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CITY CHARTER**

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## TITLE 1

ADMINISTRATION, OFFICERS, AND PERSONNEL<sup>1</sup>

1. BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.
2. MAYOR.
3. RECORDER-TREASURER.
4. POLICE AND ARREST.
5. CITY COURT.
6. WORKHOUSE.
7. SOCIAL SECURITY--CITY PERSONNEL.
8. VACATIONS AND SICK LEAVE--CITY PERSONNEL.
9. MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS-- CITY PERSONNEL.

## CHAPTER 1

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN<sup>2</sup>


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<sup>1</sup>For other provisions relating to administration, officers, and personnel, see the charter and/or the appropriate related title in this code. For example, for provisions relating to the building inspector, see title 4 chapter 1; for provisions relating to the organization of the fire department, see title 7, chapter 3; for provisions relating to the administration of utilities, see title 13.

<sup>2</sup>Selected charter references:

Appointment of recorder-treasurer and other officers - Sec. 8  
 Compensation - Sec. 14.  
 Election and terms - Sec. 3, 13.  
 Expulsion - Sec. 7.  
 Legislative Powers  
   Borrowing money - Ch. 102, Priv. Acts 1949  
   Enumerated - Sec. 10.  
   General - Sec. 5.  
 Meeting times - Sec. 7.  
 Number - Sec. 3.  
 Oath of Office - Sec. 4.  
 Prescribes bonds for officers - Sec. 9.  
 Qualifications - Sec. 3, 6, 7.

(continued...)

## SECTION

1-101. Time and place of regular meetings.

1-102. Order of business.

1-103. General rules of order.

1-101. Time and place of regular meetings. The board of mayor and aldermen shall hold regular monthly meetings at 7:00 P.M. on the first Monday of each month at the Town Hall.

1-102. Order of business. At each meeting of the board of mayor and aldermen, the following regular order of business shall be observed unless dispensed with by a majority vote of the members present:

- (1) Call to order by the mayor.
- (2) Roll call by the recorder.
- (3) Reading of minutes of the previous meeting by the recorder and approval or correction.
- (4) Grievances from citizens.
- (5) Communications from the mayor.
- (6) Reports from committees, members of the board of mayor and aldermen, and other officers.
- (7) Old business.
- (8) New business.
- (9) Adjournment.

1-103. General rules of order. The rules of order and parliamentary procedure contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the transaction of business by and before the board of mayor and aldermen at its meetings in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with provisions of the charter or this code.

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<sup>2</sup>(...continued)

Quorum - Sec. 5.

Tax Collection - Sec. 15.

Vacancies in Office - Sec. 5.

## CHAPTER 2

MAYOR<sup>1</sup>

## SECTION

1-201. Generally supervises town's affairs.

1-202. Executes town's contracts.

1-203. Purchasing agent.

1-201. Generally supervises town's affairs. The mayor shall have general supervision of all municipal affairs and may require such reports from the officers and employees as he may reasonably deem necessary to carry out his executive responsibilities.

1-202. Executes town's contracts. The mayor shall execute all contracts as authorized by the board of mayor and aldermen.

1-203. Purchasing agent. As provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, section 6-56-301, the office of purchasing agent is created and the mayor shall fully discharge the duties of that office, or appoint individuals to make purchases for the town. Purchases shall be made in accordance with the Municipal Purchasing Law of 1983 and amendments thereto, this chapter and purchasing procedures approved by the board of mayor and aldermen.

The mayor, or his designated representatives, as provided herein, shall purchase materials, supplies, services and equipment, provide for leases and lease-purchases, and dispose of surplus property in accordance with purchasing procedures approved by resolution of the board of mayor and aldermen and filed with the city recorder. Any changes in the purchasing procedures shall also be

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<sup>1</sup>Selected charter references:

Compensation - Sec. 14.

Duties and powers - Sec. 11, 12.

Election and term - Sec. 3.

Expulsion - Sec. 7.

Judicial functions - Sec. 12

Qualifications - Secs. 3, 6, 7.

Oath of office - Sec. 4.

Tax collection - Sec. 15.

Vacancies in office - Sec. 5.

made by resolution of the board of mayor and aldermen. (ord. no. 84-02, sec. 1-3)

## CHAPTER 3

RECORDER-TREASURER<sup>1</sup>

## SECTION

1-301. To keep minutes, etc.

1-302. To perform general administrative duties, etc.

1-301. To keep minutes, etc. The recorder-treasurer shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the board of mayor and aldermen and shall preserve the original copy of all ordinances in a separate ordinance book.

1-302. To perform general administrative duties, etc. The recorder-treasurer shall perform all administrative duties for the board of mayor and aldermen and for the town which are not assigned by the charter, this code, or the board of mayor and aldermen to another corporate officer. He shall also have custody of and be responsible for maintaining all corporate bonds, records, and papers in such fireproof vault or safe as the town shall provide.

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<sup>1</sup>Selected charter references:

Appointment and term - Sec. 8.

Bond - Secs. 8, 9.

Compensation - Secs. 8, 14.

Duties and powers - Sec. 8; ch. 102, sec. 3, Priv. Acts 1949.

Judicial functions - Sec. 12.

Oath of office - Secs. 4, 8.

Qualifications - Sec. 6.

Vacancies in office - Sec. 5.

## CHAPTER 4

POLICE AND ARREST<sup>1</sup>

## SECTION

- 1-401. Policemen subject to chief's orders.
- 1-402. Policemen to preserve law and order, etc.
- 1-403. Policemen to wear uniforms and be armed.
- 1-404. When policemen to make arrests.
- 1-405. Policemen may require assistance.
- 1-406. Disposition of persons arrested.
- 1-407. Police department records.

1-401. Policemen subject to chief's orders. All policemen shall obey and comply with such orders and administrative rules and regulations as the police chief may officially issue.

1-402. 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 city court during the trial of cases. Policemen shall also promptly serve any legal process issued by the city court.

1-403. Policemen to wear uniforms and be armed. All policemen shall wear such uniform and badge as the board of mayor and aldermen shall authorize and shall carry a service pistol and billy club at all times while on duty unless otherwise expressly directed by the chief for a special assignment.

1-404. When policemen to make arrests.<sup>2</sup> 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.

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<sup>1</sup>For provisions relating to the city court, see this title, chapter 5.

<sup>2</sup>For provisions relating to traffic citations, etc., see title 9, chapter 7, in this code.

(3) Whenever a felony has in fact been committed and the officer has reasonable cause to believe the person has committed it.

1-405. Policemen may require assistance. It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to refuse to aid a policeman in maintaining law and order or in making a lawful arrest when such person's assistance is requested by the policeman and is reasonably necessary.

1-406. Disposition of persons arrested. Unless otherwise authorized by law, when any person is arrested he shall be brought before the city court for immediate trial or allowed to post bond. When the city judge is not immediately available or the alleged offender does not post the required bond, he shall be confined.

1-407. Police department records. The police department shall keep a comprehensive and detailed daily record, in permanent form, showing:

(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.

## CHAPTER 5

TOWN COURT<sup>1</sup>

## SECTION

- 1-501. Town judge.
- 1-502. Maintenance of docket.
- 1-503. Issuance of arrest warrants.
- 1-504. Issuance of summonses.
- 1-505. Issuance of subpoenas.
- 1-506. Trial and disposition of cases.
- 1-507. Appearance bonds authorized.
- 1-508. Imposition of fines, penalties, and costs.
- 1-509. Appeals.
- 1-510. Bond amounts, conditions, and forms.
- 1-511. Disposition and report of fines, penalties, and costs.
- 1-512. Disturbance of proceedings.

1-501. Town judge. The officer designated by the charter to handle judicial matters within the town shall preside over the town court and shall be known as the town judge.

1-502. Maintenance of docket. The town judge shall keep a complete docket of all matters coming before him in his judicial capacity. The docket shall include for each defendant such information as his name; warrant and/or summons numbers; alleged offense; disposition; fines, penalties, and costs imposed and whether collected; whether committed to workhouse; and all other information which maybe relevant.

1-503. Issuance of arrest warrants.<sup>2</sup> The town judge shall have the power to issue warrants for the arrest of persons charged with violating municipal ordinances.

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<sup>2</sup>Selected charter references:  
Authority to impose fines, forfeitures and penalties  
for breach of ordinances - Sec. 10(16), 18.  
Judicial functions of mayor - Sec. 12.  
Judicial functions of recorder - Sec. 12.



1-504. Issuance of summonses. When a complaint of an alleged ordinance violation is made to the town judge, the judge may in his discretion, in lieu of issuing an arrest warrant, issue a summons ordering the alleged offender personally to appear before the town court at a time specified therein to answer to the charges against him. The summons shall contain a brief description of the offense charged but need not set out verbatim the provisions of the ordinance alleged to have been violated. Upon failure of any person to appear before the town court as commanded in a summons lawfully served on him, the cause may be proceeded with *exparte*, and the judgment of the court shall be valid and binding subject to the defendant's right of appeal.

1-505. Issuance of subpoenas. The town judge may subpoena as witnesses all persons whose testimony he believes will be relevant and material to matters coming before his court, and it shall be unlawful for any person lawfully served with such a subpoena to fail or neglect to comply therewith.

1-506. Trial and disposition of cases. Every person charged with violating a municipal ordinance shall be entitled to an immediate trial and disposition of his case, provided the town court is in session or the town judge is reasonably available. However, the provisions of this section shall not apply when the alleged offender, by reason of drunkenness or other incapacity, is not in a proper condition or is not able to appear before the court.

1-507. Appearance bonds authorized. When the town judge is not available or when an alleged offender requests and has reasonable grounds for a delay in the trial of his case, he may, in lieu of remaining in jail pending disposition of his case, be allowed to post an appearance bond with the town judge or, in the absence of the judge, with the ranking police officer on duty at the time, provided such alleged offender is not drunk or otherwise in need of protective custody.

1-508. Imposition of fines, penalties, and costs. All fines, penalties, and costs shall be imposed and recorded by the town judge on the city court docket in open court.

In all cases heard or determined by him, the town judge shall tax in the bill of costs the same amounts and for the same items allowed in courts of general sessions<sup>1</sup> for similar work in state cases.

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<sup>1</sup>See Tennessee Code Annotated, section 8-21-401.

1-509. Appeals. Any defendant who is dissatisfied with any judgment of the town court against him may, within ten(10) days<sup>1</sup> next after such judgment is rendered, appeal to the next term of the circuit court upon posting a proper appeal bond.

1-510. Bond amounts, conditions, and forms. An appearance bond in any case before the town court shall be in such amount as the city judge shall prescribe and shall be conditioned that the defendant shall appear for trial before the city court at the stated time and place. An appeal bond in any case shall be in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) and shall be conditioned that if the circuit court shall find against the appellant the fine or penalty and all costs of the trial and appeal shall be promptly paid by the defendant and/or his sureties. An appearance or appeal bond in any case may be made in the form of a cash deposit or by any corporate surety company authorized to do business in Tennessee or by two (2) private persons who individually own real property within the county. No other type bond shall be acceptable.

1-511. Disposition and report of fines, penalties, and costs. All funds coming into the hands of the town judge in the form of fines, penalties, costs, and forfeitures shall be recorded by him and paid over daily to the town. At the end of each month he shall submit to the board of mayor and aldermen a report accounting for the collection or non collection of all fines, penalties, and costs imposed by his court during the current month and to date for the current fiscal year.

1-512. Disturbance of proceedings. It shall be unlawful for any person to create any disturbance of any trial before the town court by making loud or unusual noises, by using indecorous, profane, or blasphemous language, or by any distracting conduct whatsoever.

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<sup>1</sup>See Tennessee Code Annotated, section 27-5-101.

## CHAPTER 6

WORKHOUSE<sup>1</sup>

## SECTION

1-601. County workhouse to be used.

1-602. Inmates to be worked.

1-603. Compensation of inmates.

1-601. County workhouse to be used. The county workhouse is hereby designated as the municipal workhouse, subject to such contractual arrangement as may be worked out with the county.

1-602. Inmates to be worked. All persons committed to the workhouse, to the extent that their physical condition permits, shall be required to perform such public work or labor as may be lawfully prescribed for the county prisoners.

1-603. Compensation of inmates. Each work house inmate shall be allowed five dollars (\$5.00) per day as credit toward payment of the fines assessed against him.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Selected charter references:

Authority of mayor to commit persons to town prison or work house Sec. 12.

<sup>2</sup>See Tennessee Code Annotated, section 40-24-104.

## CHAPTER 7

SOCIAL SECURITY--CITY PERSONNEL

## SECTION

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- 1-702. Necessary agreements to be executed.
- 1-703. Withholdings from salaries or wages.
- 1-704. Appropriations for employer's contributions.
- 1-705. Exclusions.
- 1-706. Records and reports.

1-701. Policy and purpose as to coverage. It is hereby declared to be the policy and purpose of this town to provide for all eligible employees and officials of the town, whether employed in connection with a governmental or proprietary function, the benefits of the system of federal old age and survivors insurance. In pursuance of said policy, and for that purpose, the town shall take such action as may be required by applicable state and federal laws or regulations. (ord. no. 1, sec. 1)

1-702. Necessary agreements to be execute. The mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all the necessary agreements and amendments thereto with the state executive director of old age insurance, as agent or agency, to secure coverage of employees and officials as provided in the preceding section. (ord. no. 1, sec. 2)

1-703. Withholdings from salaries or wages. Withholdings from the salaries or wages of employees and officials for the purpose provided in section 1-701 of this chapter are hereby authorized to be made in the amounts and at such times as may be required by applicable state or federal laws or regulations, and shall be paid over to the state or federal agency designated by said laws or regulations. (ord. no. 1,sec. 3)

1-704. Appropriations for employer's contributions. There shall be appropriated from available funds such amounts at such times as may be required by applicable state or federal laws or regulations for employer's contributions, and the same shall be paid over to the state or federal agency designated by said laws or regulations. (ord. no. 1, sec. 4)

1-705. Exclusions. There is hereby excluded from this chapter any authority to make any agreement with respect to any position or any employee or official now covered or authorized to be covered by any other ordinance or

resolution creating any retirement system for any official or employee of Henning, elective officials engaged in rendering legislative services and elective officials engaged in rendering judicial services. (ord. no. 1, sec. 6 and 7 combined, as amended by unnumbered ord. to amend ord. no. 1, passed May 7, 1960, sec. 1)

1-706. Records and reports. The recorder shall keep such records and make such reports as may be required by applicable state and federal laws or regulations. (ord. no. 1, sec. 5)

## CHAPTER 8

VACATIONS AND SICK LEAVE--CITY PERSONNEL

## SECTION

1-801. Applicability of chapter.

1-802. Vacation leave.

1-803. Sick leave.

1-804. Leave records.

1-801. Applicability of chapter. This chapter shall apply to all full-time municipal officers and employees except those under the jurisdiction of a separate board or commission.

1-802. Vacation leave. All officers and employees shall be allowed one (1) week of annual vacation leave with pay after one year of employment. After five years of employment all officers and employees shall be allowed two (2) weeks of annual leave with pay. Such vacation leave shall be taken at a time approved by the mayor or such other officer as he may designate. At no time shall a person's total credit for accrued vacation leave exceed four (4) weeks.

1-803. Sick leave. All officers and employees shall be given a credit of one (1) working day of sick leave with pay for each month of employment hereafter served. Sick leave shall be taken only when approved by the mayor or by such other officer as he may designate. Sick leave, up to the number of days accrued, shall be approved for all officers and employees whose absence from duty is due to illness, bodily injury, exposure to contagious disease, or death in the immediate family of the officer or employee. However, the mayor may, in his discretion, require doctors' certificates or other satisfactory evidence that absences are properly chargeable as sick leave. The maximum credit for accrued sick leave under the provisions of this section shall be ninety (90) days.

1-804. Leave records. The mayor shall cause to be kept, for each officer and employee, a record currently up to date at all times showing credits earned and leave taken under this chapter.

## CHAPTER 9

MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS--CITY PERSONNEL

## SECTION

- 1-901. Business dealings.
- 1-902. Acceptance of gratuities.
- 1-903. Outside employment.
- 1-904. Political activity.
- 1-905. Use of municipal time, facilities, etc.
- 1-906. Use of position.
- 1-907. Strikes and unions.

1-901. Business dealings. Except for the receipt of such compensation as may be lawfully provided for the performance of his municipal duties, it shall be unlawful for any municipal officer or employee to be privately interested in, or to profit, directly or indirectly, from business dealings with the town.

1-902. Acceptance of gratuities. No municipal officer or employee shall accept any money or other consideration or favor from anyone other than the town for the performance of an act which he would be required or expected to perform in the regular course of his duties; nor shall any officer or employee accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, gratuity, or favor of any kind which might reasonably be interpreted as an attempt to influence his actions with respect to city business.

1-903. Outside employment. No full-time officer or employee of the town shall accept any outside employment without written authorization from the mayor. The mayor shall not grant such authorization if the work is likely to interfere with the satisfactory performance of the officer's or employee's duties, or is incompatible with his municipal employment, or is likely to cast discredit upon or create embarrassment for the town.

1-904. Political activity. Municipal officers and employees may individually exercise their right to vote and privately express their political views as citizens. However, no municipal officer or employee shall solicit political campaign contributions or engage in or actively participate in any municipal political campaign. These restrictions shall not apply to elective officials.

1-905. Use of municipal time, facilities, etc. No municipal officer or employee shall use or authorize the use of municipal time, facilities, equipment, or supplies for private gain or advantage to himself or any other private person or group. Provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply where the board of mayor and aldermen has authorized the use of such time, facilities, equipment, or supplies, and the town is paid at such rates as are normally charged by private sources for comparable services.

1-906. Use of position. No municipal officer or employee shall make or attempt to make private purchases, for cash or otherwise, in the name of the town, nor shall he otherwise use or attempt to use his position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or others.

1-907. Strikes and unions. No municipal officer or employee shall participate in any strike against the town, nor shall he join, be a member of, or solicit any other municipal officer or employee to join any labor union which authorizes the use of strikes by government employees.

