

TITLE 6

LAW ENFORCEMENT

CHAPTER

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6-101. Policemen subject to orders. All policemen shall obey and comply with such orders and administrative rules and regulations as the board of mayor and aldermen or their designee may officially issue. (1990 Code, § 1-401)

6-102. Policemen to preserve law and order, etc. Policemen shall preserve law and order within the town. They shall patrol the town and shall assist the municipal court during the trial of cases. Policemen shall also promptly serve any legal process issued by the municipal court. (1990 Code, § 1-402)

6-103. Citations in lieu of arrest in non-traffic cases.² Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 7-63-101 et seq., the board of mayor and aldermen appoints the fire chief in the fire department and the building inspector in the building department special police officers having the authority to issue citations in lieu of arrest. The fire chief in the fire department shall have the authority to issue citations in lieu of arrest for violations of the fire code adopted

¹Municipal code reference

Issuance of citation in lieu of arrest in traffic cases: § 15-701.

²Municipal code reference

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

in title 7, chapter 1 of this municipal code of ordinances. The building inspector in the building department shall have the authority to issue citations in lieu of arrest for violations of the building, utility and housing codes adopted in title 12 of this municipal code of ordinances.

The citation in lieu of arrest shall contain the name and address of the person being cited and such other information necessary to identify and give the person cited notice of the charges against him, and state a specific date and place for the offender to appear and answer the charges against him. The citation shall also contain an agreement to appear, which shall be signed by the offender. If the offender refuses to sign the agreement to appear, the special officer in whose presence the offense was committed shall immediately arrest the offender and dispose of him in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 7-63-104.

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his agreement to appear in court, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which the citation in lieu of arrest was issued. (1990 Code, § 1-405)

6-104. When policemen to make arrests.¹ Unless otherwise authorized or directed in this code or other applicable law, an arrest of the person shall be made by a policeman in the following cases:

- (1) Whenever he is in possession of a warrant for the arrest of the person.
- (2) Whenever an offense is committed or a breach of the peace is threatened in the officer's presence by the person.
- (3) Whenever a felony has in fact been committed and the officer has reasonable cause to believe the person has committed it. (1990 Code, § 1-403)

6-105. Summonses in lieu of arrest. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 7-63-201 et seq., which authorizes the board of mayor and aldermen to designate certain town enforcement officers the authority to issue ordinance summonses in the areas of sanitation, litter control and animal control, the board designates the building inspector to issue ordinance summonses in those areas. The building inspector may not arrest violators or issue citations in lieu of arrest, but upon witnessing a violation of any ordinance, law or regulation in the areas of sanitation, litter control or animal control, may issue an ordinance summons and give the summons to the offender.

The ordinance summons shall contain the name and address of the person being summoned and such other information necessary to identify and give the person summons notice of the charge against him, and state a specific date and place for the offender to appear and answer the charges against him. The

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Issuance of citation in lieu of arrests in traffic cases: § 15-701.

ordinance summons shall also contain an agreement to appear, which shall be signed by the offender. If the offender refuses to sign the agreement to appear, the enforcement officer in whose presence the offense occurred may (1) have a summons issued by the clerk of the municipal court, or (2) may seek the assistance of a police officer to witness the violation. The police officer who witnesses the violation may issue a citation in lieu of arrest for the violation, or arrest the offender for failure to sign the citation in lieu of arrest. If the police officer makes an arrest, he shall dispose of the person arrested as provided in § 6-106 below.

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his agreement to appear in court, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which the ordinance summons was issued. (1990 Code, § 1-406)

6-106. Disposition of persons arrested. (1) For code or ordinance violations. Unless otherwise provided by law, a person arrested for a violation of this code or other town ordinances shall be brought before the municipal court. However, if the municipal court is not in session, the arrested person shall be allowed to post bond with the municipal court clerk, or, if the municipal court clerk is not available, with the ranking police officer on duty. If the arrested person fails or refuses to post bond, he shall be confined pending his release by the municipal judge. In addition, if the arrested person is under the influence of alcohol or drugs when arrested, even if he is arrested for an offense unrelated to the consumption of alcohol or drugs, the person shall be confined until he does not pose a danger to himself or to any other person.

(2) Felonies or misdemeanors. A person arrested for a felony or a misdemeanor shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable federal and state law and the rules of the court which has jurisdiction over the offender. (1990 Code, § 1-404)

6-107. Police department records. The police department shall keep a comprehensive and detailed daily record in permanent form, showing at a minimum:

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

(2) All arrests made by policemen.

(3) All police investigations made, funerals convoyed, fire calls answered, and other miscellaneous activities of the police department. (1990 Code, § 1-407)