicting with any part of this chapter are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict. (Adopted 06/02/1987)
- **18-311.** Effective Date. This chapter shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law. (Adopted 06/02/1987)

**18-312.** <u>Industrial sewer connection application</u>. The following application shall be used for an industrial sewer connection request:

To the	e City of Greenfield:
	The undersigned being the of the property located at
	does hereby request a permit to ar
indust	crial sewer connection serving, which company aged in at said location.
is eng	aged in at said location.
(a)	A plan to the property showing accurately all sewers and drains now existing its attached hereunto as Exhibit "A."
(b)	Plans and specifications covering any work proposed to be performed under this permit is attached hereunto as Exhibit "B."
(c)	A complete schedule of all process waters and industrial wastes produced or expected to be produced at said property, including a description of the character of each waste, the daily volume and maximum rates of discharge, representative analyses, and compliance with any applicable pretreatment standard or requirements, is attached hereunto as Exhibit "C."
(d)	The name and address of the person or firm who will perform the work covered by this permit is
(e)	Complete an industrial waste survey form and attach as Exhibit "D."
	In consideration of the granting of this permit the undersigned agrees:
(a)	To furnish any additional information relating to the installation or use of the industrial sewer for which this permit is sought as may be requested by the city.
(b)	To accept and abide by all provisions of Ordinance No of the City of Greenfield, and of all other pertinent ordinances or regulations that may be adopted in the future.
(c)	To operate and maintain any waste pretreatment facilities, as may be required as a condition of the acceptance into the wastewater treatment system of the industrial wastes involved, in an efficient manner at all times, and at no expense to the city.
(d)	To cooperate at all times with the city and its representatives in inspecting, sampling, and study of the industrial wastes, and any facilities provided for pretreatment.
(e)	To notify the city immediately in the event of any accident, or other occurrence that occasions contributor to the wastewater treatment system of any wastewater or substances prohibited or not covered by this permit.
Date:	Signed:
	inspection fee paid
	cation approved and permit granted:
Date:	Signed:

(Adopted 06/02/1987)

# 18-313. <u>User charge system</u>.

- (a) <u>Introduction</u>. The City of Greenfield has received a state grant administered by the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment for the purpose of upgrading the city's wastewater treatment system. Item 3 of Section 1200-22-2.08 requires a recipient of a state grant to adopt a user charge system. The user charge system shall provide that each user which discharges pollutants that cause an increase in the cost of managing the effluent from the wastewater treatment facility shall pay for such increased cost. The user charge system must be designed to produce adequate revenues to provide for the following expenditures:
  - (1) Operation and maintenance expenses.
  - (2) Debt retirement.
  - (3) Replacement of the wastewater treatment works over its useful life.
- (b) <u>Annual review and notification</u>. The city will review annually the wastewater contribution of users, user classes, the total costs of operation and maintenance of the treatment works, and its approved user charge system. The city will revise the charges for users or user classes to accomplish the following:
  - (1) Maintain the proportionate distribution of operation and maintenance costs among users and user classes;
  - (2) Generate sufficient revenue to pay the total operation and maintenance costs necessary to the proper operation, maintenance, and replacement of the treatment works; and
  - (3) Apply excess revenues collected from a class of users to the cost of operation and maintenance attributable to that class for the next year and adjust the rate accordingly.

Each user will be notified annually in conjunction with a regular bill of the rate and that portion of the user charge that is attributable to wastewater treatment services.

(c) <u>Charges for operation and maintenance of infiltration/inflow</u>. The cost of operation and maintenance for all flow not directly attributable to a user or users shall be distributed among all users based on the flow volume of the user. Flow volume shall be determined by water meter records unless the user elects to install at its own cost a sewer flow meter. The flow meter shall meet the city's approval prior to installation of the meter. Maintaining the meter shall be the sole responsibility of the user.