See Tennessee Code Annotated, title 40, ch. 5 for authority to issue search warrants.



## TITLE 2

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES<sup>1</sup>

## CHAPTER

1. INTOXICATING LIQUORS.
2. BEER.

## CHAPTER 1

INTOXICATING LIQUORS

## SECTION

2-101. Prohibited generally.

2-101. Prohibited generally. Except as authorized by applicable laws<sup>2</sup> and/or ordinances, it shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, receive, possess, store, transport, sell, furnish, or solicit orders for, any intoxicating liquor within this municipality. "Intoxicating liquor" shall be defined to include whiskey, wine, "home brew," "moonshine," and all other intoxicating, spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors and beers which contain more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight.

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<sup>1</sup>For provisions prohibiting minors in beer places and prohibiting drinking beer, etc., on the streets, etc., see title 10, chapter 3 in this code.

For general provisions in the state law, see the Tennessee Code Annotated, title 57.

<sup>2</sup>See particularly Tennessee Code Annotated, title 39, chapter 25.

## CHAPTER 2

BEER<sup>1</sup>

## SECTION

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- 2-203. Record of beer board proceedings to be kept.
- 2-204. Requirements for beer board quorum and action.
- 2-205. Powers and duties of the beer board.
- 2-206. "Beer" defined.
- 2-207. Permit required for engaging in beer business.
- 2-208. Beer permits shall be restrictive.
- 2-209. Issuance of permits to aliens prohibited.
- 2-210. Interference with public health, safety, and morals prohibited.
- 2-211. Issuance of permits to persons convicted of certain crimes prohibited.
- 2-212. Prohibited conduct or activities by beer permit holders.
- 2-213. Suspension or revocation of beer permits.

2-201. Beer board established. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the town of Henning shall be the beer board and the mayor shall be its chairman.

2-202. Meetings of the beer board. All meetings of the beer board shall be open to the public. The board shall hold regular meetings in the city hall at such times as it shall prescribe. When there is business to come before the beer board, a special meeting may be called by the chairman provided he gives a reasonable notice thereof to each member. The board may adjourn a meeting at any time to another time and place.

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<sup>1</sup>For a leading case in Tennessee on a municipality's authority to regulate beer, see the Tennessee Supreme Court decision in Grubb et al. v. Mayor and Aldermen of Morristown et al., 185 Tenn. 114, 203 S.W.2d 593 (1947).

For general business regulations, see title 5 in this code; for applicable tax provisions, see title 6; for miscellaneous provisions prohibiting minors in beer places and prohibiting drinking beer on streets, etc., see title 10, chapter 3.

2-203. Record of beer board proceedings to be kept. The recorder-treasurer shall make a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the beer board. The record shall be a public record and shall contain at least the following: The date of each meeting; the names of the board members present and absent; the names of the members introducing and seconding motions and resolutions, etc., before the board; a copy of each such motion or resolution presented; the vote of each member thereon; and the provisions of each beer permit issued by the board.

2-204. Requirements for beer board quorum and action. The attendance of at least a majority of the members of the beer board shall be required to constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business. Matters before the board shall be decided by a majority of the members present if a quorum is constituted. Any member present but not voting shall be deemed to have cast a "nay" vote.

2-205. Powers and duties of the beer board. The beer board shall have the power and it is hereby directed to regulate the selling, storing for sale, distributing for sale, and manufacturing of beer within this town in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

2-206. "Beer" defined. The term "beer" as used in this chapter shall mean and include all beers, ales, and other malt liquors having an alcoholic content of not more than five percent (5%) by weight. (ord. passed Mar. 3, 1980, sec. 1, modified)

2-207. Permit required for engaging in beer business. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, store for sale, distribute for sale, or manufacture beer without first making application to and obtaining a permit from the beer board. The application shall be made on such form as the board shall prescribe and/or furnish. Each applicant must be a person of good moral character and he must certify that he has read and is familiar with the provisions of this chapter.

2-208. Beer permits shall be restrictive. All beer permits shall be restrictive as to the type of beer business authorized under them. Separate permits shall be required for selling at retail, storing, distributing, and manufacturing. Beer permits for the retail sale of beer may be further restricted by the beer board so as to authorize sales only for off premises consumption. It shall be unlawful for any beer permit holder to engage in any type or phase of the beer business not expressly authorized by his permit. It shall likewise be

unlawful for him not to comply with any and all express restrictions or conditions which may be written into his permit by the beer board.

2-209. Issuance of permits to aliens prohibited. No permit to engage in the beer business shall be granted by the beer board to any person not a citizen of the United States nor to any syndicate or association unless all of the members thereof are citizens of the United States.

2-210. Interference with public health, safety, and morals prohibited. No permit authorizing the sale of beer will be issued when such business would cause congestion of traffic or would interfere with schools, churches, or other places of public gathering, or would otherwise interfere with the public health, safety, and morals. In no event will a permit be issued authorizing the storage, sale, or manufacture of beer at places within three hundred (300) feet of any school, church, or other such place of public gathering, measured in a straight line from nearest property lines.

2-211. Issuance of permits to persons convicted of certain crimes prohibited. No beer permit shall be issued to any person who has been convicted for the possession, sale, manufacture, or transportation of intoxicating liquor, or any crime involving moral turpitude within the past ten (10) years.

2-212. Prohibited conduct or activities by beer permit holders. It shall be unlawful for any beer permit holder to:

(1) Employ any person convicted for the possession, sale, manufacture, or transportation of intoxicating liquor, or any crime involving moral turpitude within the past ten (10) years.

(2) Employ any person under eighteen (18) years of age in the sale, storage, distribution, or manufacture of beer. (This provision shall not apply to grocery stores selling beer for off-premises consumption only.)

(3) Make or allow any sale of beer between the hours of 12:00 Midnight and 5:00 A.M. during any night of the week or at any time on Sunday. No such beverage shall be consumed, or opened for consumption, or on about any business premises, in either bottle, glass or other container, after 12:15 A.M. any day of the week.

(4) Allow any loud, unusual, or obnoxious noises to emanate from his premises.

(5) Make or allow any sale of beer to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age, except as otherwise provided by state law.

(6) Allow any person under twenty-one (21) years of age to loiter in or about his place of business.

- (7) Make or allow any sale of beer to any intoxicated person or to any feeble-minded, insane, or otherwise mentally incapacitated person.
- (8) Allow drunk or disreputable persons to loiter about this premises.
- (9) Serve, sell, or allow the consumption on his premises of any alcoholic beverage with an alcoholic content of more than five percent (5%) by weight.
- (10) Allow gambling on his premises.
- (11) Allow pool or billiard playing in the same room where beer is sold and/or consumed.
- (12) Fail to provide and maintain separate sanitary toilet facilities for men and women. (ord. passed Mar. 3,1980, sec. 2, modified)

2-213. Suspension or revocation of beer permits. The beer board shall have the power to suspend or revoke any beer permit issued under the provisions of this chapter when the holder thereof is guilty of making a false statement or misrepresentation in his application or of violating any of the provisions of this chapter. However, no beer permit shall be suspended or revoked until a public hearing is held by the board after reasonable notice to all the known parties in interest. Suspension or revocation proceedings may be initiated by the police chief or by any member of the board of mayor and aldermen.

## TITLE 3

ANIMALS AND FOWLS

## CHAPTER

## 1. DOGS.

## CHAPTER 1

DOGS

## SECTION

3-101. Rabies vaccination and registration required.

3-102. Dogs to wear tags.

3-103. Running at large prohibited.

3-104. Vicious dogs to be securely restrained.

3-105. Noisy dogs prohibited.

3-106. Confinement of dogs suspected of being rabid.

3-107. Seizure and disposition of dogs.

3-101. Rabies vaccination and registration required. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog without having the same duly vaccinated against rabies and registered in accordance with the provisions of the "Tennessee Anti-Rabies Law" (Sections 68-8-101 to 68-8-114, Tennessee Code Annotated) or other applicable law.

3-102. Dogs to wear tags. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog which does not wear a tag evidencing the vaccination and registration required by the preceding section.

3-103. Running at large prohibited.<sup>1</sup> It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to permit any female dog owned by him or under his control to run at large within the corporate limits during the dog's period of estrum.

3-104. Vicious dogs to be securely restrained. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog known to be vicious or dangerous unless such dog is so confined and/or otherwise securely restrained as to provide reasonably for the protection of other animals and persons.

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<sup>1</sup>See Tennessee Code Annotated, sections 44-8-108, 68-8-108, and 68-8-109.

3-105. Noisy dogs prohibited. No person shall own, keep, or harbor any dog which, by loud and frequent barking, whining, or howling, disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood.

3-106. Confinement of dogs suspected of being rabid. If any dog has bitten any person or is suspected of having bitten any person or is for any reason suspected of being infected with rabies, the health officer or chief of police may cause such dog to be confined or isolated for such time as he deems reasonably necessary to determine if such dog is rabid.

3-107. Seizure and disposition of dogs. Any dog found running at large may be seized by the health officer or any police officer and placed in a pound provided or designated by the board of mayor and aldermen. If said dog is wearing a tag the owner shall be notified in person, by telephone, or by a postcard addressed to his last-known mailing address to appear within five (5) days and redeem his dog by paying a reasonable pound fee, in accordance with a schedule approved by the board of mayor and aldermen, or the dog will be sold or humanely destroyed. If said dog is not wearing a tag it shall be humane-humanely destroyed or sold unless legally claimed by the owner within two (2) days. No dog shall be released in any event from the pound unless or until such dog has been vaccinated and had a tag evidencing such vaccination placed on its collar.

When, because of its viciousness or apparent infection with rabies, a dog found running at large cannot be safely impounded it may be summarily destroyed by the health officer or any policeman.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>For a Tennessee Supreme Court case upholding the summary destruction of dogs pursuant to appropriate legislation, see the case of Darnell v. Shapard, 156 Tenn. 544, 3 S.W.2d 661 (1927).

## TITLE 4

BUILDING, UTILITY, AND HOUSING CODES<sup>1</sup>

## CHAPTER

## 1. BUILDING CODE.

## CHAPTER 1

BUILDING CODE<sup>2</sup>

## SECTION

- 4-101. Building code adopted.
- 4-102. Modifications.
- 4-103. Available in recorder's office.
- 4-104. Violations.

4-101. Building code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, sections 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, 1982 edition with 1984 amendments, 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.

4-102. Modifications. Whenever the building code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority" or the "Chief Administrator," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the board of mayor and aldermen. When the "Building Official" or

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<sup>1</sup>For related provisions in this code see title 7, "Fire Protection, Fireworks, and Explosives"; title 8, "Health and Sanitation"; title 11, "Planning and Zoning"; title 12, "Streets and Other Public Ways and Places"; and title 13, "Utilities and Services."

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



"Director of Public Works" is named it shall, for the purposes of the building code, mean such person as the board of mayor and aldermen shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the building code. Section 114 of the building code is hereby deleted.

4-103. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, section 6-54-502, three (3) copies of the building code have been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public.

4-104. 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.

TITLE 5

BUSINESSES, PROFESSIONS, AND OCCUPATIONS

[RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE]

TITLE 6

FINANCE AND TAXATION

CHAPTER

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

CHAPTER 1

REAL PROPERTY TAXES<sup>1</sup>

SECTION

6-101. When due and payable.

6-102. When delinquent--penalty and interest.

6-101. When due and payable. Taxes levied by the town against real property shall become due and payable annually on the first day of November of the year for which levied.

6-102. When delinquent--penalty and interest. All real property taxes shall become delinquent on and after the first day of July next after they become due and payable and shall thereupon be subject to a penalty of ten percent (10%) and one-half (1/2) of one percent (1%) interest (six percent (6%)) per annum.

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<sup>1</sup>Selected charter references:

Amount, due date, etc., to be fixed by board of mayor and aldermen - Sec. 10(11).

Delinquent taxes - Sec. 15.

## CHAPTER 2

PRIVILEGE TAXES

## SECTION

6-201. Tax levied.

6-202. License required.

6-201. 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 said state laws. The taxes provided for in the state's "Business Tax Act" (Tennessee Code Annotated, title 67, chapter 4, part 7) are hereby expressly enacted, ordained, and levied on the businesses, business activities, vocations, and occupations carried on within the town at the rates and in the manner prescribed by the said act.

6-202. License required. No person shall exercise any such privilege within the town without a currently effective privilege license, which shall be issued by the recorder-treasurer to each applicant therefor upon such applicant's payment of the appropriate privilege tax.

CHAPTER 3

WHOLESALE BEER TAX

SECTION

6-301. To be collected.

6-301. To be collected. The recorder-treasurer is hereby directed to take appropriate action to assure payment to the town of the wholesale beer tax levied by the "Wholesale Beer Tax Act," as set out in Tennessee Code Annotated, title 57, chapter 6.

TITLE 7

FIRE PROTECTION, FIREWORKS, AND EXPLOSIVES<sup>1</sup>

CHAPTER

1. FIRE DISTRICT.
2. FIRE CODE.
3. FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CHAPTER 1

FIRE DISTRICT

SECTION

7-101. Fire district described.

7-101. Fire district described. The corporate fire limits shall be as follows: That area of the town designated on the current zoning map as General Commercial (C).<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Selected charter reference: Sec. 10(15).

<sup>2</sup>See title 11, chapter 2 for the zoning ordinance.

## CHAPTER 2

FIRE CODE<sup>1</sup>

## SECTION

- 7-201. Fire code adopted.
- 7-202. Enforcement.
- 7-203. Definition of municipality.
- 7-204. Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc.
- 7-205. Gasoline trucks.
- 7-206. Variances and appeals.
- 7-207. Violations.
- 7-208. Fire hydrants.

7-201. Fire code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, sections 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, the Standard Fire Prevention Code,<sup>2</sup> 1982 edition with 1984 amendments as recommended by the Southern Standard Building Code Congress International, Inc. is hereby adopted by reference and included as a part of this code. Pursuant to the requirement of Tennessee Code Annotated, section 6-54-502, three (3) copies of said fire prevention code have been filed with the city recorder and are available for public use and inspection. Said fire prevention code is adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein and shall be controlling within the corporate limits.

7-202. Enforcement. The fire prevention code herein adopted by reference shall be enforced by the chief of the fire bureau. He shall have the same powers as the state fire marshal.

7-203. Definition of "municipality." Whenever the word "municipality" is used in the fire prevention code herein adopted, it shall be held to mean the Town of Henning, Tennessee.

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<sup>1</sup>See title 4 in this code for the building code.

<sup>2</sup>Copies of this code are available from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213-1206.

7-204. Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc. (1) The district referred to in section 16.105(b) of the fire prevention code, in which storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, is hereby declared to be the fire districts as set out in section 7-101 of this code.

(2) The district referred to in section 20.201(a) of the fire prevention code, in which storage of flammable liquids in outside above ground tanks is prohibited, is hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in section 7-101 of this code.

(3) The district referred to in section 20.601 of the fire prevention code, in which new bulk plants for flammable or combustible liquids are prohibited, is hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in section 7-101 of this code.

(4) The district referred to in section 25.04(a) of the fire prevention code, in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted, is hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in section 7-101 of this code.

7-205. Gasoline trucks. No person shall operate or park any gasoline tank truck within the central business district or within any residential area at any time except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious delivery of gasoline.

7-206. Variances and appeals. The board of appeals and adjustments established pursuant to the Standard Fire Prevention Code, chapter 2, shall decide all requests for variances from, and appeals of, the application of said code in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth in said chapter 2.

7-207. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or the fire prevention code hereby adopted, or fail to comply therewith, or violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder; or build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken; or fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the board of mayor and aldermen of the town or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein. The application of a penalty under the general penalty clause for the municipal code shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.



## CHAPTER 3

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT<sup>1</sup>

## SECTION

- 7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership.
- 7-302. Objectives.
- 7-303. Organization, rules, and regulations.
- 7-304. Records and reports.
- 7-305. Tenure and compensation of members.
- 7-306. Chief responsible for training and maintenance.
- 7-307. Equipment to be used only within corporate limits generally.
- 7-308. Chief to be assistant to state officer.

7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership. There is hereby established a fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the board of mayor and aldermen of the town. All apparatus, equipment, and supplies shall be purchased by or through the town and shall be and remain the property of the town. The fire department shall be composed of a chief appointed by the board of mayor and aldermen and such number of physically-fit subordinate officers and firemen as the chief shall appoint.

7-302. Objectives. The fire department shall have as its objectives:

- (1) To prevent uncontrolled fires from starting.
- (2) To prevent the loss of life and property because of fires.
- (3) To confine fires to their places of origin.
- (4) To extinguish uncontrolled fires.
- (5) To prevent loss of life from asphyxiation or drowning.
- (6) To perform such rescue work as its equipment and/or the training of its personnel makes practicable.

7-303. Organization, rules, and regulations. The chief of the fire department shall set up the organization of the department, make definite

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<sup>1</sup>Selected charter reference: Sec. 10(15).

For special privileges with respect to traffic, see title 9, chapter 1, in this code.

assignments to individuals, and shall formulate and enforce such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the fire department.

7-304. Records and reports. The chief of the fire department shall keep adequate records of all fires, inspections, apparatus, equipment, personnel, and work of the department. He shall submit a written report on such matters to the mayor once each month, and at the end of the year a detailed annual report shall be made.

7-305. Tenure and compensation of members. The chief shall hold office so long as his conduct and efficiency are satisfactory to the board of mayor and aldermen. However, so that adequate discipline may be maintained, the chief shall have the authority to suspend or discharge any other member of the fire department when he deems such action to be necessary for the good of the department. The chief may be suspended up to thirty (30) days by the mayor but may be dismissed only by the board of mayor and aldermen.

All personnel of the fire department shall receive such compensation for their services as the board of mayor and aldermen may from time to time prescribe.

