

## TITLE 12

### BUILDING, UTILITY, ETC. CODES

#### CHAPTER

#### 1. VARIOUS CODES ADOPTED.

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#### SECTION

12-101. Codes adopted.

12-102. Miscellaneous.

**12-101. Codes adopted.** The following codes are hereby adopted by reference as though they were copied herein fully and as may be amended from time to time:

(1) International Building Code, 2006 edition:

(a) All residential structures in the City of Covington, Tennessee shall be built on sixteen inch (16") centers, including floor-framing members, roof members, and wall-framing members, however, wall-framing members may be constructed on twenty-four inch (24") centers only if using 2x6" studs or larger.

(b) Any structure converted to a residential structure in the City of Covington, Tennessee shall meet the requirements of sixteen inch (16") centers as listed in (a) above.

(c) All structures located in a flood zone shall have at least one foot (1') of freeboard.

(d) Complete deletion of chapter 11 (Accessibility), chapter 27 (Electrical) and Appendix K (Electrical Code).

(e) Include Appendix H (Signs) and Appendix I (Patio Covers).

(f) The following letter visibility chart for address numbers on structures shall be adopted:

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

Fire protection, fireworks, and explosives: title 7.

Planning and zoning: title 14.

Streets and other public ways and places: title 16.

Utilities and services: titles 18 and 19.

Viewing Distance	Minimum Required Letter Height
100 ft.	4 in.
150 ft.	6 in.
200 ft.	8 in.
250 ft.	10 in.
360 ft. (city block)	16 in.
500 ft.	22 in.
750 ft.	33 in.
1,000 ft.	43 in.
1,320 ft. (1/4 mile)	57 in.

(2) International Residential Code, 2006 edition:

(a) All residential structures in the City of Covington, Tennessee shall be built on sixteen inch (16") centers, including floor-framing members, roof members and wall-framing members, however, wall-framing members may be constructed on twenty-four inch (24") centers only if using 2x6" studs or larger.

(b) Any structure converted to a residential structure in the City of Covington, Tennessee shall meet the requirements of sixteen inch (16") centers as listed in (a) above.

(c) All structures located in a flood zone shall have at least one foot (1') of freeboard.

(d) Complete deletion of Appendix I (Private Sewage Disposal) and Appendix L (Permit Fees).

(e) The following letter visibility chart for address numbers on structures shall be adopted:

Viewing Distance	Minimum Required Letter Height
100 ft.	4 in.
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- (3) International Plumbing Code, 2006 edition:
  - (a) Complete deletion of Appendix A (Plumbing Permit Fee Schedule).
- (4) International Mechanical Code, 2006 edition:
  - (a) Complete deletion of Appendix B (Recommended Permit Fee Schedule).
- (5) International Fuel Gas Code, 2006 edition.
- (6) International Existing Building Code, 2006 edition.
- (7) North Carolina Accessibility Code, 2002 edition with 2004 amendments.
- (8) NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2006 edition:
  - (a) This code only applies to state buildings, educational occupancies and any other occupancy requiring an inspection by the state fire marshal for initial licensure.
- (9) International Fire Code, 2006 edition.
- (10) International Property Maintenance Code, 2006 edition.
- (11) National Electrical Code, 2008 edition.

Note: Several sections of the 2008 edition of the NEC, as stated in rule 0780-2-1.11, are exempted out from adoption and will not be mandatory but optional for implementation. With respect to Article 210.12 (B), arc-fault circuit interrupters, combination type, shall be required for all bedrooms and in all other rooms shall be optional. As for Article 334.15 (C), nonmetallic-sheathed cable shall not be required to be run through bored holes in unfinished basements and crawl spaces with less than four feet (4') and six inches (6") of clearance. And, as for Article 406.8 (B) of the 2008 edition of the NEC, the installation of listed weather-resistant type receptacles shall be optional. (Ord. #1596, Aug. 2009, modified)

**12-102. Miscellaneous.** (1) Any matters in said codes which are contrary to existing ordinances of Covington, Tennessee shall prevail and, to that extent, any existing ordinances to the contrary are hereby repealed in that respect only.

(2) Enactment of all codes shall be supplemental to any and all existing state laws regarding protection of safety, health and welfare, and nothing in this section shall be deemed to impair enforcement of any other law, ordinance or regulation on those areas.

(3) Within said codes when reference is made to the duties of a certain official named therein, that designated official of Covington, Tennessee who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in said code shall be deemed to be the responsible official insofar as enforcing the provisions of said code are concerned.

(4) In addition to any and all procedures for enforcement set forth in said codes, the city may proceed to enforce said codes by general nuisance law

or such other proceedings as the laws of the State of Tennessee permit.  
(Ord. #1495, March 2002)