# (d) <u>User charge system.</u>

(1) Classification of users. Users of the city's wastewater system shall be classified into two general classes or categories depending upon the user's contribution of wastewater loads, each class user being identified as follows:

- (A) Class I: Those users whose average biochemical oxygen demand is two hundred fifty milligrams per liter (250 mg/l) by weight or less, and whose suspended solids discharge is two hundred fifty milligrams per liter (250 mg/l) by weight or less.
- (B) Class II: Those users whose average biochemical oxygen demand exceeds two hundred fifty milligrams per liter concentration (250 mg/l) by weight and whose suspended solids exceeds two hundred fifty milligrams per liter concentration (250 mg/l).
- (2) Determination of costs. The board of mayor and aldemen shall establish monthly rates and charges for the use of the wastewater system and for the services supplied by the wastewater system. Said charges shall be based upon the cost categories of administration costs, including billing and accounting costs, operation and maintenance costs of the wastewater collection and treatment system, and debt service costs.
  - (A) All users who fall under Class I pay a single unit charge expressed as dollars per 1,000 gallons of water purchased (\$/1,000 gallons) with the unit charge being determined in accordance with following formula:

Monthly Bill = 
$$\frac{A - (B \times C)}{D - ((B - E) \times F)}$$
 +C

Where:

A = Monthly Revenue Required

B = Total No. of Users

C = Monthly Minimum Bill

D = Total Gallons Used by all Users Excluding Minimum Users

E = No. of Minimum Users

F = Maximum No. of Gallons in Minimum Range

#### Therefore:

According to Table A, A = \$52,449/12, or

A = \$4.371

B = 856

C = \$4.00

D = 3,872,000

E = 320

F = 3000

\$0.42 per 1,000 gallons + \$4.00

(B) All users who fall within the Class II classification shall all pay the same unit charge per 1,000 gallons of water purchased as for the Class I users and in addition shall pay a surcharge rate on the

- excessive amounts of biochemical oxygen demand and suspended solids in direct proportion to the actual discharge quantities.
- (C) The volume of water purchased which is used in the calculation of sewer user charges may be adjusted by the public works director if a user purchases a significant volume of water for a consumptive use and does not discharge it to the public sewers (i.e. filling swimming pools, industrial heating and humidifying equipment, etc.). The user shall be responsible for documenting the quantity of waste discharged to the public sewer.
- (D) When either or both the total suspended solids or biochemical oxygen demand quantities discharged into the POTW is in excess of those described in paragraph 4(a)(i) above, thus being classified as Class II users, the following formula shall be used to compute the appropriate user charge:

Cu = VcVu = BcBu + ScSu

#### Where:

Cu = Total User charge per unit of time.

Vc = Total cost for transportation and treatment of a unit of wastewater volume.

Vu = Volume contribution per unit of time.

Bc = Total cost for treatment of a unit of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD).

Bu = Total BOD contribution for a user per unit of time.

Sc = Total cost of treatment of a unit of suspended solids.

Su = Total suspended solids contribution from a user per unit of time.

At the present, Greenfield does not have any Class II users. The above formula should be difficult to apply to a lagoon system. When and if a Class II user locates in the City of Greenfield, the formula will be developed.

- (e) <u>Surcharge fees</u>. If it is determined by the city that the discharge or other loading parameters or wastewater substances are creating excessive operation and maintenance costs within the wastewater system, whether collection or treatment, then the monetary effect of such a parameter or parameters shall be borne by the discharge of such parameters in proportion to the amount of discharge.
- (f) <u>Retirement of bonds</u>. The clean water act does not require the city to retire bonds through the user charge system.

- (g) Adoption of system. The legal authority for this user charge system is given by § 18-305 of this chapter. All previous user charge systems are declared null and void.
- (h) <u>Prohibition of toxic waste</u>. In accordance with the provisions of § 18-304(a)(4) of this chapter, introduction of toxic waste into the sanitary sewer system is prohibited.

(Adopted 09/08/1988)

#### **CHAPTER 4**

# SEWAGE AND HUMAN EXCRETA DISPOSAL<sup>1</sup>

#### **SECTION**

- 18-401. Definitions.
- 18-402. Places required to have sanitary disposal methods.
- 18-403. When a connection to the public sewer is required.
- 18-404. When a septic tank shall be used.
- 18-405. Registration and records of septic tank cleaners, etc.
- 18-406. Use of pit privy or other method of disposal.
- 18-407. Approval and permit required for septic tanks, privies, etc.
- 18-408. Owner to provide disposal facilities.
- 18-409. Occupant to maintain disposal facilities.
- 18-410. Only specified methods of disposal to be used.
- 18-411. Discharge into watercourses restricted.
- 18-412. Pollution of ground water prohibited.
- 18-413. Enforcement of chapter.
- 18-414. Carnivals, circuses, etc.
- 18-415. Violations.

