# THE HOLLOW ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE

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#### **PREFACE**

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) That all ordinances relating to subjects treated in the code or which should be added to the code are adopted as amending, adding, or deleting specific chapters or sections of the code (see section 7 of the adopting ordinance).
- (2) That one copy of every ordinance adopted by the town is kept in a separate ordinance book and forwarded to MTAS annually.
- (3) That the town agrees to pay the annual update fee as provided in the MTAS codification service charges policy in effect at the time of the update.

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

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# ORDINANCE ADOPTION PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED BY THE TOWN CHARTER

SECTION 12. Any action of the board having a regulatory or penal effect, awarding franchises, or required to be done by ordinance under the charter or the general laws of the state, shall be done only by ordinance. Other actions may be accomplished by resolutions or motions. Ordinances and resolutions shall be in written form before being introduced. The enacting clause of ordinances shall be "Be it ordained by the board of mayor and aldermen of the Town of Hollow Rock:". Every ordinance must be approved on two readings and there shall be no more than one reading on any one day. An ordinance may receive first reading upon its introduction. Ordinances shall take effect upon final reading, adoption, and being signed by the mayor unless a different effective date is designated in the ordinance.

All ordinances shall be signed by the mayor before they shall become effective. The mayor shall affix his approval or disapproval within five (5) days after adoption by the board. If the mayor withholds his signature for five days, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, the ordinance shall become effective for failure to veto. The mayor shall state his reasons for vetoing an ordinance in writing and shall transmit his reasons and ordinance back to the board for its action. The board may pass the ordinance over the veto by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the full membership of the board.

#### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION<sup>1</sup>

#### **CHAPTER**

- 1. BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.
- 2. MAYOR.
- 3. TOWN SECRETARY/RECORDER.

#### CHAPTER 1

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

#### **SECTION**

- 1-101. Time and place of regular meetings.
- 1-102. Order of business.
- 1-103. General rules of order.
- 1-104. Compensation of board of aldermen.
- **1-101.** <u>Time and place of regular meetings</u>. The board of mayor and aldermen shall hold regular monthly meetings at 7:00 P.M. on the third Tuesday of each month at the town hall. (1983 Code, § 1-101, modified)
- **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.

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See the charter index, the charter itself, and footnote references to the charter in the front of this code.

Municipal code references

Fire department: title 7. Utilities: titles 18 and 19.

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Compensation: § 7(a).

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- (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. (1983 Code, § 1-102)
- 1-103. <u>General rules of order</u>. The rules of order and parliamentary procedure contained in <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u>, <u>Newly Revised</u>, 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. (1983 Code, § 1-103, modified)
- 1-104. <u>Compensation of the board of aldermen</u>. The board of aldermen shall receive as compensation twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month for attendance of one (1) meeting; however, there shall be no additional compensation for special or called meetings beyond the twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month. (Ord. #92-2, Sept. 1992)

#### MAYOR<sup>1</sup>

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- 1-301. Town secretary/recorder.
- 1-302. Functions and duties.
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- (1) To keep and preserve the town seal and all official records not required by law or ordinance to be kept elsewhere.
- (2) To attend all meetings of the board of mayor and aldermen and beer board meetings and shall keep minutes of all proceedings as well as audio recordings of the same.
- (3) To perform all administrative duties for the municipality which are not assigned by the charter or code to another corporate officer.
- (4) To handle and account for all monies belonging to the municipality, including any forfeitures and bonds received from the town court, that may come into his or her hands or for which he or she may be responsible.
- (5) To look after the publication of the ordinances and advertisements as may be required.
- (6) To have and maintain custody of and be responsible for maintaining all of the town's papers, contracts, bonds, insurance policies, archives and tax records and keep the same in such fireproof vault or safe as the municipality shall provide.
- (7) To be accessible to the taxpayers and citizens during regular business hours.
- (8) To do such other duties as may be directed by the mayor and board of aldermen.
- (9) To act as tax collector and assessor, issuing tax receipts for taxes collected, keeping tax rolls and working with the county tax assessor and state officials in making assessments.
- (10) To do such other things under the direction of the mayor as he or she may be required incident to the office of town secretary/recorder. (Ord. #95-96-1, March 1996)

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# MUNICIPAL COURT<sup>1</sup>

# **CHAPTER**

- 1. TOWN JUDGE.
- 2. COURT ADMINISTRATION.
- 3. WARRANTS, SUMMONSES AND SUBPOENAS.
- 4. BONDS AND APPEALS.

# **CHAPTER 1**

#### **TOWN JUDGE**

#### **SECTION**

3-101. Town judge--bond.

**3-101.** <u>Town judge--bond</u>. The officer designated by the charter to handle judicial matters within the municipality shall preside over the town court and shall be known as the town judge. (1983 Code, § 1-501, modified)

<sup>1</sup>Charter references

Appointment: § 16(a). Compensation: § 16(d). Jurisdiction: § 16(b).

#### **COURT ADMINISTRATION**

#### **SECTION**

- 3-201. Maintenance of docket.
- 3-202. Imposition of fines, penalties, and costs.
- 3-203. Disposition and report of fines, penalties, and costs.
- 3-204. Contempt of court.
- 3-205. Trial and disposition of cases.
- **3-201.** 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 may be relevant. (1983 Code, § 1-502)
- **3-202.** <u>Imposition of fines, penalties, and costs</u>. All fines, penalties and costs shall be imposed and recorded by the town judge on the town court docket in open court.