7-306. Chief responsible for training and maintenance. The chief of the fire department shall be fully responsible for the training of the firemen and for maintenance of all property and equipment of the fire department. The minimum training shall consist of having the personnel take the fire apparatus out for practice operations not less than once a month.

7-307. Equipment to be used only within corporate limits generally. No equipment of the fire department shall be used for fighting any fire outside the corporate limits unless such fire is on town-owned property or, in the opinion of the chief of the fire department, is in such hazardous proximity to property owned by or located within the town as to endanger such city property or unless expressly authorized in writing by the board of mayor and aldermen.

7-308. Chief to be assistant to state officer. Pursuant to requirements of the Tennessee Code Annotated, section 68-17-108, the chief of the fire department is designated as an assistant to the state commissioner of insurance and is subject to all the duties and obligations imposed by said Tennessee Code Annotated, title 68, chapter 17, and shall be subject to the directions of the commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof.

## TITLE 8

HEALTH AND SANITATION<sup>1</sup>

## CHAPTER

1. MISCELLANEOUS.
2. REFUSE.
3. CROSS CONNECTIONS, AUXILIARY INTAKES, ETC.

## CHAPTER 1

MISCELLANEOUS

## SECTION

- 8-101. Health officer.
- 8-102. Communicable diseases.
- 8-103. House trailers.
- 8-104. Smoke, soot, cinders, etc.
- 8-105. Stagnant water.
- 8-106. Weeds.
- 8-107. Dead animals.
- 8-108. Health and sanitation nuisances.
- 8-109. Junk yards.

8-101. Health officer. The "health officer" shall be such town, county, or state officer as the board of mayor and aldermen shall appoint or designate to administer and enforce health and sanitation regulations within the town.

8-102. Communicable diseases. When there exists or is suspected to exist in any household a communicable disease other than a venereal disease or a common childhood disease, it shall be the duty of any attending physician and the head or other responsible person in such household possessing knowledge of the facts to notify immediately the health officer. The health officer shall

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<sup>1</sup>For specific health and sanitation provisions elsewhere in this code with respect to the following, see the references indicated:

- (1) Dogs, title 3, chapter 1.
- (2) Littering streets, etc., section 12-107.
- (3) Toilet facilities in beer places, section 2-212(13).
- (4) Mobile homes and mobile home parks, title 11, chapter 3.

thereupon make such investigation and issue such quarantine orders as may reasonably be necessary to protect the public health. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any such orders of the health officer.

8-103. House trailers. It shall be unlawful for any person to park, locate, or occupy any house trailer or portable building unless it complies with all plumbing, electrical, sanitary, and building provisions applicable to such structures and the proposed location conforms to the zoning and other provisions of the town related to them.<sup>1</sup>

8-104. Smoke, soot, cinders, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or cause the escape of such quantities of dense smoke, soot, cinders, noxious acids, fumes, dust, or gases as to be detrimental to or to endanger the health, comfort, and safety of the public or so as to cause or have a tendency to cause injury or damage to property or business.

8-105. Stagnant water. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to allow any pool of stagnant water to accumulate and stand on his property without treating it so as effectively to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes. (ord. passed Feb. 1, 1954, sec. 1, modified)

8-106. Weeds. Every owner or tenant of property shall periodically cut the grass and other vegetation commonly recognized as weeds on his property, and it shall be unlawful for any person to fail to comply with an order by the city recorder or chief of police to cut such vegetation when it has reached a height of over one (1) foot. (ord. passed Feb. 1, 1954, sec. 1, modified)

8-107. Dead animals. Any person owning or having possession of any dead animal not intended for use as food shall promptly bury the same or notify the health officer and dispose of such animal in such manner as the health officer shall direct.

8-108. Health and sanitation nuisances. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any premises owned, occupied, or controlled by him to become or remain in a filthy condition, or permit the use or occupation of same in such a manner as to create noxious or offensive smells and odors in connection therewith, or to allow the accumulation or creation of unwholesome and offensive matter or the breeding of flies, rodents, or other vermin on the

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<sup>1</sup>See title 11, chapters 2 and 3 of this code for the zoning and mobile home ordinance, respectively.

premises to the menace of the public health or the annoyance of people residing within the vicinity.

8-109. Junk yards.<sup>1</sup> All junk yards within the corporate limits shall be operated and maintained subject to the following regulations:

(1) All junk stored or kept in such yards shall be so kept that it will not catch and hold water in which mosquitoes may breed and so that it will not constitute a place or places in which rats, mice, or other vermin may be harbored, reared, or propagated.

(2) All such junk yards shall be enclosed within close fitting plank or metal solid fences touching the ground on the bottom and being not less than six (6) feet in height, such fence to be built so that it will be impossible for stray cats and/or stray dogs to have access to such junk yards.

(3) Such yards shall be so maintained as to be in a sanitary condition and so as not to be a menace to the public health or safety.

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<sup>1</sup>The provisions of this section were taken substantially from the Bristol ordinance upheld by the Tennessee Court of Appeals as being a reasonable and valid exercise of the police power in the case of *Hagaman v. Slaughter*, 49 Tenn. App. 338, 354 S.W.2d 818 (1961).

## CHAPTER 2

REFUSE

## SECTION

- 8-201. Refuse defined.
- 8-202. Premises to be kept clean.
- 8-203. Storage.
- 8-204. Location of containers.
- 8-205. Disturbing containers.
- 8-206. Collection.
- 8-207. Collection vehicles.
- 8-208. Disposal.
- 8-209. Fees.

8-201. Refuse defined. Refuse shall mean and include garbage, rubbish, leaves, brush, and refuse as those terms are generally defined except that dead animals and fowls, body wastes, hot ashes, rocks, concrete, bricks, and similar materials are expressly excluded therefrom and shall not be stored therewith.

8-202. Premises to be kept clean. All persons within the municipality are required to keep their premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from accumulations of refuse except when stored as provided in this chapter.

8-203. Storage. Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within this town where refuse accumulates or is likely to accumulate, shall provide and keep covered an adequate number of refuse containers. The refuse containers shall be strong, durable, and rodent and insect proof. They shall each have a capacity of not less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty-two (32) gallons, except that this maximum capacity shall not apply to larger containers which the town handles mechanically. Furthermore, except for containers which the town handles mechanically, the combined weight of any refuse container and its contents shall not exceed seventy-five (75) pounds. No refuse shall be placed in a refuse container until such refuse has been drained of all free liquids. Tree trimmings, hedge clippings, and similar materials shall be cut to a length not to exceed four (4) feet and shall be securely tied in individual bundles weighing not more than seventy-five (75) pounds each and being not more than two (2) feet thick before being deposited for collection.

8-204. Location of containers. Where alleys are used by the town refuse collectors, containers shall be placed on or within six (6) feet of the alley line in

such a position as not to intrude upon the traveled portion of the alley. Where streets are used by the municipal refuse collectors, containers shall be placed adjacent to and back of the curb, or adjacent to and back of the ditch or street line if there be no curb, at such times as shall be scheduled by the municipality for the collection of refuse therefrom. As soon as practicable after such containers have been emptied they shall be removed by the owner to within, or to the rear of, his premises and away from the street line until the next scheduled time for collection. Those wishing to have the containers picked up from their yards will be charged an additional fee to be set by the board of mayor and aldermen, which fee must be paid twelve (12) months in advance.

8-205. Disturbing containers. No unauthorized person shall uncover, rifle, pilfer, dig into, turn over, or in any other manner disturb or use any refuse container belonging to another. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the use of public refuse containers for their intended purpose.

8-206. Collection. All refuse accumulated within the corporate limits shall be collected, conveyed, and disposed of under the supervision of such officer as the governing body shall designate. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule.

8-207. Collection vehicles. The collection of refuse shall be by means of vehicles with beds constructed of impervious materials which are easily cleanable and so constructed that there will be no leakage of liquids draining from the refuse onto the streets and alleys. Furthermore, all refuse collection vehicles shall utilize closed beds or such coverings as will effectively prevent the scattering of refuse over the streets or alleys.

8-208. Disposal. The disposal of refuse in any quantity by any person in any place, public or private, other than at the site or sites designated for refuse disposal by the governing body is expressly prohibited.

8-209. Fees. The board of mayor and aldermen shall be empowered to set such fees for the collection of refuse as it from time to time deems necessary.

## CHAPTER 3

SEWAGE USE AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT

## SECTION

- 8-301. Definitions.
- 8-302. Standards.
- 8-303. Construction, operation, and supervision.
- 8-304. Statement required.
- 8-305. Inspections required.
- 8-306. Right of entry for inspections.
- 8-307. Correction of existing violations.
- 8-308. Use of protective devices.
- 8-309. Unpotable water to be labeled.
- 8-310. Violations.

8-301. Definitions. The following definitions and terms shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter:

(1) "Public water supply". The waterworks system furnishing water to the town for general use and which supply is recognized as the public water supply by the Tennessee Department of Public Health.

(2) "Cross connection". Any physical connection whereby the public water supply is connected with any other water supply system, whether public or private, either inside or outside of any building or buildings, in such manner that a flow of water into the public water supply is possible either through the manipulation of valves or because of any other arrangement.

(3) "Auxiliary intake". Any piping connection or other device whereby water may be secured from a source other than that normally used.

(4) "Bypass". Any system of piping or other arrangement whereby the water may be diverted around any part or portion of a water purification plant.

(5) "Interconnection". Any system of piping or other arrangement whereby the public water supply is connected directly with a sewer, drain, conduit, pool, storage reservoir, or other device which does or may contain sewage or other waste or liquid which would be capable of imparting contamination to the public water supply.

(6) "Person". Any and all persons, natural or artificial, including any individual, firm, or association, and any municipal or private corporation organized or existing under the laws of this or any other state or country.  
(ord. no. 84-02, sec. 1)



8-302. Standards. The municipal public water supply is to comply with sections 68-13-102 and 68-13-104 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, as well as the Rules and Regulations for Public Water Supplies, legally adopted in accordance with this code, which pertain to cross connections, auxiliary intakes, bypasses, and interconnections, and establish an effective ongoing program to control these undesirable water uses. (ord. no. 84-02, sec. 2)

8-303. Construction, operation, and supervision. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause a cross connection to be made, or allow one to exist for any purpose whatsoever, unless the construction and operation of same have been approved by the Tennessee Department of Public Health and the operation of such cross connection, auxiliary intake, bypass or interconnection is at all times under the direct supervision of the utility superintendent of the town. (ord. no. 84-02, sec. 3)

8-304. Statement required. Any person whose premises are supplied with water from the public water supply and who also has on the same premises a separate source of water supply, or stores water in an uncovered or unsanitary storage reservoir from which the water stored therein is circulated through a piping system, shall file with the utility superintendent a statement of the non-existence of unapproved or unauthorized cross connections, auxiliary intakes, bypasses, or interconnections. Such statement shall also contain an agreement that no cross connection, auxiliary intake, bypass, or interconnection will be permitted upon the premises. (ord. no. 84-02 sec. 4)

8-305. Inspections required. It shall be the duty of the utility superintendent to cause inspections to be made of all properties served by the public water supply where cross connections with the public water supply are deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and reinspections, based on potential health hazards involved, shall be established by the utility superintendent and as approved by the Tennessee Department of Public Health. (ord. no. 84-02 sec. 5)

8-306. Right of entry for inspections. The utility superintendent or his authorized representative shall have the right to enter, at any reasonable time, any property served by a connection to the public water supply for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems therein for cross connections, auxiliary intakes, bypasses, or interconnections. On request, the owner, lessee, or occupant of any property so served shall furnish to the inspection agency any pertinent information regarding the piping system or systems on such

property. The refusal of such information or refusal of access, when requested, shall be deemed evidence of the presence of cross connections. (ord. no. 84-02 sec. 6)

8-307. Correction of existing violations. Any person who now has cross connections, auxiliary intakes, bypasses, or interconnections in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be allowed a reasonable time within which to comply with the provisions of this chapter. After a thorough investigation of existing conditions and an appraisal of the time required to complete the work, the amount of time shall be designated by the utility superintendent.

The failure to correct conditions threatening the safety of the public water system as prohibited by this chapter and the Tennessee Code Annotated, section 68-13-104, within a reasonable time and within the time limits set by the utility superintendent shall be grounds for denial of water service. If proper protection has not been provided after a reasonable time, the utility shall give the customer legal notification that water service is to be discontinued and shall physically separate the public water supply from the customer's on-site piping system in such a manner that the two systems cannot again be connected by an unauthorized person.

Where cross connections, interconnections, auxiliary intakes, or bypasses are found that constitute an extreme hazard of immediate concern of contaminating the public water system, the management of the water supply shall require that immediate corrective action be taken to eliminate the threat to the public water system. Immediate steps shall be taken to disconnect the public water supply from the on-site piping system unless the imminent hazard(s) is (are) corrected immediately. (ord. no. 84-02 sec. 7)

8-308. Use of protective devices. Where the nature of use of the water supplied a premises by the water department is such that it is deemed

- (a) impractical to provide an effective air-gap separation,
- (b) that the owner and/or occupant of the premises cannot, or is not willing, to demonstrate to the official in charge of the water supply, or his designated representative, that the water use and protective features of the plumbing are such as to propose no threat to the safety or potability of the water supply,
- (c) that the nature and mode of operation within a premises are such that frequent alterations are made to the plumbing,
- (d) there is a likelihood that protective measures may be subverted, altered, or disconnected, the utility superintendent of the town or his designated representative, shall require the use of an approved protective device on the service line serving the premises to assure that any contamination that may originate in the customer's premises is contained therein. The protective device

shall be a reduced pressure zone type backflow preventer approved by the Tennessee Department of Public Health as to manufacture, model, and size. The method of installation of backflow protective devices shall be approved by the utility superintendent prior to installation and shall comply with the criteria set forth by the Tennessee Department of Public Health. The installation shall be at the expense of the owner or occupant of the premises.

Personnel of the Henning public water supply shall have the right to inspect and test the device or devices on an annual basis or whenever deemed necessary by the utility superintendent or his designated representative. Water service shall not be disrupted to test the device without the knowledge of the occupant of the premises.

Where the use of water is critical to the continuance of normal operations or protection of life, property, or equipment, duplicate units shall be provided to avoid the necessity of discontinuing water service to test or repair the protective device or devices. Where it is found that only one unit has been installed and the continuance of service is critical, the utility superintendent shall notify, in writing, the occupant of the premises of plans to discontinue water service and arrange for a mutually acceptable time to test and/or repair the device. The utility superintendent shall require the occupant of the premises to make all repairs indicated promptly, to keep the unit(s) working properly, and the expense of such repairs shall be borne by the owner or occupant of the premises. Repairs shall be made by qualified personnel acceptable to the superintendent of the waterworks.

The failure to maintain backflow prevention devices in proper working order shall be grounds for discontinuing water service to a premises. Likewise, the removal, bypassing, or altering of the protective devices or the installation thereof so as to render the devices ineffective shall constitute grounds for discontinuance of water service. Water service to such premises shall not be restored until the customer has corrected or eliminated such conditions or defects to the satisfaction of the utility superintendent. (ord. no. 84-02 sec. 8)

8-309. Unpotable water to be labeled. In order that the potable water supply made available to premises served by the public water supply shall be protected from possible contamination as specified herein, any water outlet which could be used for potable or domestic purposes and which is not supplied by the potable system must be labeled in a conspicuous manner as:

WATER UNSAFE  
FOR DRINKING

The minimum acceptable sign shall have black letters at least one-inch high located on a red background. (ord. no. 84-02 sec. 9)

8-310. Violations. The requirements contained herein shall apply to all premises served by the Henning water system whether located inside or outside the corporate limits and are hereby made a part of the conditions required to be met for the town to provide water services to any premises. Such action, being essential for the protection of the water distribution system against the entrance of contamination which may render the water unsafe healthwise, or otherwise undesirable, shall be enforced rigidly without regard to location of the premises, whether inside or outside the Henning corporate limits.

Any person who neglects or refuses to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction therefor, shall be fined under the general penalty clause for this municipal code of ordinances. (ord. no. 84-02 secs. 10-11)

## TITLE 9

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC<sup>1</sup>

## CHAPTER

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## CHAPTER 1

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## SECTION

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<sup>1</sup>For provisions relating to obstructions and/or excavations in public streets, alleys, sidewalks, and rights of way, see title 12, chapter 2 in this code; for provisions governing police and arrest, see title 1, chapter 4.

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9-101. Motor vehicle requirements. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle within the corporate limits unless such vehicle is equipped with properly operating muffler, lights, brakes, horn, and such other equipment as is prescribed and required the Tennessee Code Annotated, title 55, chapter 9.

9-102. Driving on streets closed for repairs, etc. Except for necessary access to property abutting thereon, no motor vehicle shall be driven upon any street that is barricaded or closed for repairs or other lawful purpose.

9-103. Reckless driving. Irrespective of the posted speed limit, no person, including operators of emergency vehicles, shall drive any vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property.

9-104. Driving under the influence. (See the Tennessee Code Annotated, sections 55-10-401, 55-10-303, and 55-10-307)

9-105. One-way streets. On any street for one-way traffic with posted signs indicating the authorized direction of travel at all intersections offering access thereto, no person shall operate any vehicle except in the indicated direction.

9-106. Unlaned streets. (1) Upon all unlaned streets of sufficient width, a vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the street except:

- (a) When lawfully overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
- (b) When the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair.
- (c) Upon a roadway designated and signposted by the town for one-way traffic.

(2) All vehicles proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall be driven as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn.

9-107. Laned streets. On streets marked with traffic lanes, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to fail or refuse to keep his vehicle within the boundaries of the proper lane for his direction of travel except when lawfully passing another vehicle or preparatory to making a lawful turning movement.

On two (2) lane and three (3) lane streets, the proper lane for travel shall be the right hand lane unless otherwise clearly marked. On streets with four (4) or more lanes, either of the right hand lanes shall be available for use except that traffic moving at less than the normal rate of speed shall use the extreme right hand lane. On one-way streets either lane may be lawfully used in the absence of markings to the contrary.