# **18-401. Definitions**. The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation of this chapter:

- (a) "Accessible sewer." A public sanitary sewer located in a street or alley abutting on the property in question or otherwise within two hundred (200) feet of any boundary of said property measured along the shortest available right-of-way;
- (b) "Health officer." The person duly appointed to such position having jurisdiction, or any person or persons authorized to act as his agent;
- (c) "Human excreta." The bowel and kidney discharges of human beings;
- (d) "Sewage." All water-carried human and household wastes from residences, buildings, or industrial establishments;
- (e) "Approved septic tank system." A watertight covered receptacle of monolithic concrete, either precast or cast in place, constructed according to plans approved by the health officer. Such tanks shall have a capacity of not less than 750 gallons and in the case of homes with more than two (2) bedrooms the capacity of the tank shall be in accordance with the recommendations of the Tennessee

Plumbing code: title 12, chapter 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Department of Health as provided for in its 1967 bulletin entitled "Recommended Guide for Location, Design, and Construction of Septic Tanks and Disposal Fields." A minimum liquid depth of four (4) feet should be provided with a minimum depth of air space above the liquid of one (1) foot. The septic tank dimensions should be such that the length from inlet to outlet is at least twice but not more than three (3) times the width. The liquid depth should not exceed five (5) feet. The discharge from the septic tank shall be disposed of in such a manner that it may not create a nuisance on the surface of the ground or pollute the underground water supply, and such disposal shall be in accordance with recommendations of the health officer as determined by acceptable soil percolation data;

- (f) "Sanitary pit privy." A privy having a fly-tight floor and seat over an excavation in earth, located and constructed in such a manner that flies and animals will be excluded, surface water may not enter the pit, and danger of pollution of the surface of the ground or the underground water supply will be prevented;
- (g) "Other approved method of sewage disposal." Any privy, chemical toilet, or other toilet device (other than a sanitary sewer, septic tank, or sanitary pit privy as described above) the type, location, and construction of which have been approved by the health officer;
- (h) "Watercourse." Any natural or artificial drain which conveys water either continuously or intermittently.
   (1974 Code, § 8-301)
- 18-402. Places required to have sanitary disposal methods. Every residence, building, or place where human beings reside, assemble, or are employed within the corporate limits shall be required to have a sanitary method for disposal of sewage and human excreta. (1974 Code, § 8-302)
- 18-403. When a connection to the public sewer is required. Wherever an accessible sewer exists and water under pressure is available, approved plumbing facilities shall be provided and the wastes from such facilities shall be discharged through a connection to said sewer made in compliance with the requirements of the official responsible for the public sewerage system. On any lot or premise accessible to the sewer no other method of sewage disposal shall be employed. (1974 Code, § 8-303)
- 18-404. When a septic tank shall be used. Wherever water carried sewage facilities are installed and their use is permitted by the health officer, and an accessible sewer does not exist, the wastes from such facilities shall be discharged into an approved septic tank system.

No septic tank or other water-carried sewage disposal system except a connection to a public sewer shall be installed without the approval of the health officer

or his duly appointed representative. The design, layout, and construction of such systems shall be in accordance with specifications approved by the health officer and the installation shall be under the general supervision of the department of health. (1974 Code, § 8-304)

18-405. Registration and records of septic tank cleaners, etc. Every person, firm, or corporation who operates equipment for the purpose of removing digested sludge from septic tanks, cesspools, privies, and other sewage disposal installations on private or public property must register with the health officer and furnish such records of work done within the corporate limits as may be deemed necessary by the health officer. (1974 Code, § 8-305)

**18-406.** <u>Use of pit privy or other method of disposal</u>. Wherever a sanitary method of human excreta disposal is required under § 18-402 and water-carried sewage facilities are not used, a sanitary pit privy or other approved method of disposal shall be provided.

(1974 Code, § 8-306)

18-407. Approval and permit required for septic tanks, privies, etc. Any person, firm, or corporation proposing to construct a septic tank system, privy, or other sewage disposal facility, requiring the approval of the health officer under this chapter, shall before the initiation of construction obtain the approval of the health officer for the design and location of the system and secure a permit from the health officer for such system.