In all cases heard and determined by the judge, the judge shall impose court costs in the amount of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). One dollar (\$1.00) of the court costs shall be forwarded by the court clerk to the state treasurer to be used by the administrative office of the courts for training and continuing education courses for municipal court judges and municipal court clerks. (1983 Code, § 1-508, modified)

- 3-203. 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 municipality. At the end of each month he shall submit to the governing body a report accounting for the collection or non-collection of all fines and costs imposed by his court during the current month and to date for the current fiscal year. (1983 Code, § 1-511)
- **3-204.** Contempt of court. Contempt of court is punishable by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00), or such lesser amount as may be imposed in the judge's discretion. (1983 Code, § 1-512, modified)
- **3-205.** <u>Trial and disposition of cases</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 1-506)

# WARRANTS, SUMMONSES AND SUBPOENAS

- 3-301. Issuance of arrest warrants.
- 3-302. Issuance of summonses.
- 3-303. Issuance of subpoenas.
- **3-301.** <u>Issuance of arrest warrants</u>. The town judge shall have the power to issue warrants for the arrest of persons charged with violating municipal ordinances. (1983 Code, § 1-503)
- 3-302. <u>Issuance of summonses</u>. 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 ex parte, and the judgment of the court shall be valid and binding subject to the defendant's right of appeal. (1983 Code, § 1-504)
- **3-303.** <u>Issuance of subpoenas</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 1-505)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference

For authority to issue warrants, see <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, title 40, chapter 6.

#### BONDS AND APPEALS

- 3-401. Appearance bonds authorized.
- 3-402. Appeals.
- 3-403. Bond amounts, conditions, and forms.
- **3-401.** 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. (1983 Code, § 1-507)
- **3-402. Appeals**. Any defendant who is dissatisfied with any judgment of the town court against him may, within ten (10) days next after such judgment is rendered appeal to the next term of the circuit court upon posting a proper appeal bond.<sup>1</sup> (1983 Code, § 1-509)
- 3-403. Bond amounts, conditions, and forms. An appearance bond in any case before the town court shall be in such amount as the town judge shall prescribe and shall be conditioned that the defendant shall appear for trial before the town 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 located within the county. No other type bond shall be acceptable. (1983 Code, § 1-510)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference
<u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 27-5-101.

#### MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL

#### **CHAPTER**

- 1. SOCIAL SECURITY.
- 2. PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- 3. MISCELLANEOUS PERSONNEL POLICIES.
- 4. PERSONNEL REGULATIONS.

#### CHAPTER 1

# SOCIAL SECURITY

- 4-101. Policy and purpose as to coverage.
- 4-102. Necessary agreements to be executed.
- 4-103. Withholdings from salaries or wages.
- 4-104. Appropriations for employer's contributions.
- 4-105. Records and reports to be made.
- 4-106. Coverage exclusion.
- 4-101. Policy and purpose as to coverage. It is hereby declared to be the policy and purpose of this municipality to provide for all eligible employees and officials of the municipality, 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 municipality shall take such action as may be required by applicable state and federal laws or regulations. (1983 Code, § 1-701)
- **4-102.** Necessary agreements to be executed. 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. (1983 Code, § 1-702)
- **4-103.** Withholdings from salaries or wages. Withholdings from the salaries or wages of employees and officials for the purpose provided in the first section 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. (1983 Code, § 1-703)

- 4-104. 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. (1983 Code, § 1-704)
- **4-105.** Records and reports to be made. The secretary shall keep such records and make such reports as may be required by applicable state and federal laws or regulations. (1983 Code, § 1-705)
- 4-106. <u>Coverage exclusion</u>. The mayor is authorized and directed to execute an amendment to exclude from coverage under the Federal System of Old Age Survivors, Disability, Health Insurance, the services of an election worker and an election official if the remuneration paid for such services in a calendar year is less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) on or after January 1, 1995, ending on or before December 31, 1999 and, the adjusted amount determined under section 218(c)(8)(B) of the Social Security Act for any calendar year, commencing on or after January 1, 2000, with respect to services performed during any such calendar year. This exclusion to be effective in and after a calendar year in which a state's modification is mailed or delivered by other means, to the appropriate federal official. (Ord. #94-95-2A, April 1995)

#### PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 4-201. Purpose.
- 4-202. Coverage.
- 4-203. Classes of employees.
- 4-204. Hiring procedures--policy statement.
- 4-205. Recruitment.
- 4-206. Application process.
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- 4-213. Payday.
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- 4-216. Benefits--eligibility.
- 4-217. Holidays.
- 4-218. Vacation leave.
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- 4-221. Civil leave.
- 4-222. Voting.
- 4-223. Insurance coverage.
- 4-224. Workers' compensation.
- 4-225. Other benefits.
- **4-201. Purpose**. The purpose of this chapter is to establish a system of personnel administration in the Town of Hollow Rock that is based on merit and fitness. The system shall provide means to select, develop, and maintain an effective municipal work force through the impartial application of personnel policies and procedures free of personal and political considerations and regardless of race, sex, age, creed, national origin, or handicapping condition. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-202.** <u>Coverage</u>. All offices and positions of the municipal government are divided into the classified service and the exempt service. The classified service shall include all regular full-time and regular part-time positions in the town's service unless specifically placed in the exempt service. All offices and

positions of the municipal government placed in the exempt service are as follows:

- (1) All elected officials;
- (2) Members of appointed boards and commissions;
- (3) Consultants, advisers, and legal counsel rendering temporary professional service;
  - (4) The town attorney;
  - (5) Independent contractors;
- (6) Persons employed by the municipality for not more than three (3) months during a fiscal year;
- (7) Part-time employees paid by the hour of the day, and not considered regular;
  - (8) Volunteer personnel appointed without compensation;
  - (9) The town judge.