9-108. Yellow lines. On streets with a yellow line placed to the right of any lane line or center line, such yellow line shall designate a no-passing zone, and no operator shall drive his vehicle or any part thereof across or to the left of such yellow line except when necessary to make a lawful left turn from such street.

9-109. Miscellaneous traffic-control signs, etc. It shall be unlawful for any pedestrian or the operator of any vehicle to violate or fail to comply with any traffic-control sign, signal, marking, or device placed or erected by the state or the town unless otherwise directed by a police officer. It shall be unlawful for any pedestrian or the operator of any vehicle willfully to violate or fail to comply with the reasonable directions of any police officer.

9-110. General requirements for traffic-control signs, etc. All traffic-control signs, signals, markings, and devices shall conform to the latest revision of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways,<sup>1</sup> published by the U. S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and shall, so far as practicable, be uniform as to type and location throughout the town. This section shall not be construed as being mandatory but is merely directive.

9-111. Unauthorized traffic-control signs, etc. No person shall place, maintain, or display upon or in view of any street, any unauthorized sign,

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<sup>1</sup>This manual may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20602.

signal, marking, or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control sign, signal, marking, or device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to control the movement of traffic or parking of vehicles, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic-control sign, signal, marking, or device or any railroad sign or signal.

9-112. Presumption with respect to traffic-control signs, etc. When a traffic-control sign, signal, marking, or device has been placed, the presumption shall be that it is official and that it has been lawfully placed by the proper town authority.

9-113. Driving through funerals or other processions. Except when otherwise directed by a police officer, no driver of a vehicle shall drive between the vehicles comprising a funeral or other authorized procession while they are in motion and when such vehicles are conspicuously designated.

9-114. Damaging pavements. No person shall operate upon any street of the town any vehicle, motor propelled or otherwise, which by reason of its weight or the character of its wheels, tires, or track is likely to damage the surface or foundation of the street.

9-115. Clinging to vehicles in motion. It shall be unlawful for any person traveling upon any bicycle, motorcycle, coaster, sled, roller skates, or any other vehicle to cling to, or attach himself or his vehicle to any other moving vehicle upon any street, alley, or other public way or place.

9-116. Riding on outside of vehicles. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, or for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle being operated on a street, alley, or other public way or place to permit any person to ride on any portion of such vehicle not designed or intended for the use of passengers. This section shall not apply to persons engaged in the necessary discharge of lawful duties nor to persons riding in the load-carrying space of trucks.

9-117. Backing vehicles. The driver of a vehicle shall not back the same unless such movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with other traffic.

9-118. Projections from the rear of vehicles. Whenever the load or any projecting portion of any vehicle shall extend beyond the rear of the bed or body thereof, the operator shall display at the end of such load or projection, in such position as to be clearly visible from the rear of such vehicle, a



red flag being not less than twelve (12) inches square. Between one-half ( ) hour after sunset and one-half ( ) hour before sunrise, there shall be displayed in place of the flag a red light plainly visible under normal atmospheric conditions at least two hundred (200) feet from the rear of such vehicle.

9-119. Causing unnecessary noise. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause unnecessary noise by unnecessarily sounding the horn, "racing" the motor, or causing the "screeching" or "squealing" of the tires on any motor vehicle.

9-120. Vehicles and operators to be licensed. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in violation of the "Tennessee Motor Vehicle Title and Registration Law" or the "Uniform Motor Vehicle Operators' and Chauffeurs' License Law."

9-121. Passing. Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the driver of a vehicle passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the right side of the street until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle. The driver of the overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on audible signal and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

When the street is wide enough, the driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass upon the right of another vehicle which is making or about to make a left turn.

The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction either upon the left or upon the right on a street of sufficient width for four (4) or more lanes of moving traffic when such movement can be made in safety.

No person shall drive off the pavement or upon the shoulder of the street in overtaking or passing on the right.

When any vehicle has stopped at a marked crosswalk or at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the street, no operator of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.

No vehicle operator shall attempt to pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless he can see that the way ahead is sufficiently clear and unobstructed to enable him to make the movement in safety.

9-122. Motorcycles and motor driven cycles. (1) Definitions. A motorcycle is any motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the

ground, but excluding a tractor. A motor-driven cycle is every motorcycle and every motor scooter, including every bicycle with motor attached.

(2) Riding on motorcycles.

(a) A person operating a motor-driven cycle shall ride only upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, and such operator shall not carry any other person, nor shall any other person ride on a motor-driven cycle, unless such motor-driven cycle is designed to carry more than one person, in which event a passenger may ride upon the permanent and regular seat if designed for two persons or upon another seat firmly attached to the motor-driven cycle at the rear or side of the operator.

(b) A person shall ride upon a motor-driven cycle only while sitting astride the seat, facing forward, with one leg on each side of the motor-driven cycle.

(c) No person shall operate a motor-driven cycle while carrying any package, bundle, or other article which prevents him from keeping both hands on the handlebars.

(d) No operator shall carry any person, nor shall any person ride, in a position that will interfere with the operation or control of the motor-driven cycle or the view of the operator.

(e) No person under the age of sixteen (16) years shall operate any motor-driven cycle while any other person is a passenger upon said motor vehicle.

(f) Every person riding or operator a motor-driven cycle shall be subject to the provisions of all traffic ordinances, rules and regulations, (including the Anti-Noise Regulation in section 10-234 in this code) of the town applicable to the driver or operator of other vehicles except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application to motor-driven cycles.

(3) Driving upon sidewalk. No person shall drive any motor-driven cycle upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway.

(4) Head lamps and tail lamps. All motor-driven cycles shall carry at least one (1) lighted headlamp capable of showing a white light visible at least three hundred (300) feet in the direction in which the same are proceeding, and one tail lamp mounted on the rear which, when lighted, shall emit a red light plainly visible from at least three hundred (300) feet to the rear, and such lights required by this section shall be burning at all times that such vehicles are being operated on the public streets or highways.

(5) Rear view mirrors. All motor-driven cycles shall be equipped with a mirror so located as to reflect to the operator a view of the roadway for a distance of two hundred (200) feet to the rear of his vehicle.

(6) Crash helmets. The driver of a motor-driven cycle and any passenger thereon shall be required to wear a crash helmet of a type approved by the American Motorcycle Association.

(7) Windshield. Every motor-driven cycle operated upon any public way within the corporate limits shall be equipped with a windshield, or, in the alternative, the operator or any passenger on such motor-driven cycle shall be required to wear safety goggles, face shield or glasses of a type containing impact resistant lens for the purpose of preventing and flying object from striking the operator or any passenger in the eyes.

(8) Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or ride on any motor-driven cycle in violation of this section, and it shall also be unlawful for any parent or guardian to knowingly permit any minor to operate a motor-driven cycle in violation of this section.

## CHAPTER 2

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

## SECTION

9-201. Authorized emergency vehicles defined.

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9-201. Authorized emergency vehicles defined. Authorized emergency vehicles shall be fire department vehicles, police vehicles, and such ambulances and other emergency vehicles as are designated by the chief of police.

9-202. Operation of authorized emergency vehicles.<sup>1</sup> (1) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency call, or when in the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, or when responding to but not upon returning from a fire alarm, may exercise the privileges set forth in this section, subject to the conditions herein stated.

(2) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle may park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this title; proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down to ascertain that the intersection is clear; exceed the maximum speed limit and disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions so long as he does not endanger life or property.

(3) The exemptions herein granted for an authorized emergency vehicle shall apply only when the driver of any such vehicle while in motion sounds an audible signal by bell, siren, or exhaust whistle and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one (1) lighted lamp displaying a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet to the front of such vehicle, except that an authorized emergency vehicle operated as a police vehicle need not be equipped with or display a red light visible from in front of the vehicle.

(4) The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the

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<sup>1</sup>See section 9-501 in this code for provisions with respect to the operation of other vehicles upon the approach of emergency vehicles.

safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequences of his reckless disregard for the safety of others.

9-203. Following emergency vehicles. No driver of any vehicle shall follow any authorized emergency vehicle apparently traveling in response to an emergency call closer than five hundred (500) feet or drive or park any vehicle within the block where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm.

9-204. Running over fire hoses, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive over any hose lines or other equipment of the fire department except in obedience to the direction of a fireman or policeman.

## CHAPTER 3

SPEED LIMITS

## SECTION

9-301. In general.

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9-301. In general. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle upon any highway or street at a rate of speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour except where official signs have been posted indicating other speed limits in which cases the posted speed limit shall apply.

9-302. At intersections. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle through any intersection at a rate of speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour unless such person is driving on a street regulated by traffic control signals or signs which require traffic to stop or yield on the intersecting streets.

9-303. In congested areas. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle through any congested area at a rate of speed in excess of any posted speed limit when such speed limit has been posted by authority of the town.

## CHAPTER 4

TURNING MOVEMENTS

## SECTION

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9-401. Generally. No person operating a motor vehicle shall make any turning movement which might affect any pedestrian or the operation of any other vehicle without first ascertaining that such movement can be made in safety and signaling his intention in accordance with the requirements of the state law.<sup>1</sup>

9-402. Right turns. Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway.

9-403. Left turns on two-way roadways. At any intersection where traffic is permitted to move in both directions on each roadway entering the intersection, an approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the center line thereof and by passing to the right of the intersection of the center lines of the two roadways.

9-404. Left turns on other than two-way roadways. At any intersection where traffic is restricted to one direction on one or more of the roadways, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn left at any such intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection, as nearly as practicable, in the left hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in such direction upon the roadway being entered.

9-405. U-turns. U-turns are prohibited.

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<sup>1</sup>See Tennessee Code Annotated, section 55-8-143.

## CHAPTER 5

STOPPING AND YIELDING

## SECTION

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9-501. Upon approach of authorized emergency vehicles.<sup>1</sup> Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible and/or visual signals meeting the requirements of the laws of this state, or of a police vehicle properly and lawfully making use of an audible signal only, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.

9-502. When emerging from alleys, etc. The drivers of all vehicles emerging from alleys, parking lots, driveways, or buildings shall stop such vehicles immediately prior to driving onto any sidewalk or street. They shall not proceed to drive onto the sidewalk or street until they can safely do so without colliding or interfering with approaching pedestrians or vehicles.

9-503. To prevent obstructing an intersection. No driver shall enter any intersection or marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of such intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle he is operating without obstructing the passage of traffic in or on the intersecting

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<sup>1</sup>See this title, chapter 2 for provisions governing the operation of emergency vehicles.



street or crosswalk. This provision shall be effective notwithstanding any traffic-control signal indication to proceed.

9-504. At railroad crossings. Any driver of a vehicle approaching a railroad grade crossing shall stop within not less than fifteen (15) feet from the nearest rail of such railroad and shall not proceed further while any of the following conditions exist:

(1) A clearly visible electrical or mechanical signal device gives warning of the approach of a railroad train.

(2) A crossing gate is lowered or a human flagman signals the approach of a railroad train.

(3) A railroad train is approaching within approximately fifteen hundred (1500) feet of the highway crossing and is emitting an audible signal indicating its approach.

(4) An approaching railroad train is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to the crossing.

9-505. At "stop" signs. The driver of a vehicle facing a "stop" sign shall bring his vehicle to a complete stop immediately before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if there is no crosswalk, then immediately before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until he can proceed through the intersection in safety.

9-506. At "yield" signs. The drivers of all vehicles shall yield the right of way to approaching vehicles before proceeding at all places where "yield" signs have been posted.

9-507. At traffic-control signals generally. Traffic-control signals exhibiting the words "Go," "Caution," or "Stop," or exhibiting different colored lights successively one at a time, or with arrows, shall show the following colors only and shall apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

(1) Green alone, or "Go":

(a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits such turn.

But vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right of way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited.

(b) Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

(2) Steady yellow alone, or "Caution":

(a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal is thereby warned that the red or "Stop" signal will be exhibited immediately thereafter, and such vehicular traffic shall not enter or be crossing the intersection when the red or "Stop" signal is exhibited.

(b) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway unless authorized so to do by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.

(3) Steady red alone, or "Stop":

(a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until green or "Go" is shown alone. Provided, however, that generally a right turn on a red signal shall be permitted at all intersections within the town, provided that the prospective turning car comes to a full and complete stop before turning and that the turning car yields the right of way to pedestrians and cross traffic traveling in accordance with their traffic signal. However, said turn shall not endanger other traffic lawfully using said intersection. A right turn on red shall be permitted at all intersections except those clearly marked by a "No Turns On Red" sign, which may be erected by the municipality at intersections which the town decides require no right turns on red in the interest of traffic safety.

(b) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway unless authorized so to do by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.

(4) Steady red with green arrow:

(a) Vehicular traffic facing such signal may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow but shall yield the right of way to pedestrians lawfully within a crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

(b) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway unless authorized so to do by a pedestrian "Walk" signal.

(5) In the event an official traffic-control signal is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this section shall be applicable except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Any stop required shall be made at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made, but in the absence of any such sign or marking the stop shall be made a vehicle length short of the signal.

9-508. At flashing traffic-control signals. (1) Whenever an illuminated flashing red or yellow signal is used in a traffic sign or signal placed or erected in the town it shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:

(a) Flashing red (stop signal). When a red lens is illuminated with intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a limit line when marked,

or if none, then before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.

(b) Flashing yellow (caution signal). When a yellow lens is illuminated with intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the inter-section or past such signal only with caution.

(2) This section shall not apply at railroad grade crossings. Conduct of drivers of vehicles approaching railroad grade crossings shall be governed by the rules set forth in section 9-404 of this code.

9-509. Stops to be signaled. No person operating a motor vehicle shall stop such vehicle, whether in obedience to a traffic sign or signal or otherwise, without first signaling his intention in accordance with the requirements of the state law,<sup>1</sup> except in an emergency.

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<sup>1</sup>See section 55-8-143, Tennessee Code Annotated.

## CHAPTER 6

PARKING

## SECTION

- 9-601. Generally.
- 9-602. Angle parking.
- 9-603. Occupancy of more than one space.
- 9-604. Where prohibited.
- 9-605. Loading and unloading zones.
- 9-606. Presumption with respect to illegal parking.

9-501. Generally. No person shall leave any motor vehicle unattended on any street without first setting the brakes thereon, stopping the motor, removing the ignition key, and turning the front wheels of such vehicle toward the nearest curb or gutter of the street.

Except as hereinafter provided, every vehicle parked upon a street within this town shall be so parked that its right wheels are approximately parallel to and within eighteen (18) inches of the right edge or curb of the street. On one-way streets where the town has not placed signs prohibiting the same, vehicles may be permitted to park on the left side of the street, and in such cases the left wheels shall be required to be within eighteen (18) inches of the left edge or curb of the street.

Notwithstanding anything else in this code to the contrary, no person shall park or leave a vehicle parked on any public street or alley within the fire limits between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M. or on any other public street or alley for more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours without the prior approval of the chief of police.

Furthermore, no person shall wash, grease, or work on any vehicle, except to make repairs necessitated by an emergency, while such vehicle is parked on a public street.

9-602. Angle parking. On those streets which have been signed or marked by the town for angle parking, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle indicated by such signs or markings. No person shall back a vehicle into such a parking space but shall park the vehicle with its front wheels next to the curb or edge of the street.

No person shall angle park any vehicle which has a trailer attached thereto or which has a length in excess of twenty-four (24) feet.

9-603. Occupancy of more than one space. No person shall park a vehicle in any designated parking space so that any part of such vehicle occupies more

than one such space or protrudes beyond the official markings on the street or curb designating such space unless the vehicle is too large to be parked within a single designated space.

9-604. Where prohibited. No person shall park a vehicle in violation of any sign placed or erected by the state or town, nor:

- (1) On a sidewalk.
- (2) In front of a public or private driveway.
- (3) Within an intersection or within fifteen (15) feet thereof.
- (4) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.
- (5) Within a pedestrian crosswalk.
- (6) Within fifty (50) feet of a railroad crossing.
- (7) Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station, and on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five (75) feet of the entrance.
- (8) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when other traffic would be obstructed.
- (9) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
- (10) Upon any bridge.
- (11) Alongside any curb painted yellow or red by the town.

9-605. Loading and unloading zones. No person shall park a vehicle for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or merchandise in any place marked by the town as a loading and unloading zone.

9-606. Presumption with respect to illegal parking. When any unoccupied vehicle is found parking in violation of any provision of this chapter there shall be a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle is responsible for such illegal parking.

## CHAPTER 7

ENFORCEMENT

## SECTION

- 9-701. Issuance of traffic citations.
- 9-702. Failure to obey citation.
- 9-703. Illegal parking.
- 9-704. Impoundment of vehicles.
- 9-705. Disposal of "abandoned motor vehicles."

9-701. Issuance of traffic citations. When a police officer halts a traffic violator other than for the purpose of giving a warning, and does not take such person into custody under arrest, he shall take the name, address, and operator's license number of said person, the license number of the motor vehicle involved, and such other pertinent information as may be necessary, and shall issue to him a written traffic citation containing a notice to answer to the charge against him in the city court at a specified time. The officer, upon receiving the written promise of the alleged violator to answer as specified in the citation, shall release such person from custody. It shall be unlawful for any alleged violator to give false or misleading information as to his name or address.

9-702. Failure to obey citation. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his written promise to appear in court after giving said promise to an officer upon the issuance of a traffic citation, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which the citation was originally issued.

9-703. Illegal parking. Whenever any motor vehicle without a driver is found parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by this code, the officer finding such vehicle shall take its license number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user, and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a citation for the driver and/or owner to answer for the violation within ten (10) days during the hours and at a place specified in the citation.

For illegal parking violation, the offender may, within ten (10) days, have the charge against him disposed of by paying to the city recorder a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) plus costs provided he waives his right to a judicial hearing.

