

**THE
WARTRACE
MUNICIPAL
CODE**

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PREFACE

The Wartrace Municipal Code contains the codification and revision of the ordinances of the Town of Wartrace, Tennessee. By referring to the historical citation appearing at the end of each section, the user can determine the origin of each particular section. The absence of a historical citation means that the section was added by the codifier. The word "modified" in the historical citation indicates significant modification of the original ordinance.

The code is arranged into titles, chapters, and sections. Related matter is kept together, so far as possible, within the same title. Each section number is complete within itself, containing the title number, the chapter number, and the section of the chapter of which it is a part. Specifically, the first digit, followed by a hyphen, identifies the title number. The second digit identifies the chapter number, and the last two digits identify the section number. For example, title 2, chapter 1, section 6, is designated as section 2-106.

By utilizing the table of contents and the analysis preceding each title and chapter of the code, together with the cross references and explanations included as footnotes, the user should locate all the provisions in the code relating to any question that might arise. However, the user should note that most of the administrative ordinances (e.g. Annual Budget, Zoning Map Amendments, Tax Assessments, etc...) do not appear in the code. Likewise, ordinances that have been passed since the last update of the code do not appear here. Therefore, the user should refer to the town's ordinance book or the city recorder for a comprehensive and up to date review of the town's ordinances.

Following this preface is an outline of the ordinance adoption procedures, if any, prescribed by the town's charter.

The code has been arranged and prepared in loose-leaf form to facilitate keeping it up to date. MTAS will provide updating service under the following conditions:

- (1) That all ordinances relating to subjects treated in the code or which should be added to the code are adopted as amending, adding, or deleting specific chapters or sections of the code (see section 8 of the adopting ordinance).
- (2) That one copy of every ordinance adopted by the town is kept in a separate ordinance book and forwarded to MTAS annually.

(3) That the town agrees to reimburse MTAS for the actual costs of reproducing replacement pages for the code (no charge is made for the consultant's work, and reproduction costs are usually nominal).

When the foregoing conditions are met MTAS will reproduce replacement pages for the code to reflect the amendments and additions made by such ordinances. This service will be performed at least annually and more often if justified by the volume of amendments. Replacement pages will be supplied with detailed instructions for utilizing them so as again to make the code complete and up to date.

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**ORDINANCE ADOPTION PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED BY THE
TOWN CHARTER**

SECTION 7. MAYOR'S VETO POWER; PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES; MAYOR'S POWER TO APPOINT AND SUSPEND OFFICERS; SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS; EXPENDITURE OF CORPORATE FUNDS. It shall be the duty of the Mayor to carefully examine all bills and ordinances passed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen before affixing his signature thereto. Should the same not meet with his approval, he shall at the next regular meeting of the Board after the passage of such bill or ordinance, or at the next succeeding meeting as hereinafter provided, return the same with his objections in writing and no law so vetoed shall go into effect unless the same shall be again passed by a majority of the entire Board.

Every ordinance shall be copied or printed in the Board's minutes on its third and final reading if passed. No ordinance shall become a law unless the same shall be passed on three separate readings and dates by a majority vote and until the same shall have been signed by the Mayor, unless he shall fail to veto the same by the next regular or succeeding regular meeting as herein before provided.

All general ordinances shall be adopted as amending, adding, or deleting, by numbers, specific chapters or sections of the Wartrace Municipal Code. Periodically thereafter all affected pages of the Code shall be revised to reflect such changes. References to the amending ordinances will be included on such revised pages of the Code.

When any ordinance shall have passed its third and final reading and the Mayor shall fail to sign the same by the next regular meeting, if five days shall have elapsed since its final passage, and if not then by the next succeeding regular meeting, then said ordinance shall become a law without his signature.