All employment positions of the municipal government not expressly exempted from coverage by this section shall be subject to the provisions of the town charter. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)

- **4-203.** Classes of employees. (1) Regular full time. Full-time employees are individuals employed by the municipal government who work thirty-five (35) hours per week and have completed a three (3) month probationary period.
- (2) <u>Regular part time</u>. Temporary part-time employees are individuals who do not work on a daily basis and whose hours cannot exceed twenty (20) hours per week unless approved by the mayor and board of aldermen. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-204.** Hiring procedures—policy statement. The primary objective of this hiring policy is to insure compliance with the law and to obtain qualified personnel to serve the citizens of the town. Appointments to positions are based on merit, technical knowledge and work experience and no person shall be employed, promoted, demoted, or discharged, or in any way favored or discriminated against because of race, sex, age, color, religion, creed, ancestry, handicapped status, or national origin. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-205.** Recruitment. The town will employ only capable and responsible personnel who are of good character and reputation. When a vacancy occurs, the town will prepare and post the appropriate position description at various locations in town and in the local media, if necessary, in an effort to bring notice of the vacancy to as many qualified persons as possible. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-206. Application process**. All persons seeking appointment or employment with the town shall complete an application form as provided by

the municipal government. Applications for employment shall be accepted in the town hall office during regular office hours only. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)

- **4-207.** <u>Interviews</u>. All appointments are subject to an interview with the mayor and board of aldermen. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-208. Appointments**. The mayor and board of aldermen shall make all appointments to positions in the Town of Hollow Rock. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-209. Probation**. Applicants appointed to positions with the Town of Hollow Rock are required to serve a three (3) months probationary period. An employee may be terminated during this period for any reason without respect or reference to the procedures set forth in this document, the charter or other ordinances. If the probationary period is determined satisfactory, the employee is recommended for a full-time appointment. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-210. Promotions/demotions**. The mayor and board of aldermen may make promotions/demotions of employees or delegate this authority if they deem advisable. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-211.** <u>Compensation/salaries</u>. The mayor and board of aldermen shall set salaries of employees. Due consideration shall be given to duties performed, responsibilities, technical knowledge and skills required to perform the work satisfactorily, the labor market, and availability of persons having the desired qualifications. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-212.** <u>Hours of work</u>. The mayor shall establish the hours of work per week for each position in the service of the town. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-213. Payday**. All employees of the Town of Hollow Rock shall be paid on a weekly basis. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-214.** Payroll deductions. (1) Federal income tax. Federal taxes are withheld from employee's paychecks based on the number of dependents claimed by the individual. Employees are required to keep on file with the municipal government a copy of the W-4 form. In the event of changes in the employee exemption status, a revised W-4 must be filed before payroll deduction adjustments will be made.
- (2) <u>Social security</u>. Social security payments and deductions will be made in accordance with the Social Security Act. The town recorder shall keep such record and make such reports, as many are required by applicable state and federal laws or regulations.

- (3) Others. Other deductions may be made from an employee's pay only with signed consent from the employee (hospitalization, life insurance, employee savings plan, etc.). (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- 4-215. <u>Comp time</u>. Employees required to work over their normal working hours will be credited with comp time. Comp time shall be compensated in the same manner as overtime in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act at a rate of one-and-one-half (1 ½) hour for each hour worked. Comp hours can be accumulated up to fifty (50) hours. When comp time is earned above the fifty (50) hours employees will immediately ask for time off for hours over fifty (50). Department heads, excluding those on salary, are not excluded from the comp time provisions of the town. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-216.** Benefits—eligibility. All full-time employees are eligible for all benefits provided by the town. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-217. Holidays**. Full-time employees are allowed a day off with pay on the following holidays:

(1)	New Years Day	January $1^{ m st}$
(2)	Martin Luther King Day	January
(3)	Presidents Day	February
(4)	Good Friday	Friday before Easter Sunday
(5)	Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
(6)	Independence Day	$ m July~4^{th}$
(7)	Labor Day	First Monday in September
(8)	Columbus Day	Second Monday in October
(9)	Thanksgiving	Fourth Thursday and Friday in
		November

(10) Christmas December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

Employees must be in a pay status on the workday before and on the workday after the holiday, unless otherwise excused by the supervisor in order to receive compensation for the holiday. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004, as amended by Ord. #4-217-A, June 2012)

**4-218.** <u>Vacation leave</u>. All full-time employees who have been continuously employed for a period of one (1) year or longer shall be credited with earned vacation leave in accordance with the following schedule:

Completed Service	<u>Vacation CreditPer Year</u>
After 1 year	5 days
After 3 years	10 days
After 10 years	15 days
After 15 years	20 days

The above schedule and credits are for uninterrupted service computed from the most recent date of continuous employment. Employees shall accrue vacation leave from their employment day, but shall not be entitled to take vacation until they have completed one (1) year of service. Vacation leave may be taken as earned subject to the approval by the mayor or such other officer as designated. Employees may take one (1) or more days at a time as long as total for year does not exceed earned days. Employees may not accrue vacation leave. Employees resigning voluntarily receive payment for accrued vacation as of the date of resignation. Vacation leave shall be charged in not less than one (1) day increments. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)