9-704. Impoundment of vehicles. Members of the police department are hereby authorized, when reasonably necessary for the security of the vehicle or

to prevent obstruction of traffic, to remove from the streets and impound any vehicle whose operator is arrested or any unattended vehicle which is parked so as to constitute an obstruction or hazard to normal traffic. Any impounded vehicle shall be stored until the owner or other person entitled thereto claims it, gives satisfactory evidence of ownership or right to possession, and pays all applicable fees and costs, or until it is otherwise lawfully disposed of. The fee for impounding a vehicle shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) and the storage cost shall be one dollar (\$1.00) for each twenty-four (24) hour period or fraction thereof that the vehicle is stored.

9-705. Disposal of "abandoned motor vehicles." "Abandoned motor vehicles," as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, section 55-16-103, shall be impounded and disposed of by the police department in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, sections 55-16-103 through 55-16-109.

## TITLE 10

OFFENSES--MISCELLANEOUS<sup>1</sup>

## CHAPTER

1. GENERALLY.
2. OBSCENITY, IMMORAL CONDUCT, PROFANITY, ETC.
3. ALCOHOL AND GAMBLING.
4. LOITERING, PROWLING, VAGRANCY, TRESPASSING, AND CURFEW.
5. WEAPONS, FIREARMS, AND MISSILES.
6. OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSONS, PEACE AND CITY OPERATIONS.
7. OTHER OFFENSES.

## CHAPTER 1

GENERALLY

## SECTION

10-101. Misdemeanors of the state adopted.

10-101. Misdemeanors of the state<sup>2</sup> adopted. All offenses against the State of Tennessee which are committed within the corporate limits and which are defined by the state law or are recognized by the Common Law to be misdemeanors are hereby designated and declared to be offenses against this town also. Any violation of any such law within the corporate limits is also a violation of this section.

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<sup>1</sup>For offenses relating to dogs, see title 3, chapter 1, in this code; for offenses relating to health and sanitation, see title 8; for traffic offenses, see title 9; for non-traffic offenses relating to streets and sidewalks, see title 12.

<sup>2</sup>See Tennessee Code Annotated, sections 39-1-103 and 39-1-104 for definitions of "misdemeanor."



## CHAPTER 2

OBSCENITY, IMMORAL CONDUCT, PROFANITY, ETC.

## SECTION

10-201. Disorderly houses.

10-202. Immoral conduct.

10-203. Obscene literature, etc.

10-204. Indecent or improper exposure or dress.

10-205. Window peeping.

10-206. Profanity, etc.

10-201. Disorderly houses. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep a disorderly house or house of ill fame for the purpose of prostitution or lewdness or where drunkenness, quarrelling, fighting, or other breaches of the peace are carried on or permitted to the disturbance of others. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to visit any such house.

10-202. Immoral conduct. No person shall commit, offer, or agree to commit, nor shall any person secure or offer another for the purpose of committing, a lewd or adulterous act or an act of prostitution or moral perversion; nor shall any person knowingly transport or direct or offer to transport or direct any person to any place or building for the purpose of committing any lewd act or act of prostitution or moral perversion; nor shall any person knowingly receive, or offer or agree to receive any person into any place or building for the purpose of performing a lewd act, or an act of prostitution or moral perversion, or knowingly permit any person to remain in any place or building for any such purpose.

10-203. Obscene literature, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to publish, sell, exhibit, distribute, or possess for the purpose of lending, selling, or otherwise circulating or exhibiting, any book, pamphlet, ballad, movie film, filmstrip, phonograph record, or other written, printed, or filmed matter containing obscene language, prints, pictures, or descriptions manifestly intended to corrupt the morals. Furthermore, no indecent exhibition, show, play, or program shall be performed in any theater, concert hall, gallery or other place of public amusement.

10-204. Indecent or improper exposure or dress. It shall be unlawful for any person to publicly appear naked or in any dress not appropriate to his or her sex, or in any indecent or lewd dress, or to otherwise make any indecent exposure of his or her person.

10-205. Window peeping. No person shall spy, peer, or peep into any window of any residence or dwelling premise that he does not occupy, nor shall he loiter around or within view of any such window with the intent of watching or looking through it.

10-206. Profanity, etc. No person shall use any profane, vulgar, or indecent language in or near any public street or other public place or in or around any place of business open to the use of the public in general.

## CHAPTER 3

ALCOHOL AND GAMBLING<sup>1</sup>

## SECTION

10-301. Minors in beer places.

10-302. Public drunkenness.

10-303. Drinking beer, etc., on streets, and in public places.

10-304. Gambling.

10-305. Promotion of gambling.

10-301. Minors in beer places. No minor under eighteen (18) years of age shall loiter in or around, work in, or otherwise frequent any place where beer is sold at retail for consumption on the premises.

10-302. Public drunkenness. (See the Tennessee Code Annotated, sections 39-6-925, et seq; see also title 33, ch.8)

10-303. Drinking beer, etc., on streets, and in public places. It shall be unlawful for any person to drink or consume, or have an open container of beer in or on any public street, alley, avenue, highway, sidewalk, public park, public school ground, or other public place unless the place has an appropriate permit and/or license for on premises consumption.

10-304. Gambling. It shall be unlawful for any person to play at any game of hazard or chance for money or other valuable thing or to make or accept any bet or wager for money or other valuable thing.

10-305. Promotion of gambling. It shall be unlawful for any person to encourage, promote, aid, or assist the playing at any game, or the making of any bet or wager, for money or other valuable thing, or to possess, keep, or exhibit for the purpose of gambling, any gaming table, device, ticket, or any other gambling paraphernalia.

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<sup>1</sup>For the regulations governing the sale of alcoholic beverages, including beer, see title 2 of this code.

## CHAPTER 4

LOITERING, PROWLING, VAGRANCY, TRESPASSING AND CURFEW

## SECTION

- 10-401. Loitering.
- 10-402. Prowling.
- 10-403. Vagrancy.
- 10-404. Trespassing.
- 10-405. Trespassing on trains.
- 10-406. Curfew for minors.

10-401. Loitering. It shall be unlawful for any person without legitimate business or purpose to loaf, loiter, wander, or idle in, upon, or about any way or place customarily open to public use.

10-402. Prowling. It shall be unlawful for any person to prowl or wander about the streets, alleys, or other public or private ways or places, or be found abroad at late or unusual hours in the night without any visible or lawful business and when unable to give a satisfactory account of himself. (ord. passed Nov. 1, 1962, sec. 2, modified)

10-403. Vagrancy. It shall be unlawful for any person to beg or solicit alms or, if without apparent lawful means of support, willfully to neglect to apply himself to some honest occupation.

10-404. Trespassing. The owner or person in charge of any lot or parcel of land or any building or other structure within the corporate limits may post the same against trespassers. It shall be unlawful for any person to go upon any such posted lot or parcel of land or into any such posted building or other structure without the consent of the owner or person in charge.

It shall also be unlawful and deemed to be a trespass for any peddler, canvasser, solicitor, transient merchant, or other person to fail to promptly leave the private premises of any person who requests or directs him to leave.

10-405. Trespassing on trains. It shall be unlawful for any person to climb, jump, step, stand upon, or cling to, or in any other way attach himself to any locomotive engine or railroad car unless he works for the railroad corporation and is acting in the scope of his employment or unless he is a lawful passenger or is otherwise lawfully entitled to be on such vehicle.

10-406. Curfew for minors. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) years, to be abroad at night between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M., unless the minor is within arm's reach of, and under the direct supervision of, a parent, guardian or other responsible adult. (ord. passed Nov. 1, 1982, sec. 1)

## CHAPTER 5

WEAPONS, FIREARMS, AND MISSILES

## SECTION

10-501. Weapons and firearms generally.

10-502. Air rifles, etc.

10-503. Throwing of missiles.

10-501. Weapons and firearms generally. It shall be unlawful for any person to carry in any manner whatever, with the intent to go armed, any razor, dirk, knife, blackjack, brass knucks, pistol, revolver, or any other dangerous weapon or instrument except the army or navy pistol which shall be carried openly in the hand. However, the foregoing prohibition shall not apply to members of the United States Armed Forces carrying such weapons as are prescribed by applicable regulations nor to any officer or policeman engaged in his official duties, in the execution of process, or while searching for or engaged in arresting persons suspected of having committed crimes. Furthermore, the prohibition shall not apply to persons who may have been summoned by such officer or policeman to assist in the discharge of his said duties, nor to any conductor of any passenger or freight train of any steam railroad while he is on duty. It shall also be unlawful for any unauthorized person to discharge a firearm within the town.

10-502. Air rifles, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person in the town to discharge any air gun, air pistol, air rifle, "BB" gun, or sling shot capable of discharging a metal bullet or pellet, whether propelled by spring, compressed air, expanding gas, explosive, or other force-producing means or method. (ord. passed April 2, 1962)

10-503. Throwing of missiles. It shall be unlawful for any person maliciously to throw any stone, snowball, bottle, or any other missile upon or at any vehicle, building, tree, or other public or private property or upon or at any person.

## CHAPTER 6

OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS, PEACE AND CITY OPERATIONS

## SECTION

- 10-601. Assault and battery.
- 10-602. Disturbing the peace.
- 10-603. Anti-noise regulations.
- 10-604. Coercing people not to work.
- 10-605. Malicious mischief.
- 10-606. False emergency alarms.
- 10-607. Escape from custody or confinement.
- 10-608. Resisting of interfering with an officer.
- 10-609. Impersonating a government officer or employee.
- 10-610. Interference with traffic.

10-601. Assault and battery. It shall be unlawful for any person to commit an assault or an assault and battery against any person.

10-602. Disturbing the peace. No person shall disturb, tend to disturb, or aid in disturbing the peace of others by violent, tumultuous, offensive, or obstreperous conduct, and no person shall knowingly permit such conduct upon any premises owned or possessed by him or under his control.

10-603. Antinoise regulations. Subject to the provisions of this section, the creating of any unreasonably loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise is prohibited. Noise of such character, intensity, or duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual, or in disturbance of the public peace and welfare is prohibited.

(1) Miscellaneous prohibited noises enumerated. The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noises in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:

(a) Blowing horns. The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, truck, or other vehicle while not in motion except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching, apparently out of control, or if in motion, only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.

(b) Radios, phonographs, etc. The playing of any radio, phonograph, or any musical instrument or sound device, including but not limited to loudspeakers or other devices for reproduction or amplification of sound, either independently of or in connection with motion pictures, radio, or television, in such a manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours between 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any office or in any dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity.

(c) Yelling, shouting, etc. Yelling, shouting, whistling, or singing on the public streets, particularly between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of any persons in any hospital, dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity.

(d) Pets. The keeping of any animal, bird, or fowl which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity.

(e) Use of vehicle. The use of any automobile, motorcycle, truck, or vehicle so out of repair, so loaded, or in such manner as to cause loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, or other noise.

(f) Blowing whistles. The blowing of any steam whistle attached to any stationary boiler, except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of fire or danger, or upon request of proper municipal authorities.

(g) Exhaust discharge. To discharge into the open air the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motor vehicle, or boat engine, except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.

(h) Building operations. The erection (including excavation), demolition, alteration, or repair of any building in any residential area or section or the construction or repair of streets and highways in any residential area or section, other than between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. on week days, except in case of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety, and then only with a permit from the mayor granted for a period while the emergency continues not to exceed thirty (30) days. If the mayor should determine that the public health and safety will not be impaired by the erection, demolition, alteration or repair of any building or the excavation of streets and highways between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., and if he shall further determine that loss or inconvenience would result to any party in interest through delay, he may grant permission for such work to be done between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. upon application being



made at the time the permit for the work is awarded or during the process of the work.

(i) Noises near schools, hospitals, churches, etc. The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any institution of learning, church, or court while the same is in session.

(j) Loading and unloading operations. The creation of any loud and excessive noise in connection with the loading or unloading of any vehicle or the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crates, and other containers.

(k) Noises to attract attention. The use of any drum, loudspeaker, or other instrument or device emitting noise for the purpose of attracting attention to any performance, show, or sale or display of merchandise.

(l) Loudspeakers or amplifiers on vehicles. The use of mechanical loudspeakers or amplifiers on trucks or other moving or standing vehicles for advertising or other purposes.

(2) Exceptions. None of the terms or prohibitions hereof shall apply to or be enforced against:

(a) Municipal vehicles. Any vehicle of the town while engaged upon necessary public business.

(b) Repair of streets, etc. Excavations or repairs of bridges, streets, or highways at night, by or on behalf of the town, the county, or the state, when the public welfare and convenience renders it impracticable to perform such work during the day.

(c) Noncommercial and nonprofit use of loudspeakers or amplifiers. The reasonable use of amplifiers or loudspeakers in the course of public addresses which are noncommercial in character and in the course of advertising functions sponsored by nonprofit organizations. However, no such use shall be made until a permit therefor is secured from the recorder. Hours for the use of an amplifier or public address system will be designated in the permit so issued and the use of such systems shall be restricted to the hours so designated in the permit.

10-604. Coercing people not to work. It shall be unlawful for any person in association or agreement with any other person to assemble, congregate, or meet together in the vicinity of any premises where other persons are employed or reside for the purpose of inducing any such other person by threats, coercion, intimidation, or acts of violence to quit or refrain from entering a place of lawful employment. It expressly is not the purpose of this section to prohibit peaceful picketing.

10-605. Malicious mischief. It shall be unlawful and deemed to be malicious mischief for any person willfully, maliciously, or wantonly to damage, deface, destroy, conceal, tamper with, remove, or withhold real or personal property which does not belong to him.

10-606. False emergency alarms. It shall be unlawful for any person intentionally to make, turn in, or give a false alarm of fire, or of need for police or ambulance assistance, or to aid or abet in the commission of such an act.

10-607. Escape from custody or confinement. It shall be unlawful for any person under arrest or otherwise in custody of or confined by the town to escape or attempt to escape, or for any other person to assist or encourage such person to escape or attempt to escape from such custody or confinement.

10-608. Resisting or interfering with an officer. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to resist or in any way interfere with or attempt to interfere with any officer or employee of the town while such officer or employee is performing or attempting to perform his municipal duties.

10-609. Impersonating a government officer or employee. No person other than an official police officer of the town shall wear the uniform, apparel, or badge, or carry any identification card or other insignia of office like or similar to, or a colorable imitation of that adopted and worn or carried by the official police officers of the town. Furthermore, no person shall deceitfully impersonate or represent that he is any government officer or employee.

10-610. Interference with traffic. It shall be unlawful for any person to stand, sit, or engage in any activity whatever on any public street, sidewalk, bridge, or public ground in such a manner as to prevent, obstruct, or interfere unreasonably with the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic thereon.

## CHAPTER 7

OTHER OFFENSES

## SECTION

10-701. Abandoned refrigerators, etc.

10-702. Caves, wells, cisterns, etc.

10-703. Fortune telling, etc.

10-704. Wearing masks.

10-705. Posting notices, etc.

10-701. Abandoned refrigerators, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave in any place accessible to children any abandoned, unattended, unused, or discarded refrigerator, icebox, or other container with any type latching or locking door without first removing therefrom the latch, lock, or door.

10-702. Caves, wells, cisterns, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit to be maintained on property owned or occupied by him any cave, well, cistern, or other such opening in the ground which is dangerous to life and limb without placing thereon an adequate cover or safeguard.

10-703. Fortune telling, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to hold himself forth to the public as a fortune teller, clairvoyant, hypnotist, spiritualist, palmist, phrenologist, or other mystic endowed with supernatural powers.

10-704. Wearing masks. It shall be unlawful for any person to appear on or in any public way or place while wearing any mask, device, or hood whereby any portion of the face is so hidden or covered as to conceal the identity of the wearer.

The following are exempted from the provisions of this section:

- (1) Children under the age of ten (10) years.
- (2) Workers while engaged in work wherein a face covering is necessary for health and/or safety reasons.
- (3) Persons wearing gas masks in civil defense drills and exercises or emergencies.
- (4) Any person having a special permit issued by the town recorder to wear a traditional holiday costume.

10-705. Posting notices, etc. No person shall fasten, in any way, any show-card, poster, or other advertising device upon any public or private property unless legally authorized to do so.

## TITLE 11

PLANNING AND ZONING

## CHAPTER

1. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION.
2. ZONING ORDINANCE.
3. MOBILE HOMES AND MOBILE HOME PARKS.

## CHAPTER 1

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## SECTION

- 11-101. Creation and membership.  
11-102. Organization, powers, duties, etc.

11-101. Creation and membership. Pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, section 13-4-101 there is hereby created a municipal planning commission, hereinafter referred to as the planning commission. The planning commission shall consist of five (5) members; two (2) of these shall be the mayor and another member of the board of mayor and aldermen selected by the board of mayor and aldermen; the other three (3) members shall be appointed by the mayor. All members of the planning commission shall serve as such without compensation. Except for the initial appointments, the terms of the three (3) members appointed by the mayor shall be for three (3) years each. The three (3) members first appointed shall be appointed for terms of one (1), two (2), and three (3) years respectively so that the term of one (1) member expires each year. The terms of the mayor and the member selected by the board of mayor and aldermen shall run concurrently with their terms of office. Any vacancy in an appointive membership shall be filled for the unexpired term by the mayor.

11-102. Organization, powers, duties, etc. The planning commission shall be organized and shall carry out its powers, functions, and duties in accordance with all applicable provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, title 13.

CHAPTER 2

ZONING ORDINANCE

SECTION

11-201. Building construction and land use shall conform to zoning ordinance and subsequent amendments.

11-201. Building construction and land use shall conform to zoning ordinance and subsequent amendments.<sup>1</sup> Building construction and land use within the corporate limits of Henning, Tennessee shall conform to the zoning ordinance of said town and any subsequent amendments thereto.

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<sup>1</sup>The current zoning ordinance of the town of Henning, Tennessee was passed in November, 1983. The Zoning Ordinance and any amendments thereto are of record in the office of the town recorder.

