TITLE 12

BUILDING, UTILITY, ETC. CODES

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CHAPTER 1

BUILDING CODE

SECTION
12-102. Modifications.
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12-101. Building code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of regulating the construction, alteration, repair, use, occupancy, location, maintenance, removal, and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenance connected or attached to any building or structure, the Standard Building Code,² 1999 edition, as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the building code. (1970 Code, § 4-101, as amended by Ord. #53, Aug. 1988, modified)

1 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.

2 Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclaire Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
12-102. **Modifications.** Whenever the building code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority" it shall be deemed to be a reference to the mayor.

When the "Building Official" is named, it shall be deemed to mean such person as the mayor shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the building code.

Whenever the building code refers to the "Board of Adjustments and Appeals," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the City Council of the City of Parsons.

The schedule of permit fees shall be one-half of the fees recommended in Appendix "B" provided, however, that the minimum fee for a permit shall be $5.00.

Sections 102.1, 102.2, 102.3, 102.4, 106.2, 111.2, and 111.3 are hereby deleted. (1970 Code, § 4-102)

12-103. **Violations.** 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. (1970 Code, § 4-103)
CHAPTER 2

PLUMBING CODE

SECTION
12-201. Plumbing code adopted.
12-203. 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 Standard Plumbing Code, 2 1997 edition, as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the plumbing code. (1970 Code, § 4-201, as amended by Ord. #58, Aug. 1988, modified)

12-202. Modifications. Whenever the plumbing code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the mayor. Whenever the "Plumbing Official," is named, it shall be deemed to mean such person as the mayor shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the plumbing code.
Sections 102.1, 102.2, 102.3, 103.3, 104, 105, and 106 are hereby deleted. (1970 Code, § 4-202)

12-203. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the plumbing code as herein adopted by reference and modified. (1970 Code, § 4-203)

1Municipal code references
Cross connections: title 18.
Street excavations: title 16.
Wastewater treatment: title 18.
Water and sewer system administration: title 18.

2Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
CHAPTER 3
ELECTRICAL CODE

SECTION
12-301. Electrical code adopted.
12-302. Available in recorder's office.
12-303. Permit required for doing electrical work.
12-304. Violations.
12-305. Enforcement.
12-306. Fees.

12-301. Electrical code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of providing practical minimum standards for the safeguarding of persons and of buildings and their contents from hazards arising from the use of electricity for light, heat, power, radio, signaling, or for other purposes, the National Electrical Code, 1999 edition, as prepared by the National Fire Protection Association, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the electrical code. (1970 Code, § 4-301, as amended by Ord. #58, Aug. 1988, modified)

12-302. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the electrical code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1970 Code, § 4-302, modified)

12-303. Permit required for doing electrical work. No electrical work shall be done within the city until a permit therefor has been issued by the city. The term "electrical work" shall not be deemed to include minor repairs that do not involve the installation of new wire, conduits, machinery, apparatus, or other electrical devices generally requiring the services of an electrician. (1970 Code, § 4-303)

12-304. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to do or authorize any electrical work or to use any electricity in such manner or under

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1Municipal code references
   Electricity: title 19.
   Fire protection, fireworks and explosives: title 7.

2Copies of this code may be purchased from the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101.
such circumstances as not to comply with this chapter and/or the requirements and standards prescribed by the electrical code. (1970 Code, § 4-304)

12-305. *Enforcement*. The electrical inspector shall be such person as the mayor shall appoint or designate. It shall be his duty to enforce compliance with this chapter and the electrical code as herein adopted by reference. He is authorized and directed to make such inspections of electrical equipment and wiring, etc., as are necessary to insure compliance with the applicable regulations, and may enter any premises or building at any reasonable time for the purpose of discharging his duties. He is authorized to refuse or discontinue electrical service to any person or place not complying with this chapter and/or the electrical code. (1970 Code, § 4-305)

CHAPTER 4

GAS CODE

SECTION
12-401. Gas code adopted.
12-402. Modifications.
12-403. Violations.


12-402. **Modifications.** The schedule of permit fees shall be those recommended in Appendix "B."

Section 107 is hereby deleted. (1970 Code, § 4-402)

12-403. **Violations.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the gas code as herein adopted by reference and modified. (1970 Code, § 4-404)

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1Municipal code reference
Gas: title 19.

2Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
CHAPTER 5

HOUSING CODE

SECTION
12-503. Available in recorder's office.
12-504. Violations.

12-501. **Housing code adopted.** Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of securing the public safety, health, and general welfare through structural strength, stability, sanitation, adequate light, and ventilation in dwellings, apartment houses, rooming houses, and buildings, structures, or premises used as such, the Standard Housing Code,\(^1\) 1997 edition, as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the housing code. (1970 Code, § 4-501, as amended by Ord. #58, Aug. 1988, modified)

12-502. **Modifications.** Wherever the housing code refers to the "Building Official" it shall mean the person appointed or designated by the mayor to administer and enforce the provisions of the housing code. Wherever the "Department of Law" is referred to it shall mean the city attorney. Wherever the "Chief Appointing Authority" is referred to it shall mean the mayor. Section 109 of the housing code is deleted. (1970 Code, § 4-502)

12-503. **Available in recorder's office.** Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the housing code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1970 Code, § 4-503, modified)

12-504. **Violations.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the housing code as herein adopted by reference and modified. (1970 Code, § 4-504)

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\(^1\)Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
CHAPTER 6

MODEL ENERGY CODE¹

SECTION
12-601. Model energy code adopted.
12-602. Modifications.
12-603. Available in recorder's office.
12-604. Violation and penalty.

12-601. Model energy code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of regulating the design of buildings for adequate thermal resistance and low air leakage and the design and selection of mechanical, electrical, water-heating and illumination systems and equipment which will enable the effective use of energy in new building construction, the Model Energy Code,² 1992 edition, as prepared and maintained by The Council of American Building Officials, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the energy code.

12-602. Modifications. Whenever the energy code refers to the "responsible government agency," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the City of Parsons. When the "building official" is named it shall, for the purposes of the energy code, mean such person as the city council shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the energy code.

12-603. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of the Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the energy code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public.

¹State law reference
Tennessee Code Annotated, § 13-19-106 requires Tennessee cities either to adopt the Model Energy Code, 1992 edition, or to adopt local standards equal to or stricter than the standards in the energy code.

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.

²Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from The Council of American Building Officials, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041.
12-604. **Violation and penalty.** It shall be a civil offense for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the energy code as herein adopted by reference and modified. The violation of any section of this chapter shall be punishable by a penalty of up to five hundred dollars ($500) for each offense. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.