(1974 Code, § 8-307)

- **18-408.** Owner to provide disposal facilities. It shall be the duty of the owner of any property upon which facilities for sanitary sewage or human excreta disposal are required by § 18-402, or the agent of the owner to provide such facilities. (1974 Code, § 8-308)
- **18-409.** Occupant to maintain disposal facilities. It shall be the duty of the occupant, tenant, lessee, or other person in charge to maintain the facilities for sewage disposal in a clean and sanitary condition at all times and no refuse or other material which may unduly fill up, clog, or otherwise interfere with the operation of such facilities shall be deposited therein. (1974 Code, § 8-309)
- **18-410.** Only specified methods of disposal to be used. No sewage or human excreta shall be thrown out, deposited, buried, or otherwise disposed of, except by a sanitary method of disposal as specified in this chapter. (1974 Code, § 8-310)
- **18-411.** Discharge into watercourses restricted. No sewage or excreta shall be discharged or deposited into any lake or watercourse except under conditions

specified by the health officer and specifically authorized by the Tennessee Stream Pollution Control Board. (1974 Code, § 8-311)

- 18-412. Pollution of ground water prohibited. No sewage, effluent from a septic tank, sewage treatment plant, or discharges from any plumbing facility shall empty into any well, either abandoned or constructed for this purpose, cistern, sinkhole, crevice, ditch, or other opening either natural or artificial in any formation which may permit the pollution of ground water. (1974 Code, § 8-312)
- 18-413. Enforcement of chapter. It shall be the duty of the health officer to make an inspection of the methods of disposal of sewage and human excreta as often as is considered necessary to insure full compliance with the terms of this chapter. Written notification of any violation shall be given by the health officer to the person or persons responsible for the correction of the condition, and correction shall be made within forty-five (45) days after notification. If the health officer shall advise any person that the method by which human excreta and sewage is being disposed of constitutes an immediate and serious menace to health such person shall at once take steps to remove the menace, and failure to remove such menace immediately shall be punishable under the general penalty clause for this code; but such person shall be allowed the number of days herein provided within which to make permanent correction.

(1974 Code, § 8-313)

- 18-414. <u>Carnivals, circuses, etc.</u> Whenever carnivals, circuses, or other transient groups of persons come within the corporate limits such groups of transients shall provide a sanitary method for disposal of sewage and human excreta. Failure of a carnival, circus, or other transient group to provide such sanitary method of disposal and to make all reasonable changes and corrections proposed by the health officer shall constitute a violation of this section. In these cases the violator shall not be entitled to the notice of forty-five (45) days provided for in the preceding section. (1974 Code, § 8-314)
- 18-415. <u>Violations</u>. Any person, persons, firm, association, or corporation or agent thereof, who shall fail, neglect, or refuse to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable under the general penalty clause for this code.

  (1974 Code, § 8-315)

#### CHAPTER 5

# CROSS CONNECTIONS, AUXILIARY INTAKES, ETC.1

## **SECTION**

18-501. Definitions.

18-502. Regulated.

18-503. Statement required.

18-504. Violations.

**18-501. Definitions**. The following definitions and terms shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter:

- (a) "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.
- (b) "Cross connection." Any physical connection whereby the public water supply is connected with any other water supply system, whether public or private, either inside or outside of any building or buildings, in such manner that a flow of water into the public water supply is possible either through the manipulation of valves or because of ineffective check or back-pressure valves, or because of any other arrangement.
- (c) "Auxiliary intake." Any piping connection or other device whereby water may be secured from a source other than that normally used.
- (d) "Bypass." Any system of piping or other arrangement whereby the water may be diverted around any part or portion of a water purification plant.
- (e) "Interconnection." Any system of piping or other arrangement whereby the public water supply is connected directly with a sewer, drain, conduit, pool, 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.
- (f) "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.

(1974 Code, § 8-401)

Plumbing code: title 12.

Water and sewer system administration: title 18.