## CHAPTER 3

MOBILE HOMES AND MOBILE HOME PARKS

## SECTION

- 11-301. Definitions.
- 11-302. Regulations governing preexisting mobile homes; display of state license required.
- 11-303. Regulations governing mobile home parks.
- 11-304. Regulations governing travel trailers and travel trailer parks.
- 11-305. Permits.
- 11-306. Fees for permits.
- 11-307. Application for permits.
- 11-308. Enforcement.
- 11-309. Appeals.
- 11-310. Violation and penalty.

11-301. Definitions. Except as specifically defined herein, all words used in this chapter have their customary dictionary definitions where not inconsistent with the context. For the purpose of this chapter certain words or terms are defined as follows:

The term "shall" is mandatory.

When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the singular number include the plural and those used in the plural number include the singular.

Words used in the present tense include the future.

(1) Mobile home (trailer). A detached single-family dwelling unit with any or all of the following characteristics:

(a) Designed for long-term occupancy, and containing sleeping accommodations, a flush toilet, a tub or shower bath and kitchen facilities, with plumbing and electrical connections provided for attachment to outside systems.

(b) Designed to be transported after fabrication on its own wheels, or on a flatbed or other trailer or detachable wheels.

(c) Arriving at a site where it is to be occupied as a complete dwelling including major appliances and furniture, and ready for occupancy except for minor and incidental unpacking and assembly operations, location of foundation supports, connection to utilities and the like.

(2) Mobile home park. The term mobile home park shall mean any plot of ground within the Town of Henning on which three (3) or more mobile homes, occupied for dwelling or sleeping purposes, are located.

(3) Mobile home space. The term mobile home space shall mean a plot of ground within a mobile home park designated for the accommodation of one (1) mobile home.

(4) Travel trailer. A travel trailer, pick-up camper, converted bus, tent-trailer, tent, or similar device used for temporary portable housing or a unit which:

(a) Can operate independent of connections to external sewer, water and electrical systems;

(b) contains water storage facilities and may contain a lavatory, kitchen sink and/or bath facilities; and/or

(c) is identified by the manufacturer as a travel trailer.

(5) Travel trailer park. The term travel trailer park shall mean any plot of ground within the Town of Henning on which two (2) or more travel trailers, occupied for camping or periods of short stay, are located.

(6) Health officer. The director of a city, county, or district health department having jurisdiction over the community health in a specific area, or his duly authorized representative.<sup>1</sup>

(7) Permit (license). A permit is required for mobile home parks and travel trailer parks. Fees charged under the permit requirement are for inspection and the administration of this chapter.

(8) Modular home. A factory fabricated transportable building designed to be used by itself or to be incorporated with similar units at a building to apply to major assemblies and does not include prefabricated panels, trusses, plumbing trees, and other prefabricated supplements which are to be incorporated into a structure at the site. The unit is not built on a chassis, has never had wheels, is placed on a permanent foundation and is required to meet local building codes. (ord. passed Nov. 7, 1983, art. I)

11-302. Regulations governing preexisting mobile homes; display of state license required. (1) Any mobile home already placed on a lot on or before the date of passage of this chapter will be permitted to remain at its present location. Any mobile home site at any location with utility connections and other facilities constructed specifically for utilization as a permanent mobile home parking site, in existence prior to the date of passage of this chapter, shall be permitted to be utilized for parking and servicing mobile homes hereafter. If said present mobile home shall remain vacant for a period of one year, said mobile home owner shall be given at the end of the year, a period not to exceed sixty (60) days in which to remove said mobile home and to comply with all provisions of this chapter.

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<sup>1</sup>See section 8-101 of this code.



(2) No mobile home shall be used, placed, stored or serviced by utilities within the Town of Henning, or within any mobile home park in said town unless there is posted near the door of said mobile home a valid Tennessee State license. (ord. passed Nov. 7, 1983, art. II)

11-303. Regulations governing mobile home parks. (1) Permits for mobile home parks. No place or site within said town shall be established or maintained by any person, group of persons, or corporation as a mobile home park unless he holds a valid permit issued by the Henning board of mayor and aldermen in the name of such person or persons for the specific mobile home park. The Henning board of mayor and aldermen is authorized to issue, suspend, or revoke permits in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. (see sections 11-305 and 11-307)

Mobile home parks in existence as of the effective date of this chapter shall be required to obtain a mobile home park permit. Pre-existing mobile home parks which cannot comply with the requirements regarding mobile home parks shall be considered as a non-conforming use, provided, however, if at any time the ownership of said park shall change, said new owner shall be given a period not to exceed ninety (90) days in which to comply with the current mobile home park regulations in all respects and his failure to do so shall render him ineligible for a mobile home park permit at his then present location.

Said pre-existing mobile home parks shall comply with all State regulations applicable thereto which were in force prior to the establishment of said mobile home parks.

(2) Inspections by the Henning board of mayor and aldermen. The Henning board of mayor and aldermen is hereby authorized and directed to make inspections to determine the condition of mobile home parks, in order that they may perform their duty of safeguarding the health and safety of occupants of mobile home parks and of the general public. The Henning board of mayor and aldermen shall have the power to enter at reasonable times upon any private or public property for the purpose of inspecting and investigating conditions relating to the enforcement of this chapter.

(3) Length of occupancy. No mobile home space shall be rented in any mobile home park except for periods of thirty (30) days.

(4) Code compliance. No mobile home shall be admitted to any park unless it can be demonstrated that it meets the requirements of the American Standards Association Code Provision A-119.1 - 1963; American Standard for Installation in Mobile Home of Electrical, Heating and Plumbing Systems, or Mobile Homes Manufacturers Association Mobile Home Standards for Plumbing, Heating and Electrical Systems or any state administered code insuring equal or better plumbing, heating or electrical installations.

(5) Location and planning. The mobile home park shall be located on a well-drained site and shall be so located that its drainage will not endanger any water supply and shall be in conformity with a plan approved by the Town Planning Commission.

(6) Minimum size of mobile home park. The tract of land for the mobile home park shall comprise an area of not less than two (2) acres. The tract of land shall consist of a single plot so dimensioned and related as to facilitate efficient design and management.

(7) Minimum number of spaces. Minimum number of spaces completed and ready for occupancy before first occupancy is five (5).

(8) Minimum mobile home space and spacing of mobile homes. Each mobile home space shall be adequate for the type of facility occupying the same. Mobile homes shall be parked on each space so that there will be at least fifteen (15) feet of open space between mobile homes or any attachment such as a garage or porch, \*and at least fifteen (15) feet end to end spacing between trailers and any building or structure, twenty (20) feet between any trailer and property line and thirty-five (35) feet from the right-of-way of any public street or highway. In addition each mobile home space shall contain:

- (a) A minimum lot area of three thousand (3,000) square feet;
- (b) A minimum depth with end parking of an automobile equal to the length of the mobile home plus thirty (30) feet;
- (c) A minimum depth with side or street parking equal to the length of the mobile home plus fifteen (15) feet; and
- (d) A minimum width of at least forty (40) feet and a minimum depth of at least seventy-five (75) feet.

\*If the construction of additional rooms or covered areas is to be allowed beside the mobile homes, the mobile home spaces shall be made wider to accommodate such construction in order to maintain the required fifteen (15) feet of open space.

(9) Water supply. Where a public water supply is available, it shall be used exclusively. The development of an independent water supply to serve the mobile home park shall be made only after written approval of plans and specifications has been granted by the County Health Officer. In those instances where an independent system is approved, the water shall be from a supply properly located, protected, operated and shall be adequate in quantity and approved in quality. Samples of water for bacteriological examination shall be taken before initial approval of the physical structure and thereafter at least twice every month and when any repair or alteration of the water supply system has been made. If a positive sample is obtained, it will be the responsibility of

the mobile home park operator to provide such treatment as is deemed necessary by the health officer to maintain a safe, potable water supply. Water shall be furnished at the minimum capacity of two hundred and fifty (250) gallons per day per mobile home space. An individual water service connection shall be provided for each mobile home space.

(10) Sewage disposal. An adequate sewage disposal system must be provided and must be approved in writing by the health officer. Each mobile home space shall be equipped with at least a four (4) inch sewer connection, trapped below the frost line and reaching at least four (4) inches above the surface of the ground. The sewer connection shall be protected by a concrete collar, at least three (3) inches deep and extending twelve (12) inches from the connection in all directions. All sewer lines shall be laid in trenches separated at least ten (10) feet horizontally from any drinking water supply line.

Every effort shall be made to dispose of the sewage through a public sewerage system. In lieu of this, a septic tank and sub-surface soil absorption system may be used provided the soil characteristics are suitable and an adequate disposal area is available. The minimum size of any septic tank so installed under any condition shall not be less than seven hundred fifty (750) gallons working capacity. This size tank can accommodate a maximum of two (2) mobile homes. For each additional mobile home on such a single tank, a minimum additional liquid capacity of one hundred seventy-five (175) gallons shall be provided. The sewage from no more than twelve (12) mobile homes shall be disposed of in any one (1) single tank installation. The size of such tank shall be a minimum of two thousand five hundred (2,500) gallons liquid capacity.

The amount of effective soil absorption area or total bottom area of overflow trenches will depend on local soil conditions and shall be determined only on the basis of the percolation rate of the soil. The percolation rate shall be determined as outlined in Appendix A of the Tennessee Department of Public Health Bulletin, entitled "Recommended Construction of Large Septic Tank Disposal Systems for Schools, Factories and Institutions." This Bulletin is available on request from the Department. No mobile home shall be placed over a soil absorption field.

In lieu of a public sewerage or septic tank system, an officially approved package treatment plant may be used.

(11) Refuse. The storage, collection and disposal of refuse, in the park shall be so managed as to create no health hazard. All refuse shall be stored in fly proof, water tight and rodent proof containers. Satisfactory container racks or holders shall be provided. Garbage shall be collected and disposed of in an approved manner at least once per week.

(12) Electricity. An electrical outlet supplying at least two hundred twenty (220) volts shall be provided for each mobile home space and shall be weatherproof and accessible to the parked mobile home. All electrical installations shall be in compliance with the National Electrical Code and Tennessee Department of insurance and Banking Regulation No. 15, entitled, "Regulations Relating to Electrical Installations in the State of Tennessee," and shall satisfy all requirements of the local electric service organization.

(13) Illumination. The park shall be furnished with 400 watt mercury lamps at intervals of 100 feet approximately 30 feet from the ground. Adequate lighting recommended by the Ripley Light Company and approved by the city planning commission may be used in lieu of the above requirement.

(14) Streets. Minimum pavement widths of various streets within mobile home parks shall be:

- All streets, except minor streets . . . . . 24 feet
- Minor streets, no parking . . . . . 18 feet

Streets shall have a gravel base consisting of size (Grade D) stone compacted to six (6) inches and a paved surface of asphaltic concrete (hot mix) -- as specified in the Tennessee Department of Highways Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 1968, section 411 - compacted to one (1) inch with not less than an average weight of one hundred (100) pounds per square yard.

(15) Parking spaces. Car parking shall be provided in sufficient number to meet the needs of the occupants of the property and their guests without interference with normal movement of traffic. Such facilities shall be provided at the rate of at least two (2) car spaces for each mobile home lot. Each individual parking space shall have a minimum width of not less than ten (10) feet and length of not less than twenty (20) feet. The parking spaces shall be located so access can be gained only from the internal streets of the mobile home park.

(16) Buffer strip. An evergreen buffer strip consisting of trees, shrub or hedge with a minimum planted height of not less than six (6) feet which will grow to a height of not less than ten (10) feet and be spaced not more than ten (10) feet apart shall be planted along all boundaries of the mobile home park. The above requirement is subject to planning commission approval. (ord. passed Nov. 7, 1893, art. III)

11-304. Regulations governing travel trailers and travel trailer parks.

(1) Occupation and service restricted. It shall be unlawful for any travel trailer to be occupied or serviced outside of any properly designated travel trailer park. This provision shall not apply to the storage of travel trailers provided said trailer unit is neither temporarily or permanently occupied as a dwelling unit while within the city limits.

(2) Permit for travel trailer park. No place or site within said town shall be established or maintained by any person, group of persons, or corporation as a travel trailer park unless he holds a valid permit issued by the Henning board of mayor and aldermen in the name of such person or persons for the specific travel trailer park. The Henning board of mayor and aldermen is authorized to issue, suspend, or revoke permits in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(3) Inspections by the Henning board of mayor and aldermen or county health officer. The Henning board of mayor and aldermen or County Health Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make inspections to determine the condition of travel trailer parks, in order that he may perform his duty of safeguarding the health and safety of the occupants of travel trailer parks and of the general public. The Henning board of mayor and aldermen or County Health Officer shall have the power to enter at reasonable times upon any private or public property for the purpose of inspecting and investigating conditions relating to the enforcement of this chapter.

(4) Length of occupancy. Travel trailer spaces shall be rented by the day or week only, and the occupant of such space shall remain in the same travel trailer park not more than fourteen (14) days.

(5) Location. All locations of travel trailer parks must be approved by the Henning board of mayor and aldermen.

(6) Minimum size of travel trailer space. Each travel trailer space shall have a minimum width of thirty (30) feet and a minimum length of fifty (50) feet.

NOTE: Travel trailer parks, properly regulated, fit well into general commercial complexes in which a variety of complementary facilities are available. For example, nearby groceries, general stores, filling stations, coin operated laundries, and other services are often in demand by persons looking for travel trailer parks.

(7) Site planning improvement shall conform to the standards established in Regulations VI -- XX of the State Regulations Governing the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Organized Camps in Tennessee, as provided in Chapter 65, Public Acts of 1965. (ord. Passed Nov. 7, 1983, Art. IV)

11-305. Permits. The following requirements for permits shall apply to any mobile home park and travel trailer park within the corporate limits of Henning.

(1) Mobile home parks. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to maintain or operate, within the corporate limits of said city any mobile home park unless such person or persons shall first obtain a permit therefor. (ord. passed Nov. 7, 1983, art. V)

11-306. Fees for permits. An annual permit fee shall be required for mobile home parks and travel trailer parks.

(1) Mobile home parks. The annual permit fee for mobile home parks shall be fifty (50) dollars for the first twenty (20) spaces approved and five (5) dollars for each space approved thereafter.

(2) Travel trailer parks. The annual permit fee for each travel trailer park shall be fifty (50) dollars. (ord. passed Nov. 7, 1983, art. VI)

11-307. Application for permit. (1) Mobile home parks. Applications for a mobile home park shall be filed with and discussed by the Henning board of mayor and aldermen subject to the Planning Commission's approval of the mobile home park plan. Applications shall be in writing and signed by the applicant and shall be accompanied with an approved plan of the proposed mobile home park. The plan shall contain the following information and conform to the following requirements:

- (a) The plan shall be clearly and legibly drawn at a scale not smaller than one hundred (100) feet to one (1) inch;
- (b) Name and address of owner of record;
- (c) Proposed name or park;
- (d) North point and graphic scale and date;
- (e) Vicinity map showing location and acreage of mobile home park;
- (f) Exact boundary lines of the tract by bearing and distance;
- (g) Names of owners of record of adjoining land;
- (h) Existing streets, utilities, easements, and water courses on and adjacent to the tract;
- (i) Proposed design including streets, proposed street names, lot lines with approximate dimensions, easements, land to be reserved or dedicated for public uses, and any land to be used for purposes other than mobile home spaces;
- (j) Provisions for water supply, sewerage, and drainage;
- (k) Such information as may be required by said town to enable it to determine if the proposed park will comply with legal requirements; and
- (l) The applications and all accompanying plans and specifications shall be filed in triplicate.

Certificates that shall be required are: (1) owner's certifications; (2) planning commission's approval signed by secretary; (3) and any other certificates deemed necessary by the planning commission.

(2) Travel trailer parks. Applications for travel trailer parks shall meet the same requirements as contained in Section 11-307(1) above. (ord. passed Nov. 7, 1983, art. VII)

11-308. Enforcement. It shall be the duty of the County Health Officer and the Henning board of mayor and aldermen to enforce provisions of this chapter. (ord. passed Nov. 7, 1983 art. VIII)

11-309. Appeals. (1) Board of appeals. The Henning Board of Zoning Appeals shall serve as the Board of Appeal and shall be guided by procedures and powers compatible with state law.

Any party aggrieved because of an alleged error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Henning board of mayor and aldermen in the enforcement of this chapter, may appeal for and receive a hearing by the Henning Board of Zoning Appeals for an interpretation of the chapter, the Henning Board of Appeals, may, in conformity with the provisions of this chapter, reverse or affirm any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Henning board of mayor and aldermen. An administrative fee of ten (10) dollars shall be paid prior to appearing before the Henning Board of Appeals.

(2) Appeals from board of appeals. Any person or persons or any board, taxpayer, department, or bureau of the town aggrieved by any decision of the Henning Board of Appeals may seek review by a court of record of such decision in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Tennessee.

11-310. Violation and penalty. Any person or corporation who violates the provisions of this chapter or the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, or fails to perform the reasonable requirements specified by the Henning board of mayor and aldermen or County Health Officer after receipt of thirty-five (35) days written notice of such requirements, shall be fined pursuant to the general penalty provisions of this municipal code of ordinances for each offense, and each day of continued violation shall constitute a separate offense, subsequent to receipt of said thirty-five (35) day notice. (ord. passed Nov. 7, 1983, art. X)

## TITLE 12

STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS AND PLACES<sup>1</sup>

## CHAPTER

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## CHAPTER 1

MISCELLANEOUS

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12-101. Obstructing streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited. No person shall use or occupy any portion of any public street, alley, sidewalk, or right of way for the purpose of storing, selling, or exhibiting any goods, wares, merchandise, or materials.

12-102. Trees projecting over streets, etc., regulated. It shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant to allow any limbs of trees on his property to project over any street or alley at a height of less than fourteen (14) feet or over any sidewalk at a height of less than eight (8) feet.

12-103. Trees, etc., obstructing view at intersections prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant to have or maintain on his property any tree, shrub, sign, or other obstruction which prevents persons

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<sup>1</sup>See title 9 in this code for related motor vehicle and traffic regulations.



driving vehicles on public streets or alleys from obtaining a clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection.