- 4-219. <u>Sick leave</u>. Sick leave with pay shall be granted all full-time employees at the rate of five (5) days per year. Employees shall accrue sick leave from their employment date, but shall not be entitled to take sick leave until they have completed their probationary period. Employees on the payroll when this policy takes effect shall accrue sick leave from July 1, 1992. A sick leave from a doctor will be required for any sickness or illness requiring more than two (2) days absence from work. No payment will be made for accrued sick leave upon separation. Sick leave can accrue up to fifteen (15) days plus the five (5) days for the year but at no time can it accrue more than twenty (20) days. Sick leave with pay shall be granted for the following reasons:
- (1) Personal illness or physical incapacity resulting from causes beyond the employee's control.
- (2) Exposure to contagious disease so that their presence at work might jeopardize the health of other employees.
- (3) Medical, dental, optical or other professional treatments or examinations.
- (4) Acute illness of a member of the employee's immediate family (i.e., spouse, parents, children). (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-220.** Funeral leave. Full-time employees shall be allowed three (3) days of leave for the death in an employee's immediate family (i.e., spouse, parents, children, grandchildren) unless otherwise excused by the mayor. Two (2) days of leave will be allowed for the death of sisters, brothers, in-laws, grandparents, step parents. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-221.** <u>Civil leave</u>. Civil leave with pay may be granted to employees for the following reasons:
  - (1) Serve on jury duty;
  - (2) Answer a subpoena to testify for the town;
- (3) Perform emergency duty for national defense. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)

**4-222.** <u>Voting</u>. When the elections are held in the state, leave for the purpose of voting shall be in accordance with <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 2-1-106 herein reprinted:

Employers may designate periods of permissible absenteeism. Any person entitled to vote in an election held in this state may be absent from any service or employment on the day of the election for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed three (3) hours, necessary to vote during the time the polls are open in the county where he/she is a resident. A voter who is absent from work to vote in compliance with this section may not be subjected to any penalty or reduction in pay for his absence. If the tour of duty of an employee begins three (3) more hours after the opening of the polls or ends three (3) or more hours before the closing of the polls of the county where he/she is a resident, he/she may not take time off under this section. The employer may specify the hours during which the employee may be absent. Request for such an absence shall be made to the employer before twelve noon (12:00) of the day before the election. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)

- **4-223.** <u>Insurance coverage</u>. The Town of Hollow Rock provides basic health and life insurance coverage for employees. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004, modified)
- **4-224.** Workers' compensation. All full-time employees of the Town of Hollow Rock are covered under workers' compensation insurance. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-225.** Other benefits. The Town of Hollow Rock provides a total of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for uniforms for all police officers with at least one (1) year of service. Officer to choose clothing needed with the town recorder to order it. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)

#### MISCELLANEOUS PERSONNEL POLICIES

- 4-301. General policy statement.
- 4-302. Purpose.
- 4-303. Policy.
- 4-304. Procedure.
- 4-305. Responsibilities.
- 4-306. Policies governing the grievance and appeals procedures.
- 4-307. Records.
- **4-301.** General policy statement. It is the responsibility of each employee of the Town of Hollow Rock to conduct himself/herself in a manner that will reflect credit upon the town. Any misconduct while acting on behalf of the municipal government and in the judgment of the board of mayor and aldermen that brings adverse publicity or discredit upon the municipality may be regarded as grounds for dismissal. It is expected that grievances will arise. If and when they do, they are not to be considered as reflecting unfavorably on the employee or the municipal government. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-302.** Purpose. The purpose of this policy is to set forth the principles of the Town of Hollow Rock and to prescribe uniform disposition procedures of grievances presented by individual employees. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-303. Policy**. A grievance can be something real, alleged, or a misunderstanding concerning rules and regulations or administrative orders involving the employee's health, safety, physical facilities, equipment or material used, employee evaluation, promotion, transfer, layoff, recall and any other related items. Employees will be treated fairly in all respects. Those who feel they have been subjected to unfair treatment have the right to present their grievance to the proper person for prompt consideration and a fair representative of his/her choosing and expense to present it. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-304.** <u>Procedure</u>. Employees must remember that there is no grievance until the department head or other appropriate person has been made aware of the dissatisfaction. Once this is done, the following steps are to be taken:
- (1) Discuss the problem with the immediate supervisor. If satisfaction is not obtained the grievance is advanced to (2).
- (2) Discuss the problem with the mayor. If the grievance is not resolved it is advanced to the (3) step along with all documentation.

- (3) Discuss the problem with the mayor and board of aldermen. The decision is the last and final step in the process. The decision of mayor and board of aldermen shall be final and binding to all parties involved unless appealed to chancery court. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-305.** <u>Responsibilities</u>. (1) <u>Grievance procedure</u>. It is the responsibility of the department head to hear all grievances in a timely and proper fashion and make fair and reasonable decisions within five (5) days of being made aware of the grievance.
- (2) <u>Appeal procedure</u>. It is the responsibility of the mayor to act on appeals promptly and assist employees in expediting them through the process. Only disciplinary actions may be appealed to the board of mayor and alderman for consideration.
- (3) <u>Denial of appeals</u>. Only the mayor and board of alderman may take the final decision to deny an appeal. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)

# **4-306.** Policies governing the grievance and appeals procedures. An employee with a grievance shall be notified in writing of these rights:

- (1) The right to a grievance or appeals hearing as specified in this policy.
- (2) The right to receive written notification of the reason for the action that led to the grievance.
- (3) The right to be represented at all stages of the grievance proceedings by legal counsel retained at the employee's expense.
- (4) The right to present witnesses in his/her own behalf and the right to cross-examine witnesses in support of the municipal government's action.
- (5) The right to be free from threats, coercion, intimidation, or discrimination from other employees because he/she has made complaints, testified, or assisted in any manner in the above stated grievance and appeals procedures. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-307.** Records shall be made of all proceedings pertaining to the grievance actions and the town recorder shall maintain these records in the municipal government's permanent file. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)