Wastewater treatment: title 18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

**18-502.** Regulated. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause a cross connection, auxiliary intake, bypass, or interconnection 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 the operation of such cross connection, auxiliary intake, bypass or interconnection is at all times under the direct supervision of the public works director of the waterworks of this municipality. (1974 Code, § 8-402)

18-503. 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 of the waterworks 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 until the construction and operation of same have received the approval of the Tennessee Department of Public Health, and the operation and maintenance of same have been placed under the direct supervision of the public works director of the water works.

(1974 Code, § 8-403)

18-504. <u>Violations</u>. 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 such provisions. After a thorough investigation of existing conditions and appraisal of the time required to complete the work, the amount of time to be allowed shall be designated by the public works director of the water works. In addition to, or in lieu of any fines and penalties that may be judicially assessed for violations of this chapter, the public works director of the water works shall discontinue the public water supply service at any premises upon which there is found to be a cross-connection, auxiliary intake, bypass, or interconnection, and service shall not be restored until such cross-connection, auxiliary intake, bypass, or interconnection has been discontinued. (1974 Code, § 8-404)

# **TITLE 19**

# ELECTRICITY AND GAS

# [RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE]

#### **TITLE 20**

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

## **CHAPTER**

1. FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE.

#### CHAPTER 1

# FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE

#### **SECTION**

- 20-101. Policy.
- 20-102. Definitions.
- 20-103. Unlawful practice.
- 20-104. Discrimination in the sale or rental of housing.
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- 20-110. Enforcement.
- 20-111. Investigations; subpoenas; giving of evidence.
- 20-112. Enforcement by private persons.
- **20-101.** Policy. It is the policy of the City of Greenfield to provide, within constitutional limitations, for fair housing throughout the city. (Adopted 11/03/1987 and 03/04/1997)
- **20-102.** <u>**Definitions.**</u> The following definitions shall be used in the application of this chapter:
- (a) "Dwelling" means any building, structure, or portion thereof which is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a residence by one or more families, and any vacant land which is offered for sale or lease for the construction or location thereon of any such building, structure, or portion thereof.
- (b) "Family" includes a single individual.
- (c) "Person" includes one or more individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, labor organizations, legal representatives, mutual companies, joint-stock companies, trusts, unincorporated organizations, trustees, trustees in bankruptcy, receivers, and fiduciaries.
- (d) "To rent" includes to lease, to sublease, to let and otherwise to grant for a consideration the right to occupy premises owned by the occupant.

(e) "Discriminatory housing practice" means an act that is unlawful under §§ 20-104, 20-105, or 20-106.

(Adopted 11/03/1987 and 03/04/1997)

- **20-103.** <u>Unlawful practice</u>. Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) and § 20-107, the prohibitions against discrimination in the sale or rental of housing set forth in § 20-104 shall apply to:
- (a) All dwellings except as exempted by subsection (b) below.
- (b) Nothing in § 20-104 shall apply to:
  - Any single-family house sold or rented by an owner: Provided, that such private individual owner does not own more than three such single-family houses at any one time: Provided further, that in the case of the sale of any such single-family house by a private individual owner not residing in such house at the time of such sale or who was not the most recent resident of such house prior to such sale, the exemption granted by this subsection shall apply only with respect to one such sale within any twenty-four month period: Provided further, that such bona fide private individual owner does not own any interest in, nor is owned or reserved on his behalf, under any express or voluntary agreement, title to or any right to all or a portion of the proceeds from the sale or rental of, more than three such single-family houses at any one time: Provided further, that the sale or rent of any such single-family house shall be excepted from the application of this title only if such house is sold or rented
    - (A) without the use in any manner of the sales or rental facilities or the sale or rental services of any real estate broker, agent, or salesman, or of such facilities or services of any person in the business of selling or renting dwellings, or of any employee or agent of any such broker, agent, salesman, or person and
    - (B) without the publication, posting or mailing, after notice of any advertisement or written notice in violation of § 20-104(c) of this chapter,

but nothing in this proviso shall prohibit the use of attorneys, escrow agents, abstractors, title companies, and other such professional assistance as necessary to perfect or transfer the title, or

- (2) Rooms or units in dwellings containing living quarters occupied or intended to be occupied by no more than four families living independently of each other, if the owner actually maintains and occupies one of such living quarters as his residence.
- (c) For the purpose of subsection (b), a person shall be deemed to be in the business of selling or renting dwellings if:
  - (1) he has within the preceding twelve months, participated as principal in three or more transactions involving the sale or rental of any dwelling or any interest therein, or

- (2) he has, within the preceding twelve months, participated as agent, other than in the sale of his own personal residence in providing sales or rental facilities or sales or rental services in two or more transactions involving the sale or rental of any dwelling or any interest therein, or
- (3) he is the owner of any dwelling designed or intended for occupancy by, or occupied by, five or more families.