12-104. Projecting signs and awnings, etc., restricted. Signs, awnings, or other structures which project over any street or other public way shall be erected subject to the requirements of the building code.

12-105. Banners and signs across streets and alleys restricted. It shall be unlawful for any person to place or have placed any banner or sign across or above any public street or alley except when expressly authorized by the board of mayor and aldermen after a finding that no hazard will be created by such banner or sign.

12-106. Gates or doors opening over streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or occupying property to allow any gate or door to swing open upon or over any street, alley, or sidewalk except when required by law.

12-107. Littering streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to litter, place, throw, track, or allow to fall on any street, alley, or sidewalk any refuse, glass, tacks, mud, or other objects or materials which are unsightly or which obstruct or tend to limit or interfere with the use of such public ways and places for their intended purposes.

12-108. Obstruction of drainage ditched. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or cause the obstruction of any drainage ditch in any public right of way.

12-109. Abutting occupants to keep sidewalks clean, etc. The occupants of property abutting on a sidewalk are required to keep the sidewalk clean. Also, immediately after a snow or sleet, such occupants are required to remove all accumulated snow and ice from the abutting sidewalk.

12-110. Parades, etc., regulated. It shall be unlawful for any person, club, organization, or other group to hold any meeting, parade, demonstration, or exhibition on the public streets without some responsible representative first securing a permit from the recorder. No permit shall be issued by the recorder unless such activity will not unreasonably interfere with traffic and unless such representative shall agree to see to the immediate cleaning up of all litter which shall be left on the streets as a result of the activity. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful for any person obtaining such a permit to fail to carry out his agreement to clean up the resulting litter immediately.

12-111. Animals and vehicles on sidewalks. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, lead, or tie any animal, or ride, push, pull, or place any vehicle across or upon any sidewalk in such manner as unreasonably interferes with or inconveniences pedestrians using the sidewalk. It shall also be unlawful for any person knowingly to allow any minor under his control to violate this section.

12-112. Fires in streets, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to set or contribute to any fire in any public street, alley, or sidewalk.

## CHAPTER 2

EXCAVATIONS AND CUTS<sup>1</sup>

## SECTION

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12-201. Permit required. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, association, or others to make any excavation in any street, alley, or public place, or to tunnel under any street, alley, or public place without having first obtained a permit as herein required, and without complying with the provisions of this chapter; and it shall also be unlawful to violate, or vary from, the terms of any such permit; provided, however, any person maintaining pipes, lines, or other underground facilities in or under the surface of any street may proceed with an opening without a permit when emergency circumstances demand the work to be done immediately and a permit cannot reasonably and practicably be obtained beforehand. The person shall thereafter apply for a permit on the first regular business day on which the office of the recorder is open for business, and said permit shall be retro>active to the date when the work was begun.

12-202. Applications. Applications for such permits shall be made to the recorder, or such person as he may designate to receive such applications, and shall state thereon the location of the intended excavation or tunnel, the size thereof, the purpose thereof, the person, firm, corporation, association, or others doing the actual excavating, the name of the person, firm, corporation, association, or others for whom the work is being done, and shall contain an

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<sup>1</sup>Sections 12-201 through 12-209 in this chapter were patterned substantially after the ordinance upheld by the Tennessee Supreme Court in the case of City of Paris, Tennessee v. Paris-Henry County Public Utility District, 207 Tenn. 388, 340 S.W.2d 885 (1960).

agreement that the applicant will comply with all ordinances and laws relating to the work to be done. Such application shall be rejected or approved by the recorder within twenty-four (24) hours of its filing.

12-203. Fee. The fee for such permits shall be two dollars (\$2.00) for excavations which do not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet in area or tunnels not exceeding twenty-five (25) feet in length; and twenty-five cents (\$0.25) for each additional square foot in the case of excavations, or lineal foot in the case of tunnels; but not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for any permit.

12-204. Deposit or bond. No such permit shall be issued unless and until the applicant therefor has deposited with the recorder a cash deposit. The deposit shall be in the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) if no pavement is involved or seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) if the excavation is in a paved area and shall insure the proper restoration of the ground and laying of the pavement, if any. Where the amount of the deposit is clearly inadequate to cover the cost of restoration, the recorder may increase the amount of the deposit to an amount considered by him to be adequate to cover the said cost. From this deposit shall be deducted the expense to the town of relaying the surface of the ground or pavement, and of making the refill if this is done by the municipality or at its expense. The balance shall be returned to the applicant without interest after the tunnel or excavation is completely refilled and the surface or pavement is restored.

In lieu of a deposit the applicant may deposit with the recorder a surety bond in such form and amount as the recorder shall deem adequate to cover the costs to the municipality if the applicant fails to make proper restoration.

12-205. Manner of excavating--barricades and lights--temporary sidewalks. Any person, firm, corporation, association, or others making any excavation or tunnel shall do so according to the terms and conditions of the application and permit authorizing the work to be done. Sufficient and proper barricades and lights shall be maintained to protect persons and property from injury by or because of the excavation being made. If any sidewalk is blocked by any such work, a temporary sidewalk shall be constructed and provided which shall be safe for travel and convenient for users.

12-206. Restoration of streets, etc. Any person, firm, corporation, association, or others making any excavation or tunnel in or under any street, alley, or public place in this municipality shall restore said street, alley, or public place to its original condition except for the surfacing, which shall be done by the town but shall be paid for promptly upon completion by such person, firm, corporation, association, or others for which the excavation or

tunnel was made. In case of unreasonable delay in restoring the street, alley, or public place, the recorder shall give notice to the person, firm, corporation, association, or others that unless the excavation or tunnel is refilled properly within a specified reasonable period of time, the town will do the work and charge the expense of doing the same to such person, firm, corporation, association, or others. If within the specified time the conditions of the above notice have not been complied with, the work shall be done by the town, an accurate account of the expense involved shall be kept, and the total cost shall be charged to the person, firm, corporation, association, or others who made the excavation or tunnel.

12-207. Insurance. In addition to making the deposit or giving the bond hereinbefore required to insure that proper restoration is made, each person applying for an excavation permit shall file a certificate of insurance indicating that he is insured against claims for damages for personal injury as well as against claims for property damage which may arise from or out of the performance of the work, whether such performance be by himself, his subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by him. Such insurance shall cover collapse, explosive hazards, and underground work by equipment on the street, and shall include protection against liability arising from completed operations. The amount of the insurance shall be prescribed by the recorder in accordance with the nature of the risk involved; provided, however, that the liability insurance for bodily injury shall not be less than \$100,000 for each person and \$300,000 for each accident, and for property damages not less than \$25,000 for any one (1) accident, and a \$75,000 aggregate.

12-208. Time limits. Each application for a permit shall state the length of time it is estimated will elapse from the commencement of the work until the restoration of the surface of the ground or pavement, or until the refill is made ready for the pavement to be put on by the town if the town restores such surface pavement. It shall be unlawful to fail to comply with this time limitation unless permission for an extension of time is granted by the recorder.

12-209. Supervision. The recorder shall from time to time inspect all excavations and tunnels being made in or under any public street, alley, or other public place in the town and see to the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. Notice shall be given to him at least ten (10) hours before the work of refilling any such excavation or tunnel commences.

12-210. Driveway curb cuts. No one shall cut, build, or maintain a driveway across a curb or sidewalk without first obtaining a permit from the recorder. Such a permit will not be issued when the contemplated driveway is

to be so located or constructed as to create an unreasonable hazard to pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic. No driveway shall exceed thirty-five (35) feet in width at its outer or street edge, and when two (2) or more adjoining driveways are provided for the same property, a safety island of not less than ten (10) feet in width at its outer or street edge shall be provided to separate said driveways. Driveway aprons shall not extend into the street.

## TITLE 13

UTILITIES AND SERVICES<sup>1</sup>

## CHAPTER

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WATER AND SEWERS

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<sup>1</sup>See title 4 in this code for the building code; see title 8, chapter 4 for provisions relating to cross-connections, etc.

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13-101. Application and scope. The provisions of this chapter are a part of all contracts for receiving water and/or sewer service from the town and shall apply whether the service is based upon contract, agreement, signed application, or otherwise.

13-102. Definitions. (1) "Customer" means any person, firm, or corporation who receives water and/or sewer service from the town under either an express or implied contract.

(2) "Household" means any two (2) or more persons living together as a family group.

(3) "Service line" shall consist of the pipe line extending from any water or sewer main of the town to private property. Where a meter and meter box are located on private property, the service line shall be construed to include the pipe line extending from the municipality's water main to and including the meter and meter box.

(4) "Discount date" shall mean the date ten (10) days after the date of a bill, except when some other date is provided by contract. The discount date is the last date upon which water and/or sewer bills can be paid at net rates.

(5) "Dwelling" means any single structure, with auxiliary buildings, occupied by one or more persons or households for residential purposes.

(6) "Premise" means any structure or group of structures operated as a single business or enterprise, provided, however, the term "premise" shall not include more than one (1) dwelling.

13-103. Application and contract for service. Each prospective customer for water and/or sewer service must make a formal application for either original or additional service which must be approved by the town, sign a standard form contract, and pay a service deposit in an amount to be set from time to time by appropriate ordinance or resolution by the board of mayor and aldermen before water and/or sewer connection and water installation orders will be issued and work begun. The deposit shall be separate from and in addition to the deposit required for gas service under section 13-303 of this code.



If, for any reason, a customer, after signing a contract for service, does not take such service by reason of not occupying the premises or otherwise, he shall reimburse the town for the expense incurred by reason of its endeavor to furnish said service.

The receipt of a prospective customer's application for service, regardless of whether or not accompanied by a deposit, shall not obligate the town to render the service applied for. If the service applied for cannot be supplied in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and general practice, the liability of the town to the applicant shall be limited to the return of any deposit made by such applicant.

13-104. Service charges for temporary service. Customers requiring temporary service shall pay all costs for connection and disconnection incidental to the supplying and removing of service in addition to the regular charge for water and/or sewer service.

13-105. Connection charges. Service lines will be laid by the town from its mains to the property line at the expense of the applicant for service. The location of such lines will be determined by the town.

Before a new water or sewer service line will be laid by the town, the applicant shall make a connection fee in an amount to be set from time to time by appropriate ordinance or resolution of the board of mayor and aldermen. This connection fee shall be separate and in addition to any connection fees required for gas service under section 13-305 of this code.

When a service line is completed, the town shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of such service line from the main to and including the meter and meter box, and such portion of the service line shall belong to the town.

The remaining portion of the service line beyond the meter box (or property line, in the case of sewers) shall belong to and be the responsibility of the customer.

13-106. Connection to public sewer required. The owner, tenant, or occupant of each lot or parcel of land which abuts upon a street or other public way containing a sanitary sewer and upon which lot or parcel a building exists for residential, commercial, or industrial user, shall connect such building with such sanitary sewer and cease to use any other means for the disposal of sewerage, waste or other polluting matter. Every owner, tenant, or occupant described in the above paragraph shall connect such building with such sanitary sewer and cease to use any other means for the disposal of sewerage, sewerage waste, or other polluting matter within ninety days from the date of notice given by the Town of Henning by registered letter to the

owner, tenant, or occupant's last known address; notifying them to so connect. (ord. no. 778, passed Sept. 1, 1958)

13-107. Water and sewer main extensions. Persons desiring water and/or sewer main extensions must pay all of the cost of making such extensions. However, nothing in this section or chapter shall obligate the board of mayor and aldermen to authorize the extension of any water and sewer mains.

For water main extensions cement-lined cast iron pipe, class 150 American Water Works Association Standard (or other construction approved by the board of mayor and aldermen), not less than six (6) inches in diameter shall be used to the dead end of any line and to form loops or continuous lines, so that fire hydrants may be placed on such lines at locations no farther than 1,000 feet from the most distant part of any dwelling structure and no farther than 600 feet from the most distant part of any commercial, industrial, or public building, such measurements to be based on road or street distances. Cement-lined cast iron pipe (or other construction approved by the board of mayor and aldermen) two (2) inches in diameter, to supply dwellings only, may be used to supplement such lines. For sewer main extensions eight-inch pipe of vitrified clay or other construction approved by the board of mayor and aldermen shall be used.

All such extensions shall be installed either by municipal forces or by other forces working directly under the supervision of the town in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by an engineer registered with the State of Tennessee.

Upon completion of such extensions and their approval by the town, such water and/or sewer mains shall become the property of the town. The persons paying the cost of constructing such mains shall execute any written instruments requested by the town to provide evidence of the town's title to such mains. In consideration of such mains being transferred to it, the town shall incorporate said mains as an integral part of the municipal water and sewer systems and shall furnish water and sewer service therefrom in accordance with these rules and regulations, subject always to such limitations as may exist because of the size and elevation of said mains.

13-108. Variances from and effect of preceding section as to extensions. Whenever the board of mayor and aldermen is of the opinion that it is to the best interest of the town and its inhabitants to construct a water and/or sewer main extension without requiring strict compliance with the preceding section, such extension may be constructed upon such terms and conditions as shall be approved by the board of mayor and aldermen.

The authority to make water and/or sewer main extensions under the preceding section is permissive only and nothing contained therein shall be construed as requiring the town to make such extensions or to furnish service to any person or persons.

13-109. Meters. All meters shall be installed, tested, repaired, and removed only by the town.

No one shall do anything which will in any way interfere with or prevent the operation of a meter. No one shall tamper with or work on a water meter without the written permission of the town. No one shall install any pipe or other device which will cause water to pass through or around a meter without the passage of such water being registered fully by the meter.

13-110. (Reserved for future use).

13-111. Schedule of rates. All water and sewer service shall be furnished under such rate schedules as the town may from time to time adopt by appropriate ordinance or resolution.<sup>1</sup>

13-112. Multiple services through a single meter. No customer shall supply water or sewer service to more than one dwelling or premise from a single service line and meter without first obtaining the written permission of the town.

Where the town allows more than one dwelling or premise to be served through a single service line and meter, the amount of water used by all the dwellings and premises served through a single service line and meter shall be allocated to each separate dwelling or premise served. The water and/or sewer charges for each such dwelling or premise thus served shall be computed just as if each such dwelling or premise had received through a separately metered service the amount of water so allocated to it, such computation to be made at the town's applicable water rates schedule, including the provisions as to minimum bills. The separate charges for each dwelling or premise served through a single service line and meter shall then be added together, and the sum thereof shall be billed to the customer in whose name the service is supplied.

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<sup>1</sup>Administrative ordinances and resolutions are of record in the recorder's office.

13-113. Billing. Bills for residential water and sewer service will be rendered monthly.

Bills for commercial and industrial service may be rendered weekly, semimonthly, or monthly, at the option of the town.

Both charges shall be collected as a unit; no town employee shall accept payment of water service charges from any customer without receiving at the same time payment of all sewer service charges owed by such customer. Water service may be discontinued for non-payment of the combined bill.

Water and sewer bills must be paid on or before the discount date shown thereon to obtain the net rate, otherwise the gross rate shall apply. Failure to receive a bill will not release a customer from payment obligation, nor extend the discount date.

Should the final date of payment of bill at the net rate fall on Sunday or a holiday, the business day next following the final date will be the last day to obtain the net rate. A net remittance received by mail after the time limit for payment at the net rate will be accepted by the town if the envelope is date-stamped on or before the final date for payment of the net amount.

If a meter fails to register properly, or if a meter is removed to be tested or repaired, or if water is received other than through a meter, the town reserves the right to render an estimated bill based on the best information available.

13-114. Discontinuance or refusal of service. The town shall have the right to discontinue water and/or sewer service or to refuse to connect service for a violation of, or a failure to comply with, any of the following:

(1) These rules and regulations contained in this chapter; including nonpayment of bills.

(2) The customer's application for service.

(3) The customer's contract for service.

Such right to discontinue service shall apply to all service received through a single connection or service, even though more than one (1) customer or tenant is furnished service therefrom, and even though the delinquency or violation is limited to only one such customer or tenant.

Discontinuance of service by the town for any cause stated in these rules and regulations shall not release the customer from liability for service already received or from liability for payments that thereafter become due under other provisions of the customer's contract.

No service shall be discontinued unless the customer is given reasonable notice in advance of such impending action and the reason therefor and of his right to a hearing prior to such disconnection if he disputes the reason therefor and requests such hearing by the date specified in the notice.

When a hearing is requested, the customer shall have the right to have a representative at such hearing and shall be entitled to testify and to present witnesses on his behalf. Also, when such hearing has been requested, the customer's service shall not be terminated until a final decision is reached by the hearing officer and the customer is notified of that decision.

13-115. Re-connection charge. Whenever service has been discontinued as provided for above, a re-connection charge of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be collected by the town before service is restored.

13-116. Termination of service by customer. Customers who have fulfilled their contract terms and wish to discontinue service must give at least three (3) days written notice to that effect unless the contract specifies otherwise. Notice to discontinue service prior to the expiration of a contract term will not relieve the customer from any minimum or guaranteed payment under such contract or applicable rate schedule.

When service is being furnished to an occupant of premises under a contract not in the occupant's name, the town reserves the right to impose the following conditions on the right of the customer to discontinue service under such a contract:

(1) Written notice of the customer's desire for such service to be discontinued may be required; and the town shall have the right to continue such service for a period of not to exceed ten (10) days after receipt of such written notice, during which time the customer shall be responsible for all charges for such service. If the town should continue service after such ten (10) day period subsequent to the receipt of the customer's written notice to discontinue service, the customer shall not be responsible for charges for any service furnished after the expiration of such ten (10) day period.

(2) During such ten (10) day period, or thereafter, the occupant of premises to which service has been ordered discontinued by a customer other than such occupant, may be allowed by the town to enter into a contract for service in the occupant's own name upon the occupant's complying with these rules and regulations with respect to a new application for service.