#### PERSONNEL REGULATIONS

- 4-401. Outside employment.
- 4-402. Use of municipal time, facilities, etc.
- 4-403. Political activity.
- **4-401.** Outside employment. No full-time employee of the town shall accept any outside employment without written authorization from the mayor and board of alderman. Authorization shall not be granted if the work is likely to interfere with the satisfactory performance of the employee's duties, or is incompatible with the employee's municipal employment, or is likely to cause discredit upon or create embarrassment for the municipal government. Approval to work a second job may be withdrawn for any of the reasons above. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-402.** <u>Use of municipal time, facilities, etc</u>. No employee of the Town of Hollow Rock shall use or authorize the use of municipal time, facilities, equipment or supplies for private gain or advantage to oneself or any other private person or group. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)
- **4-403. Political activity**. Employees may individually exercise their right to vote and privately express their political views as citizens. (Ord. #05-24-04, May 2004)

#### MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND TAXATION

#### **CHAPTER**

1. REAL PROPERTY TAXES.

#### **REAL PROPERTY TAXES**

- 5-101. When due and payable.
- 5-102. When delinquent--penalty and interest.
- 5-103. Collection.
- **5-101.** When due and payable. Taxes levied by the municipality against real property shall become due and payable annually on the first day of October of the year for which levied. (1983 Code, § 6-101, modified)
- **5-102.** When delinquent—penalty and interest. All real property taxes shall become delinquent on and after the first day of March next after they become due and payable and shall thereupon be subject to such penalty and interest as is authorized and prescribed by the state law for delinquent county real property taxes. (1983 Code, § 6-102)

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT

#### **CHAPTER**

1. POLICE AND ARREST.

#### **CHAPTER 1**

#### POLICE AND ARREST<sup>1</sup>

#### **SECTION**

- 6-101. Police chief.
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- 6-103. Police chief to be bonded.
- 6-104. Policemen subject to chief's orders.
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- 6-106. Policemen to preserve law and order, etc.
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- 6-108. When policemen to make arrests.
- 6-109. Policemen may require assistance.
- 6-110. Disposition of persons arrested.
- 6-111. Police department records.
- **6-101.** Police chief. There shall be a chief of police elected by the board of mayor and aldermen who shall be an employee at will. (Ord. #95-96-2, March 1996)
- **6-102. Duties and functions of police chief**. The police chief shall have the following functions and duties not inconsistent with the town charter:
- (1) The chief of police shall be the chief law enforcement officer of the town and shall supervise other such officers as the board of mayor and aldermen may from time to time determine necessary.
- (2) The chief of police shall be charged with keeping the peace and enforcing all ordinances of the Town of Hollow Rock and all statutes of the State of Tennessee within the municipal boundaries.
- (3) The chief of police shall be charged with keeping a record and log of all arrests, warrants, subpoenas, summons, citations or other actions on the part of any police officer and shall report the same to the board of mayor and aldermen at its regular meeting.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

- (4) The chief of police shall keep such other records as directed by the board of mayor and aldermen. (Ord. #95-96-2, March 1996, modified)
- **6-103.** Police chief to be bonded. All police officers, including the chief of police shall post a fidelity bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) guaranteeing the faithful performance of their duties and the proper administration of all funds that come into their hands. The bond shall be issued by a bonding or insurance company licensed to do business within the State of Tennessee. All costs of the bonds shall be paid by the town. (Ord. #95-96-2, March 1996)
- **6-104.** 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. (Ord. #95-96-2, March 1996)
- **6-105.** Policy and procedures manual adopted. In order to define and establish policies and procedures for the police department, the <u>Hollow Rock Police Department and Procedures Manual</u> is hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this code as if set out full herein. A copy of this manual has been placed on file in the town secretary/recorder's office and is available for public use and inspection. (Ord. #95-96-2, March 1996)
- **6-106.** Policemen to preserve law and order, etc. Policemen shall preserve law and order within the municipality. They shall patrol the municipality and shall assist the town court during the trial of cases. Policemen shall also promptly serve any legal process issued by the town court. (Ord. #95-96-2, March 1996)
- **6-107.** Policemen to wear uniforms and be armed. All policemen shall wear such uniform and badge as the governing body 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. (Ord. #95-96-2, March 1996)
- **6-108.** When policemen to make arrests. 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.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

- (2) Whenever an offense is committed or a breach of the peace is threatened in the officer's presence by the person.
- (3) Whenever a felony has in fact been committed and the officer has reasonable cause to believe the person has committed it. (Ord. #95-96-2, March 1996)
- **6-109.** 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 a person's assistance is requested by the policeman and is reasonably necessary. (Ord. #95-96-2, March 1996)
- **6-110.** <u>Disposition of persons arrested</u>. Unless otherwise authorized by law, when a person is arrested he shall be brought before the town court for immediate trial or allowed to post bond. When the town judge is not immediately available and the alleged offender does not post the required bond, he shall be confined. (Ord. #95-96-2, March 1996)
- **6-111.** <u>Police department records</u>. 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. (Ord. #95-96-2, March 1996)

# FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS<sup>1</sup>

#### **CHAPTER**

- 1. MISCELLANEOUS.
- 2. FIRE DEPARTMENT.
- 3. FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS.

#### CHAPTER 1

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **SECTION**

- 7-101. Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc.
- 7-102. Gasoline trucks.
- 7-103. Fire limits described.
- 7-104. Open fires prohibited--permits.
- 7-105. Power to forbid starting of fires during drought.
- **7-101.** Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc. The storage of explosives and blasting agents at any location within the corporate limits is prohibited.

