

## ORDINANCE NO. 15-03

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

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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TUSCULUM, AS FOLLOWS:<sup>1</sup>

**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  
"Tusculum Municipal Code," hereinafter referred to as the "Municipal Code."

**Section 2. Ordinances repealed.** All ordinances of a general, continuing, and  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repealed from and after the effective date of said code, except as hereinafter provided in  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  
of this ordinance 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 the city or authorizing the issuance of any bonds or other  
evidence of said city's indebtedness; any appropriation ordinance or ordinance providing  
for the levy of taxes or any budget ordinance; any contract or obligation assumed by or in  
favor of said city; any ordinance establishing a social security system or providing

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<sup>1</sup> Charter reference

Tennessee Code Annotated § 6-20-214.

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 speed, direction of travel, passing, stopping, yielding, standing, or parking on any specifically named public street or way; any right or franchise granted by the city; any ordinance dedicating, naming, establishing, locating, relocating, opening, paving, widening, vacating, etc., any street or public way; any ordinance establishing and prescribing the grade of any street; any ordinance providing for local improvements and special assessments therefore; any ordinance dedicating 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.

**Section 4. Continuation of existing provisions.** In so far 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. Penalty clause.** Unless otherwise specified in a title, chapter or section of the municipal code, including the codes and ordinances adopted by reference, whenever in the municipal code any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be a civil offense, or whenever in the municipal code the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be a civil offense, the violation of any such provision of the municipal code shall be punished by a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and costs for each separate violation; provided, however, that the imposition of a civil penalty under the provisions of this municipal code shall not prevent the revocation of any permit or license or the taking of other punitive or remedial action where called for or permitted under the provisions of the municipal code or other applicable law. In any place in the municipal code the term "it shall be a misdemeanor" or "it shall be an offense" or "it shall be unlawful" or similar terms appears in the context of a penalty provision of this municipal code, it shall mean "it shall be a civil offense." Anytime the word "fine" or similar term appears in the context of a penalty provision of this municipal code, it shall mean "a civil penalty."<sup>1</sup>

Each day any violation of the municipal code continues shall constitute a separate civil offense.

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<sup>1</sup> State Law Reference

For authority to allow deferred payment of fines, or payment by installments, see Tennessee Code Annotated, § 40-24-101 et seq.

**Section 6. 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 there from.

**Section 7. Reproduction and amendment of code.** The municipal code shall be reproduced in loose-leaf form. The board of commissioners, 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. One copy of the municipal code as originally adopted and one copy of each amending ordinance thereafter adopted shall be furnished to the Municipal Technical Advisory Service immediately upon final passage and adoption.

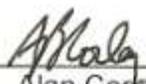
**Section 8. Construction of conflicting provisions.** Where any provision of the municipal code is in conflict with any other provision in said code, the provision which establishes the higher standard for the promotion and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare shall prevail.

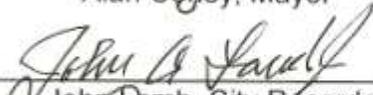
**Section 9. Code available for public use.** A copy of the municipal code shall be kept available in the recorder's office for public use and inspection at all reasonable times.

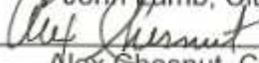
**Section 10. Date of effect.** This ordinance shall take effect no sooner than fifteen (15) days after its final passage thereof, provided that it is read two (2) different days in open session before its adoption, and not less than one week elapses between first and second readings, the welfare of the city requiring it, the municipal code, including all the codes and ordinances therein adopted by reference, shall be effective on and after that date.

Passed on First Reading: June 15, 2015

Passed on Second Reading: July 20, 2015

Approved and Signed in Open Meeting:   
Alan Corey, Mayor

Attest:   
John Lamb, City Recorder

  
Alex Chesnut, City Attorney  
ALEX CHESNUT, CITY ATTORNEY