13-117. Access to customers' premises. The town's identified representatives and employees shall be granted access to all customers' premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of reading meters, for testing, inspecting, repairing, removing, and replacing all equipment belonging to the municipality, and for inspecting customers' plumbing and premises generally in order to secure compliance with these rules and regulations.

13-118. Inspections. The town shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to inspect any installation or plumbing system before water and/or sewer service is furnished or at any later time. The town reserves the right to refuse service or to discontinue service to any premises not meeting standards fixed by municipal ordinances regulating building<sup>1</sup> and plumbing, or not in accordance with any special contract, these rules and regulations, or other requirements of the town.

Any failure to inspect or reject a customer's installation or plumbing system shall not render the town liable or responsible for any loss or damage which might have been avoided had such inspection or rejection been made.

13-119. Customer's responsibility for system's property. Except as herein elsewhere expressly provided, all meters, service connections, and other equipment furnished by or for the town shall be and remain the property of the town. Each customer shall provide space for and exercise proper care to protect the property of the town on his premises. In the event of loss or damage to such property arising from the neglect of a customer to care for it properly, the cost of necessary repairs or replacements shall be paid by the customer.

13-120. Customer's responsibility for violations. Where the town furnishes water and/or sewer service to a customer, such customer shall be responsible for all violations of these rules and regulations which occur on the premises so served. Personal participation by the customer in any such violations shall not be necessary to impose such personal responsibility on him.

13-121. Supply and resale of water. All water shall be supplied within the town exclusively by the town, and no customer shall, directly or indirectly, sell, sublet, assign, or otherwise dispose of the water or any part thereof except with written permission from the town.

13-122. Unauthorized use of or interference with water supply. No person shall turn on or turn off any of the town's stop cocks, valves, hydrants, spigots, or fire plugs without permission or authority from the town.

13-123. Limited use of unmetered private fire line. Where a private fire line is not metered, no water shall be used from such line or from any fire hydrant thereon, except to fight fire or except when being inspected in the presence of an authorized agent of the town.

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<sup>1</sup>See title 4, chapter 1 of this code.

All private fire hydrants shall be sealed by the town, and shall be inspected at regular intervals to see that they are in proper condition and that no water is being used therefrom in violation of these rules and regulations. When the seal is broken on account of fire, or for any other reason, the customer taking such service shall immediately give the town a written notice of such occurrence.

13-124. Damages to property due to water pressure. The town shall not be liable to any customer for damages caused to his plumbing or property by high pressure, low pressure, or fluctuations in pressure in the town's water mains.

13-125. Liability for cutoff failures. The town's liability shall be limited to the forfeiture of the right to charge a customer for water that is not used but is received from a service line under any of the following circumstances:

(1) After receipt of at least ten (10) days' written notice to cut off a water service, the town has failed to cut off such service.

(2) The town has attempted to cut off a service but such service has not been completely cut off.

(3) The town has completely cut off a service but subsequently the cutoff develops a leak or is turned on again so that water enters the customer's pipes from the town's main.

Except to the extent stated above, the town shall not be liable for any loss or damage resulting from cutoff failures.

If a customer wishes to avoid possible damage for cutoff failures, the customer shall rely exclusively on privately owned cutoffs and not on the town's cutoff. Also, the customer (and not the town) shall be responsible for seeing that his plumbing is properly drained and is kept properly drained, after his water service has been cut off.

13-126. Restricted use of water. In times of emergencies or in times of water shortage, the town reserves the right to restrict the purposes for which water may be used by a customer and the amount of water which a customer may use.

13-127. Interruption of service. The town will endeavor to furnish continuous water and sewer service, but does not guarantee to the customer any fixed pressure or continuous service. The town shall not be liable for any damages for any interruption of service whatsoever.

In connection with the operation, maintenance, repair, and extension of the municipal water and sewer systems, the water supply may be shut off without notice when necessary or desirable, and each customer must be

prepared for such emergencies. The town shall not be liable for any damages from such interruption of service or for damages from the re-resumption of service without notice after any such interruption.



CHAPTER 2

ELECTRICITY

SECTION

13-201. To be furnished by Ripley Power and Light Company.

13-301. To be furnished by Ripley Power and Light Company. Electricity shall be provided to the Town of Henning and its inhabitants by the Ripley Power and Light Company. The rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the Town of Henning and its inhabitants, are stated in the agreements between the parties.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The Agreements are of record in the office of the recorder.

## CHAPTER 3

GAS

## SECTION

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13-301. Application and scope. The provisions of this chapter are a part of all contracts for receiving gas service from the town and shall apply whether the service is based upon contract, agreement, signed application, or otherwise.

13-302. Definitions. (1) "Customer" means any person, firm, or corporation who receives gas service from the town under either an express or implied contract.

(2) "Service line" shall consist of the pipe line extending from any gas main of the town to private property.

Where a meter and meter box are located on private property, the service line shall be construed to include the pipe line extending from the town's gas main to and including the meter and meter box.

(3) Dwelling means any single structure, with auxiliary buildings, occupied by one or more persons or households for residential purposes.

(4) "Premise" means any structure or group of structures operated as a single business or enterprise, provided, however, the term "premise" shall not include more than one (1) dwelling.

13-303. Application and contract for service. Each prospective customer for gas service must make a formal application for either original or additional service which must be approved by the town, sign a standard form contract and pay a service deposit in an amount to be set from time to time by appropriate ordinance or resolution of the board of mayor and aldermen before gas connection installation orders will be issued and work begun. The deposit shall be separate from and in addition to the deposit required for water and/or sewer service under section 13-103 of this code.

The receipt of a prospective customer's application for service, regardless of whether or not accompanied by a deposit, shall not obligate the town to render the service applied for. If the service applied for cannot be supplied in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and general practice, the liability of the town to the applicant shall be limited to the return of any deposit made by such applicant.

13-304. Service charges for temporary service. Customers requiring temporary service shall pay all costs for connection and disconnection incidental to the supplying and removing of service in addition to the regular charge for gas service.

13-305. Connection charges. Service lines will be laid by the town from its mains to the property line at the expense of the applicant for service. The location of such lines will be determined by the town.

Before a new gas service line will be laid by the town, the applicant shall pay a connection fee in an amount to be set from time to time by appropriate ordinance or resolution of the board of mayor and aldermen. This deposit shall be separate from, and in addition to, any connection charge required for water and sewer lines under section 13-105.

When a service line is completed, the town shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of such service line from the main to and including the meter and meter box, and such portion of the service line shall belong to the town.

The remaining portion of the service line beyond the meter box shall belong to and be the responsibility of the customer.

13-306. Gas main extensions. Persons desiring gas main extensions must pay all of the cost of making such extensions.

However, nothing in this section or chapter shall obligate the board of mayor and aldermen to authorize the extension of any gas main.

All such extensions shall be installed either by municipal forces or by other forces working directly under the supervision of the town in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by an engineer registered with the State of Tennessee.

Upon completion of such extensions and their approval by the town, such gas mains shall become the property of the town. The persons paying the cost of constructing such mains shall execute any written instruments requested by the town to provide evidence of the town's title to such mains. In consideration of such mains being transferred to it, the town shall incorporate said mains as an integral part of the municipal gas system and shall furnish gas service therefrom in accordance with these rules and regulations.

13-307. Variations from and effect of preceding section as to extensions. Whenever the board of mayor and aldermen is of the opinion that it is to the best interest of the town and its inhabitants to construct a gas main extension without requiring strict compliance with the preceding section, such extension may be constructed upon such terms and conditions as shall be approved by the board of mayor and aldermen.

The authority to make gas main extensions under the preceding section is permissive only and nothing contained therein shall be construed as requiring the town to make such extensions or to furnish service to any person or persons.

13-308. Meters. All meters shall be installed, tested, repaired, and removed only by the town.

No one shall do anything which will in any way interfere with or prevent the operation of a meter. No one shall tamper with or work on a gas meter without the written permission of the town. No one shall install any pipe or other device which will cause gas to pass through or around a meter without the passage of such gas being registered fully by the meter.

13-309. Multiple services through a single meter. No customer shall supply gas service to more than one dwelling or premise from a single service line and meter without first obtaining the written permission of the town.

Where the town allows more than one dwelling or premise to be served through a single service line and meter, the amount of gas used by all the dwellings and premises served through a single service line and meter shall be allocated to each separate dwelling or premise served. The gas and charges

for each such dwelling or premise thus served shall be computed just as if each such dwelling or premise had received through a separately metered service the amount of gas so allocated to it, such computation to be made at the town's applicable gas schedule, including the provisions as to minimum bills. The separate charges for each dwelling or premise served through a single service line and meter shall then be added together, and the sum thereof shall be billed to the customer in whose name the service is supplied.

13-310. Billing. Bills for residential gas service will be rendered monthly.

Bills for commercial and industrial gas service may be rendered weekly, semimonthly, or monthly, at the option of the town.

Gas bills must be paid on or before the discount date shown thereon to obtain the net rate, otherwise the gross rate shall apply. Failure to receive a bill will not release a customer from payment obligation, nor extend the discount date.

Should the final date of payment of bill at the net rate fall on Sunday or a holiday, the business day next following the final date will be the last day to obtain the net rate.

A net remittance received by mail after the time limit for payment at the net rate will be accepted by the town if the envelope is date-stamped on or before the final date for payment of the net amount.

If a meter fails to register properly, or if a meter is removed to be tested or repaired, or if gas is received other than through a meter, the town reserves the right to render an estimated bill based on the best information available.

13-311. Termination or refusal of service. The town shall have the right to discontinue gas service or to refuse to connect service for a violation of, or a failure to comply with, any of the following:

(1) The rules and regulations contained in this chapter, including nonpayment of bills.

(2) The customer's application for service.

(3) The customer's contract for service.

Such right to discontinue service shall apply to all service received through a single connection or service, even though more than one (1) customer or tenant is furnished service therefrom, and even though the delinquency or violation is limited to only one such customer or tenant.

Discontinuance of service by the town for any cause stated in these rules and regulations shall not release the customer from liability for service already received or from liability for payments that thereafter become due under other provisions of the customer's contract.

No service shall be discontinued unless the customer is given reasonable notice in advance of such impending action and the reason therefor and of his right to a hearing prior to such disconnection if he disputes the reason therefor and requests such hearing by the date specified in the notice. When a hearing is requested, the customer shall have the right to have a representative at such hearing and shall be entitled to testify and to present witnesses on his behalf. Also, when such hearing has been requested, the customer's service shall not be terminated until a final decision is reached by the hearing officer and the customer is notified of that decision.

13-312. Re-connection charge. Whenever service has been discontinued as provided for above, a re-connection charge in an amount to be set from time to time by appropriate ordinance or resolution of the board of mayor and aldermen shall be collected by the town before service is restored.

13-313. Termination of service by customer. Customers who have fulfilled their contract terms and wish to discontinue service must give at least three (3) days written notice to that effect unless the contract specifies otherwise. Notice to discontinue service prior to the expiration of a contract term will not relieve the customer from any minimum or guaranteed payment under such contract or applicable rate schedule.

When service is being furnished to an occupant of premises under a contract not in the occupant's name, the town reserves the right to impose the following conditions on the right of the customer to discontinue service under such a contract:

(1) Written notice of the customer's desire for such service to be discontinued may be required; and the town shall have the right to continue such service for a period of not to exceed ten (10) days after receipt of such written notice, during which time the customer shall be responsible for all charges for such service. If the town should continue service after such ten (10) day period subsequent to the receipt of the customer's written notice to discontinue service, the customer shall not be responsible for charges for any service furnished after the expiration of such ten (10) day period.

(2) During such ten (10) day period, or thereafter, the occupant of premises to which service has been ordered discontinued by a customer other than such occupant, may be allowed by the town to enter into a contract for service in the occupant's own name upon the occupant's complying with these rules and regulations with respect to a new application for service.

13-314. Access to customers' premises. The town's identified representatives and employees shall be granted access to all customers' premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of reading meters, for testing,

inspecting, repairing, removing, and replacing all equipment belonging to the town, and for inspecting customers' gas plumbing and premises generally in order to secure compliance with these rules and regulations.

13-315. Inspections. The town shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to inspect any installation or gas plumbing system before gas service is furnished or at any later time. The town reserves the right to refuse service or to discontinue service to any premises not in accordance with any special contract, these rules and regulations, or other requirements of the town.

Any failure to inspect or reject a customer's installation or gas plumbing system shall not render the town liable or responsible for any loss or damage which might have been avoided had such inspection or rejection been made.

13-316. Customer's responsibility for system's property. Except as herein elsewhere expressly provided, all meters, service connections, and other equipment furnished by or for the town shall be and remain the property of the town. Each customer shall provide space for and exercise proper care to protect the property of the town on his premises. In the event of loss or damage to such property arising from the neglect of a customer to care for it properly, the cost of necessary repairs or replacements shall be paid by the customer.

13-317. Customer's responsibility for violations. Where the town furnishes gas service to a customer, such customer shall be responsible for all violations of these rules and regulations which occur on the premises so served. Personal participation by the customer in any such violations shall not be necessary to impose such personal responsibility on him.

13-318. Supply and resale of gas. All gas shall be supplied within the town exclusively by the town, and no customer shall, directly or indirectly, sell, sublet, assign, or otherwise dispose of the gas or any part thereof except with written permission from the town.

13-319. Unauthorized use of or interference with gas supply. No person shall turn on or turn off any of the town's gas, valves, or controls without permission or authority from the town.

13-320. Damages to property due to gas pressure. The town shall not be liable to any customer for damages caused to his gas plumbing or property by high pressure, low pressure, or fluctuations in pressure in the town's gas mains.

13-321. Liability for cutoff failures. The town's liability shall be limited to the forfeiture of the right to charge a customer for gas that is not used but is received from a service line under any of the following circumstances:

(1) After receipt of at least ten (10) days' written notice to cut off a gas service, the town has failed to cut off such service.

(2) The town has attempted to cut off a service but such service has not been completely cut off.

(3) The town has completely cut off a service but subsequently the cutoff develops a leak or is turned on again so that gas enters the customer's pipes from the town's main.

Except to the extent stated above, the town shall not be liable for any loss or damage resulting from cutoff failures.

If a customer wishes to avoid possible damage for cutoff failures, the customer shall rely exclusively on privately owned cutoffs and not on the town's cutoff.

13-322. Restricted use of gas. In times of emergencies or in times of gas shortage, the town reserves the right to restrict the purposes for which gas may be used by a customer and the amount of gas which a customer may use.

13-323. Interruption of service. The town will endeavor to furnish continuous gas service, but does not guarantee to the customer any fixed pressure or continuous service. The town shall not be liable for any damages for any interruption of service whatsoever.

In connection with the operation, maintenance, repair, and extension of the municipal gas systems, the gas supply may be shut off without notice when necessary or desirable, and each customer must be prepared for such emergencies. The town shall not be liable for any damages from such interruption of service or for damages from the resumption of service without notice after any such interruption.

13-324. Schedule of rates. All gas service shall be furnished under such rate schedules as the town may from time to time adopt by appropriate ordinance or resolution.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Administrative ordinances and resolutions are of record in the office of the town recorder.



CHAPTER 4

CABLE TELEVISION<sup>1</sup>

SECTION

13-401. To be furnished under franchise.

13-401. To be furnished under franchise. Cable television shall be furnished for the town and its inhabitants under such non-exclusive franchise as the board of mayor and aldermen shall grant.

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<sup>1</sup>Cable television service is presently provided by ENSTAR X pursuant to a franchise granted by ordinance adopted April 7, 1986, which is of record in the office of the town recorder.

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ORDINANCE NO. 86-02

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HENNING, TENNESSEE.

WHEREAS some of the ordinances of the town of Henning are obsolete, and

WHEREAS some of the other ordinances of the town are inconsistent with each other or are otherwise inadequate, and

WHEREAS the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the town of Henning, 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 "Henning Municipal Code," now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF HENNING, TENNESSEE, THAT:

Section 1. Ordinances codified. The ordinances of the town of a general, continuing, and permanent application or of a penal nature, as codified and revised in the following "titles," namely "titles" 1 to 13, both inclusive, are ordained and adopted as the "Henning 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.

Section 3. Ordinances saved from repeal. The repeal provided for in the preceding section 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 town or authorizing the issuance of any bonds or other evidence of said town's indebtedness; any contract or obligation assumed by or in favor of said town; 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 town; 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 therefor; 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; nor shall such repeal affect any ordinance annexing territory to the town or any zoning ordinance or any ordinance amending its zoning map.

Section 4. Continuation of existing provisions.

Insofar 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.

Wherever in the Municipal Code, including the codes and ordinances adopted by reference, any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or wherever in the Municipal Code the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, the violation of any such provision of the Municipal Code shall be punishable by a penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and costs for each separate violation; provided, however, that the imposition of a penalty under the provisions of this section 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.

When any person is fined for violating any provision of the Municipal Code and such person defaults on payment of such penalty, he may be required to perform hard labor, within or without the workhouse, to the extent that his physical condition shall permit, until such penalty is discharged by payment, or until such person, being credited with such sum as may be prescribed for each day's hard labor, has fully discharged said penalty.<sup>1</sup>

Each day any violation of the Municipal Code continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 6. Code as evidence.

Any printed copy of the Municipal Code certified under the signature of the recorder shall be held to be a true and correct copy of such codifica-

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<sup>1</sup>For authority to allow deferred payment of fines, or payment by installments, see the Tennessee Code Annotated, sections 40-24-101 et seq.

tion and may be read in evidence in any court without further proof of the provisions contained therein.

Section 7. 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 therefrom.

Section 8. Reproduction and amendment of code. The Municipal Code shall be reproduced in loose-leaf form. The governing body, 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 amendments, added, or deleted material and shall be distributed to city officers and employees having copies of said code and 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 hereafter adopted shall be furnished to the Municipal Technical Advisory Service immediately upon final passage and adoption.

Section 9. 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 10. 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 11. Date of effect. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it, and the Municipal Code, including all the

codes and ordinances therein adopted by reference, shall be effective on and after that date.

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Mayor

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Recorder

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