The bulk storage of liquified petroleum gas at any location within the corporate limits is prohibited. (1983 Code, § 7-101, as amended by Ord. #98-99-01, June 1999)

- **7-102.** <u>Gasoline trucks</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 7-102)
- **7-103. Fire limits described**. The fire limits of the Town of Hollow Rock shall be all of that area located within the corporate limits of the town except as otherwise provided by any zoning ordinance or by temporary directive of the chief of the fire department. (Ord. #90-3, July 1990)
- **7-104.** Open fires prohibited--permits. (1) No person shall set fire, kindle or maintain any bonfire, grass fire, rubbish fire or any other open air and unconfined fire or authorize any such fire to be set, kindled or maintained

Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

without first obtaining a valid permit or other proper authorization from the town secretary.

- (2) Permits may be obtained from the town secretary during regular business hours at the town hall upon proper application and the payment of any fees as established by the board of mayor and aldermen.
- (3) Any violation of this section is punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). (Ord. #90-4, July 1990)
- **7-105.** Power to forbid starting of fires during drought. (1) During periods of extreme drought in this town, or in any area of the town, the mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to issue proclamations forbidding the starting of any open air and unconfined fire with or without a permit where dangerous fire hazards exist during the period of such drought.
- (2) If the mayor issues a proclamation pursuant to this section, anyone igniting an open air or unconfined fire in violation of the proclamation shall be guilty of a violation of this section, punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). (Ord. #90-5, July 1990)

# FIRE DEPARTMENT<sup>1</sup>

#### **SECTION**

- 7-201. Establishment, equipment, and membership.
- 7-202. Objectives.
- 7-203. Organization, rules, and regulations.
- 7-204. Records and reports.
- 7-205. Tenure and compensation of members.
- 7-206. Chief responsible for training and maintenance.
- 7-207. Chief to be assistant to state officer.
- **7-201.** Establishment, equipment, and membership. There is hereby established a fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the governing body. All apparatus, equipment, and supplies shall be purchased by or through the municipality and shall be and remain the property of the municipality. The fire department shall be composed of a chief appointed by the governing body and such number of physically-fit subordinate officers and firemen as the chief shall appoint. (1983 Code, § 7-201)

**7-202. 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. (1983 Code, § 7-202)
- **7-203.** Organization, rules, and regulations. The chief of the fire department shall set up the organization of the department, make definite 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. (1983 Code, § 7-203)
- **7-204.** 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

Special privileges with respect to traffic: title 15, chapter 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

to the mayor once each month, and at the end of the year a detailed annual report shall be made. (1983 Code, § 7-204)

7-205. <u>Tenure and compensation of members</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 7-205)

- **7-206.** 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. (1983 Code, § 7-206)
- 7-207. Chief to be assistant to state officer. Pursuant to requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-102-108, the chief of the fire department is designated as an assistant to the state commissioner of commerce and insurance and is subject to all the duties and obligations imposed by Tennessee Code Annotated, title 68, chapter 102, and shall be subject to the directions of the fire prevention commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof. (1983 Code, § 7-208)

# FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS

#### **SECTION**

7-301. Equipment to be used only within corporate limits generally.

7-301. 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 the fire is on town property or, in the opinion of the mayor or chief of the fire department, is in such hazardous proximity to property owned by or located within the town as to endanger the town property or unless expressly authorized in writing by the board of mayor and aldermen. (1983 Code, § 7-207)

#### TITLE 8

# ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES<sup>1</sup>

#### **CHAPTER**

- 1. INTOXICATING LIQUORS.
- 2. BEER.

#### CHAPTER 1

# **INTOXICATING LIQUORS**

#### **SECTION**

8-101. Prohibited generally.

**8-101.** Prohibited generally. Except when he is lawfully acting pursuant to applicable state laws², it shall be unlawful for any person acting for himself or for any other person, to manufacture, receive, possess, store, transport, sell, furnish, or solicit orders for any intoxicating liquor within this town. "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. (1983 Code, § 2-101)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference Tennessee Code Annotated, title 57.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>State law reference
Tennessee Code Annotated, title 39, chapter 17.

### BEER<sup>1</sup>

- 8-201. Establishment of beer board.
- 8-202. Meetings and hearings of the beer board.
- 8-203. Record of beer board proceedings to be kept.
- 8-204. Requirements for beer board quorum and action.
- 8-205. Powers and duties of the beer board.
- 8-206. "Beer" defined.
- 8-207. Permit required for engaging in beer business.
- 8-208. Privilege tax.
- 8-209. Beer permits shall be restrictive.
- 8-210. Interference with public health, safety, and morals prohibited.
- 8-211. Issuance of permits to persons convicted of certain crimes prohibited.
- 8-212. Prohibited conduct or activities by beer permit holders.
- 8-213. Revocation or suspension of beer permits.
- 8-214. Civil penalty in lieu of revocation or suspension.
- 8-215. Loss of clerk's certification for sale to minor.
- 8-216. Violations.
- **8-201.** Establishment of beer board. (1) There is hereby established a beer board to be composed of the board of mayor and aldermen. The town secretary shall be the ex officio secretary of the board and shall have no vote.
- (2) The board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman to serve until the next town election, or until their successors are elected and qualified. Each member of the board shall have one (1) vote on any issue before the board. A tie vote shall mean that any motion, application, revocation, suspension or other action shall fail. (Ord. #89-2, Jan. 1989)
- **8-202.** Meetings and hearings of the beer board. (1) All meetings of the beer board shall be open to the public and shall be held at the town hall. The board may hold such regular meetings as it shall prescribe and such special meetings as may be necessary. All special meetings may be called by the chairman or any two (2) members of the board within five (5) days of a request therefor to the secretary who shall immediately notify all members and cause a compliance with the Tennessee Open Meeting Law to be had (and cause a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference

For a leading case on a municipality's authority to regulate beer, see the Tennessee Supreme Court decision in <u>Watkins v. Naifeh</u>, 635 S.W.2d 104 (1982).

