

## TITLE 5

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

#### CHAPTER

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

#### CHAPTER 1

#### REAL PROPERTY TAXES

#### SECTION

5-101. When due and payable.

5-102. When delinquent--penalty and interest--collection.

**5-101. When due and payable.**<sup>2</sup> 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, as provided in art. 6, § 2 of the city's charter. (1994 Code, § 5-101)

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<sup>1</sup>Charter references

Collection of delinquent taxes: art. 6, § 3.

County may collect taxes: art. 6, § 4.

Recorder to collect taxes: art. 3, § 10.

<sup>2</sup>State law reference

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

**5-102. ~~When delinquent--penalty and interest--collection.~~**<sup>1</sup> All real property taxes shall become delinquent on and after the first day of March next after they become due and payable, as provided in art. 6, § 3 of the city's charter, 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>2</sup>

The recorder and city attorney shall have and employ the same powers and authority for collecting delinquent city taxes that county officials have for collecting delinquent county taxes. (1994 Code, § 5-102)

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<sup>1</sup>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>2</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 Tennessee Code Annotated, § 67-5-2005.

## CHAPTER 2

### PRIVILEGE TAXES

#### SECTION

5-201. Tax levied.

5-202. License required.

**5-201. Tax levied.** Except as otherwise specifically provided in this code, there is hereby levied on all vocations, occupations, and businesses declared by the general laws of the state to be privileges taxable by municipalities, an annual privilege tax in the maximum amount allowed by state laws.

The taxes provided for in the state's "Business Tax Act" (Tennessee Code Annotated, § 67-4-701 et seq.) are hereby expressly enacted, ordained, and levied on the businesses, business activities, vocations, and occupations carried on within the city at the rates and in the manner prescribed by the said act. (1994 Code, § 5-201)

**5-202. License required.** No person shall exercise any such privilege within the city without a currently effective privilege license, which shall be issued by the recorder to each applicant therefor upon the applicant's compliance with all regulatory provisions in this code and payment of the appropriate privilege tax. (1994 Code, § 5-202)

**CHAPTER 3****WHOLESALE BEER TAX****SECTION**

5-301. To be collected.

**5-301. 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 Tennessee Code Annotated, title 57, chapter 6.<sup>1</sup> (1994 Code, § 5-301)

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference

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

Municipal code reference

Alcohol and beer regulations: title 8.

**CHAPTER 4****PURCHASING****SECTION**

5-401. Purchasing.

**5-401. Purchasing.** (1) Competitive bids shall be required when the purchase cost for goods and services is \$5,000 or more;

(2) All purchases shall require prenumbered purchase orders;

(3) Purchases under the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) may be made with a purchase order at the discretion of department directors. Purchases over the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall require the city administrator's approval prior to purchase. When the city administrator is unavailable and an emergency purchase need arises, the mayor shall issue approval for the item. (Ord. #578, Dec. 1996, as amended by Ord. #606, Sept. 1998)