(Adopted 11/03/1987 and 03/04/1997)

- **20-104.** Discrimination in the sale or rental of housing. As made applicable by § 20-103 and exempted by §§ 20-103(b) and 20-107, it shall be unlawful:
- (a) To refuse to sell or rent after the making of a bonafide offer, or to refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental of, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, a dwelling to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability.
- (b) To discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in connection therewith, because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability.
- (c) To make, print, or publish, or cause to be made, printed, or published any notice statement, or advertisement, with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitations, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability or an intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination.
- (d) To represent to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability that any dwelling is not available for inspection, sale, or rental when such dwelling is in fact available.
- (e) For profit, to induce or attempt to induce any person to sell or rent any dwelling by representations regarding the entry or prospective entry into the neighborhood of a person or persons of any particular race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability.
- (f) To refuse to permit, at the expense of the person with the disability, reasonable modifications of existing premises occupied or to be occupied by that person if such modifications are necessary to afford that person full enjoyment of the premises.
- (g) To refuse to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or service, when such accommodations are necessary to afford a person with a disability equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling.

(Adopted 11/03/1987 and 03/04/1997)

**20-105.** <u>Discrimination in the financing of housing</u>. It shall be unlawful for any bank, building and loan association, insurance company or other corporation, association, firm, or enterprise whose business consists in whole or in part in the

making or commercial real estate loans, to deny a loan or other financial assistance to a person applying therefor for the purpose of purchasing, constructing, improving, repairing, or maintaining a dwelling, or to discriminate against him in the fixing of the amount, interest rate, duration, or other terms or conditions of such loan or other financial assistance, because of the race, color, sex, religion, national origin, familial status, or disability of such person or of any person associated with him in connection with such loan or other financial assistance or the purposes of such loan or other financial assistance, or of the present or prospective owners, lessees, tenants, or occupants of the dwelling or dwellings in relation to which such loan or other financial assistance is to be made or given: Provided, that nothing contained in this section shall impair the scope or effectiveness of the exception contained in § 20-103(b). (Adopted 11/03/1987 and 03/04/1997)

- **20-106.** Discrimination in the provision of brokerage services. It shall be unlawful to deny any person access to or membership or participation in any multiple-listing service, real estate brokers organization or other service, organization or facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings, or to discriminate against him in the terms or conditions of such access, membership, or participation, on account of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability. (Adopted 11/03/1987 and 03/04/1997)
- **20-107.** Exemption. Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit a religious organization, association, or society or any nonprofit institution or organization operated, supervised or controlled by or in conjunction with a religious organization, association or society, from limiting the sale, rental or occupancy of dwellings which it owns or operates for other than a commercial purpose to persons of the same religion, or from giving preference to such persons, unless membership in such religion is restricted on account of race, color, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability. Nor shall anything in this chapter prohibit a private club not in fact open to the public, which as an incident to its primary purpose or purposes provides lodgings which it owns or operates for other than a commercial purpose, from limiting the rental or occupancy of such lodgings to its members or from giving preference to its members. (Adopted 11/03/1987 and 03/04/1997)
- **20-108.** <u>Administration</u>. The following procedures shall be used in the administration of this chapter:
- (a) The authority and responsibility for administrating this Act shall be in the Mayor of the City of Greenfield.
- (b) The mayor may delegate any of these functions, duties and powers to employees of the city, or to boards of such employees, including function, duties, and powers with respect to investigating, conciliating, hearing, determining, ordering, certifying, reporting or otherwise acting as to any work, business, or matter under this chapter. The mayor shall by rule prescribe such rights of appeal from the decisions of his hearing examiners to other hearing examiners or to other officers in the city, to boards of officers or to himself, as shall be appropriate and in accordance with law.