- notice to be published in the local papers prior to said meeting). Any meeting may be adjourned to another time for the continuation of business already before the board.
- (2) At all hearings on issuance, revocation or suspension of permits, the board may require all matters presented to be by sworn testimony and any non-member with business before the board may be represented by an attorney. On all such hearings the town attorney will be present and shall represent the Town of Hollow Rock. (Ord. #89-2, Jan. 1989)
- 8-203. Record of beer board proceedings to be kept. The recorder 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 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, revocation or suspension done by the board. The secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings and shall make a verbatim transcript of any hearing for the granting of any permit or the revocation of any permit either by stenographic or electrical audio tape recordings. The minutes and transcripts shall be permanently preserved. (Ord. #89-2, Jan. 1989)
- **8-204.** Requirements for beer board quorum and action. The attendance of at least four (4) 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 member's present if a quorum is constituted. Any member present but not voting shall be deemed to have cast a "nay" vote. This section shall be considered in conjunction with § 8-201(2). (Ord. #89-2, Jan. 1989)
- **8-205.** 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 municipality in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. #89-2, Jan. 1989)
- 8-206. "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. #89-2, Jan. 1989)
- 8-207. <u>Permit required for engaging in beer business</u>. (1) 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 forms 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) A final determination or any application shall be had within thirty (30) days of the filing with the secretary and the payment by the applicant of the two hundred dollars (\$200.00) filing fee. Such fee will not be refundable in any event.
- (3) No more permits shall be issued under any circumstances than one (1) for each five hundred (500) population by any subsequent census by the United States Census Bureau. The current population is declared to be one thousand thirty-two (1,032). A person having more than one established location or place of business in the town shall obtain a separate permit for each location. (Ord. #89-2, Jan. 1989, modified)
- 8-208. Privilege tax. There is hereby imposed on the business of selling, distributing, storing or manufacturing beer an annual privilege tax of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Any person, firm, corporation, joint stock company, syndicate or association engaged in the sale, distribution, storage or manufacture of beer shall remit the tax on January 1, 1994, and each successive January 1, to the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee. At the time a new permit is issued to any business subject to this tax, the permit holder shall be required to pay the privilege tax on a prorated basis for each month or portion thereof remaining until the next tax payment date. (Ord. #FY-93-94-2, Oct. 1993)
- 8-209. 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 will 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. (Ord. #89-2, Jan. 1989)
- 8-210. <u>Interference</u> with <u>public</u> health, <u>safety</u>, <u>and</u> morals <u>prohibited</u>. (1) 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 shall 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. All measurements shall be building to building measurements in a straight line to the nearest corner of buildings.

- (2) In addition to the above requirements, no permit shall be issued to any location within three hundred (300) feet of any private residential property if the owner or occupant thereof objects thereto in writing to the board on or before the hearing. Notice must be given to the owner or occupant of any private residence by U.S. Mail addressed to the postal address of the property by certified mail posted not less than seven (7) days prior to the hearing on any application and shall cause to be published in a local paper in the county prior to the hearing a notice in which the name of the applicant and the address of the location for such license or permit and the date and time of the meeting of which such application shall be considered. Such notice shall be published not less than seven (7) days prior to such meeting. (Ord. #89-2, Jan. 1989)
- 8-211. <u>Issuance of permits to persons convicted of certain crimes prohibited</u>. No beer permit shall be issued to any person who has been convicted for the possession, sale, manufacture, transportation of intoxicating liquor or any crime involving dishonesty or moral turpitude within the past ten (10) years. (Ord. #89-2, Jan. 1989)

# 8-212. <u>Prohibited conduct or activities by beer permit holders</u>. It shall be unlawful for any beer permit holder to:

- (1) 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 the off-premises consumption only.
- (2) Make or allow any sale of beer between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 A.M. during any night of the week; at any time on Sunday.
- (3) Allow any loud, unusual, or obnoxious noises to emanate from his premises.
- (4) Make or allow any sale of beer to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age.
- (5) Allow any person under twenty-one (21) years of age to loiter in or about his place of business.
- (6) Make or allow any sale of beer to any intoxicated person or to any feeble-minded, insane, or otherwise mentally incapacitated person.
  - (7) Allow drunk or disreputable persons to loiter about his premises.
- (8) 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. (Ord. #89-2, Jan. 1989, as amended by Ord. #94-95-1, Oct. 1994, modified)
- **8-213.** Revocation of beer permits. The beer board shall have the power to revoke or suspend 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 revoked or suspended until a public

hearing is held by the board after reasonable notice to all the known parties in interest. Revocation or suspension proceedings may be initiated by the police chief or by any member of the beer board.

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 57-5-608, the beer board shall not revoke or suspend the permit of a "responsible vendor" qualified under the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 57-5-606 for a clerk's illegal sale of beer to a minor if the clerk is properly certified and has attended annual meetings since the clerk's original certification, unless the vendor's status as a certified responsible vendor has been revoked by the alcoholic beverage commission. If the responsible vendor's certification has been revoked, the vendor shall be punished by the beer board as if the vendor were not certified as a responsible vendor. "Clerk" means any person working in a capacity to sell beer directly to consumers for off-premises consumption. Under Tennessee Code Annotated, § 57-5-608, the alcoholic beverage commission shall revoke a vendor's status as a responsible vendor upon notification by the beer board that the board has made a final determination that the vendor has sold beer to a minor for the second time in a consecutive twelve (12) month period. The revocation shall be for three (3) years. (Ord. #89-2, Jan. 1989, as amended by Ord. #FY-93-94-3, Oct. 1993, modified)

- 8-214. <u>Civil penalty in lieu of revocation or suspension</u>. (1) <u>Definition</u>. "Responsible vendor" means a person, corporation or other entity that has been issued a permit to sell beer for off-premises consumption and has received certification by the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission under the "Tennessee Responsible Vendor Act of 2006," <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 57-5-601, <u>et seq</u>.
- (2) <u>Penalty, revocation or suspension</u>. The beer board may, at the time it imposes a revocation or suspension, offer a permit holder that is not a responsible vendor the alternative of paying a civil penalty not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for each offense of making or permitting to be made any sales to minors, or a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for any other offense.