(c) All executive departments and agencies shall administer their programs and activities relating to housing and urban development in a manner affirmatively to further the purpose of this chapter and shall cooperate with the mayor to further such purposes.

(Adopted 11/03/1987 and 03/04/1997)

**20-109.** Education and conciliation. Immediately after the enactment of this chapter, the mayor shall commence such educational and conciliatory activities as will further the purpose of this chapter. He shall call conferences of persons in the housing industry and other interested parties to acquaint them with the provisions of this chapter and his suggested means of implementing it, and shall endeavor with their advice to work out programs of voluntary compliance and of enforcement. (Adopted 11/03/1987 and 03/04/1997)

**20-110.** Enforcement. The following rules shall be applied in the enforcement of this chapter:

- (a) Any person who claims to have been injured by a discriminatory housing practice or who believes that he will be irrevocably injured by a discriminatory housing practice that is about to occur (hereafter "person aggrieved") may file a complaint with the mayor. Complaints shall be in writing and shall contain such information and be in such form as the mayor requires. Upon receipt of such a complaint, the mayor shall furnish a copy of the same to the person or persons who allegedly committed or about to commit the alleged discriminatory housing practice. Within thirty days after receiving a complaint, or within thirty days after the expiration of any period of reference under subsection (c), the mayor shall investigate the complaint and give notice in writing to the person aggrieved whether he intends to resolve it. If the mayor decides to resolve the complaint, he shall proceed to try to eliminate or correct the alleged discriminatory housing practice by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion. Nothing said or done in the course of such informal endeavors may be made public or used as evidence in a subsequent proceeding under this chapter without the written consent of the persons concerned. Any employee of the mayor who shall make public any information in violation of this provision shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year.
- (b) A complaint under subsection (a) shall be filed within one hundred eighty days after the alleged discriminatory housing practice occurred. Complaints shall be in writing and shall state the facts upon which the allegations of a discriminatory housing practice are based. Complaints may be reasonably and fairly amended at any time. A respondent may file an answer to the complaint against him and with the leave of the mayor, which shall be granted whenever it would be reasonable and fair to do so, may amend his answer at any time. Both complaints and answers shall be verified.
- (c) If within thirty days after a complaint is filed with the mayor, the mayor has been unable to obtain voluntary compliance with this chapter, the person aggrieved may, within thirty days thereafter, file a complaint with the Secretary

- of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The mayor will assist in this filing.
- (d) If the mayor has been unable to obtain voluntary compliance within thirty days of the complaint, the person aggrieved may, within thirty days hereafter commence a civil action in any appropriate court, against the respondent named in the complaint, to enforce the rights granted or protected by this chapter, insofar as such rights relate to the subject of the complaint. If the court finds that a discriminatory housing practice has occurred or is about to occur, the court may enjoin the respondent from engaging in such practice or order such affirmative action as may be appropriate.
- (e) In any proceeding brought pursuant to this section, the burden of proof shall be on the complainant.
- (f) Whenever an action filed by an individual shall come to trial, the mayor shall immediately terminate all efforts to obtain voluntary compliance. (Adopted 11/03/1987 and 03/04/1997)
- **20-111.** <u>Investigations</u>; <u>subpoenas</u>; <u>giving of evidence</u>. The following rules shall be applied in the investigation, issuance of subpoenas, and the giving of evidence for the purposes of this chapter:
- (a) In conducting an investigation the mayor shall have access at all reasonable times to premises, records, documents, individuals, and other evidence or possible sources of evidence and may examine, record, and copy such materials and take and record the testimony or statements of such persons as are reasonable necessary for the furtherance of the investigation: Provided, however, that the mayor first complies with the provisions of the Fourth Amendment relating to unreasonable searches and seizures. The mayor may issue subpoenas to compel his access to or the production of such materials, or the appearance of such persons, and may issue interrogatories to a respondent, to the same extent and subject to the same limitations as would apply if the subpoenas or interrogatories were issued or served in aid of a civil action in the United States district court for the district in which the investigation is taking place. The mayor may administer oaths.
- (b) Upon written application to the mayor, a respondent shall be entitled to the issuance of a reasonable number of subpoenas by and in the name of the mayor to the same extent and subject to the same limitations as subpoenas issued by the mayor himself. Subpoenas issued at the request of a respondent shall show on their face the name and address of such respondent and shall state that they were issued at his request.
- (c) Witnesses summoned by subpoena of the mayor shall be entitled to the same witness and mileage fees as are witnesses in proceedings in the United States district courts. Fees payable to a witness summoned by a subpoena issued at the request of a respondent shall be paid by him.

- (d) Within five days after service of a subpoena upon any person, such person may petition the mayor to revoke or modify the subpoena. The mayor shall grant the petition if he finds that the subpoena requires appearance or attendance at an unreasonable time or place, that it requires production of evidence which does not relate to any matter under investigation, that it does not describe with sufficient particularity the evidence to be produced, that compliance would be unduly onerous, or for other good reason.
- (e) In case of contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena, the mayor or other person at whose request it was issued may petition for its enforcement in the municipal or state court for the district in which the person to whom the subpoena was addressed resides, was served, or transacts business.
- (f) Any person who willfully fails or neglects to attend and testify or to answer any lawful inquiry or to produce records, documents, or other evidence, if in his power to do so, in obedience to the subpoena or lawful order of the mayor shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both. Any person who, with intent thereby to mislead the mayor, shall make or cause to be made any false entry or statement or fact in any report, account, record, or other document submitted to the mayor pursuant to his subpoena or other order, or shall willfully neglect or fail to make or cause to be made full, true, and correct entries in such reports, accounts, records, or other documents, or shall willfully mutilate, alter, or by any other means falsify any documentary evidence, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.
- (g) The city attorney shall conduct all litigation in which the mayor participates as a party or as amicus pursuant to this chapter.(Adopted 11/03/1987 and 03/04/1997)
- **20-112.** Enforcement by private persons. The following regulations shall apply to the enforcement of fair housing practices by private persons:
- (a) The right granted by §§ 20-103, 20-104, 20-105, and 20-106 may be enforced by civil action in state or local courts of general jurisdiction. A civil action shall be commenced within one hundred eighty days after the alleged discriminatory housing practice occurred: Provided, however, that the court shall continue such civil case brought pursuant to this section or § 20-110(d) from time to time before bringing it to trial or renting dwellings, or
- (b) any person because he is or has been, or in order to intimidate such person or any other person or any class of persons from:
  - (1) participating, without discrimination on account of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability, in any of the activities, services, organizations or facilities described in §§ 20-104, 20-105 and 20-106; or
  - (2) affording another person or class of persons opportunity or protection so to participate; or

(c) Any citizen because he is or has been, or in order to discourage such citizen or any other citizen from lawfully aiding or encouraging other persons to participate, without discrimination on account of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability in any of the activities, services, organizations or facilities described in §§ 20-104, 20-105, and 20-106, or participating lawfully in speech or peaceful assembly opposing any denial of the opportunity to so participate shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both; and if bodily injury results shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; and if death results shall be subject to imprisonment for any term of years or for life. (Adopted 11/03/1987 and 03/04/1997)

#### CITY ORDINANCE # A

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

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WHEREAS, some of the ordinances of the City of Greenfield 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 Greenfield, 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 "Greenfield Municipal Code," now therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD:

- 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 "Greenfield Municipal Code," hereinafter referred to as the "municipal code."
- <u>Section 2.</u> <u>Ordinances repealed.</u> 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 above 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 City or authorizing the issuance of bonds or other evidence of City's indebtedness; any appropriation ordinance or ordinances providing for the levy of taxes or any budget ordinance; any contract or obligation assumed by or in favor of 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 the flow of traffic or the location of vehicles within the corporate City limits, any right or franchise granted by City; any ordinance establishing, moving, vacating, regulating, or maintaining any street or public way; any ordinance providing for local improvements and special assessments therefor; any ordinance dedicated 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.
- <u>Section 4.</u> <u>Continuation of existing provisions.</u> 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. 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 6. 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.

- Section 7. 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 8. 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 9. 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.

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I, Randy Potts, City Recorder for City of Greenfield, Tennessee, hereby certify that the above represents ORDINANCE # A as voted upon by the Board and Mayor of Aldermen and passed as follows:

First Reading → 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2002
Second Reading → 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002
Public Hearing → 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002
Third Reading → 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002

Signed and sealed this the 18th day of December, 2002

Randy Potts/City Recorder