The beer board may impose on a responsible vendor a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offense of making or permitting to be made any sales to minors for any other offense.

If a civil penalty is offered as an alternative to revocation or suspension, the holder shall have seven (7) days within which to pay the civil penalty before the revocation or suspension shall be imposed. If the civil penalty is paid within that time, the revocation or suspension shall be deemed withdrawn.

Payment of the civil penalty in lieu of revocation or suspension by a permit holder shall be an admission by the holder of the violation so charged and shall be paid to the exclusion of any other penalty that the city may impose. (Ord. #89-2, Jan. 1989, modified)

- 8-215. <u>Loss of clerk's certification for sale to minor</u>. If the beer board determines that a clerk of an off-premises beer permit holder certified under <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 57-5-606, sold beer to a minor, the beer board shall report the name of the clerk to the alcoholic beverage commission within fifteen (15) days of determination of the sale. The certification of the clerk shall be invalid, and the clerk may not reapply for a new certificate for a period of one (1) year from the date of the beer board's determination.
- **8-216.** <u>Violations</u>. Except as provided in § 8-215, any violation of this chapter shall constitute a civil offense and shall, upon conviction, be punishable by a penalty under the general penalty provision of this code. Each day a violation shall be allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

#### TITLE 9

# BUSINESS, PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.1

#### **CHAPTER**

- 1. MISCELLANEOUS.
- 2. PEDDLERS, ETC.
- 3. POOL ROOMS.

#### CHAPTER 1

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **SECTION**

9-101. "Going out of business" sales.

**9-101.** "Going out of business" sales. It shall be unlawful for any person falsely to represent a sale as being a "going out of business" sale. A "going out of business" sale, for the purposes of this section, shall be a "fire sale," "bankrupt sale," "loss of lease sale," or any other sale made in anticipation of the termination of a business at its present location. When any person, after advertising a "going out of business" sale, adds to his stock or fails to go out of business within ninety (90) days he shall prima facie be deemed to have violated this section. (1983 Code, § 5-101)

<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references Junkyards: title 13.

Liquor and beer regulations: title 8.

Noise reductions: title 11.

#### PEDDLERS, ETC.

- 9-201. Permit required.
- 9-202. Exemptions.
- 9-203. Application for permit.
- 9-204. Issuance or refusal of permit.
- 9-205. Appeal.
- 9-206. Bond.
- 9-207. Loud noises and speaking devices.
- 9-208. Use of streets.
- 9-209. Exhibition of permit.
- 9-210. Policemen to enforce.
- 9-211. Revocation or suspension of permit.
- 9-212. Reapplication.
- 9-213. Expiration and renewal of permit.
- **9-201.** Permit required. It shall be unlawful for any peddler, canvasser or solicitor, or transient merchant to ply his trade within the corporate limits without first obtaining a permit therefor in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. No permit shall be used at any time by any person other than the one to whom it is issued. (1983 Code, § 5-201)
- **9-202.** Exemptions. The terms of this chapter shall not be applicable to persons selling at wholesale to dealers, nor to newsboys, nor to bona fide merchants who merely deliver goods in the regular course of business, nor to bona fide charitable, religious, patriotic or philanthropic organizations, nor to the sale of milk, dairy products, vegetables, poultry, eggs, and other farm and garden products when offered for sale by the producers. (1983 Code, § 5-202)
- **9-203. Application for permit**. Applicants for a permit under this chapter must file with the town secretary a sworn written application containing the following:
  - (1) Name and physical description of applicant.
- (2) Complete permanent home address and local address of the applicant and, in the case of transient merchants, the local address from which proposed sales will be made.
- (3) A brief description of the nature of the business and the goods to be sold.
- (4) If employed, the name and address of the employer, together with credentials therefrom establishing the exact relationship.
  - (5) The length of time for which the right to do business is desired.

- (6) A recent clear photograph approximately two (2) inches square showing the head and shoulders of the applicant.
- (7) The names of at least two (2) reputable local property owners who will certify as to the applicant's good moral reputation and business responsibility, or in lieu of the names of references, such other available evidence as will enable an investigator to evaluate the applicant's moral reputation and business responsibility.
- (8) A statement as to whether or not the applicant has been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor or for violating any municipal ordinance; the nature of the offense; and, the punishment or penalty assessed therefor.
- (9) The last three (3) cities or towns, if that many, where applicant carried on business immediately preceding the date of application and, in the case of transient merchants, the addresses from which such business was conducted in those municipalities.
- (10) At the time of filing the application, a fee of sixty dollars (\$60.00) shall be paid to the municipality to cover the cost of investigating the facts stated therein. (1983 Code, § 5-203, modified)
- **9-204.** <u>Issuance or refusal of permit</u>. (1) Each application shall be referred to the chief of police for investigation. The chief shall report his findings to the town secretary within seventy-two (72) hours.
- (2) If as a result of such investigation the chief reports the applicant's moral reputation and/or business responsibility to be unsatisfactory the town secretary shall notify the applicant that his application is disapproved and that no permit will be issued.
- (3) If, on the other hand, the chief's report indicates that the moral reputation and business responsibility of the applicant are satisfactory the town secretary shall issue a permit upon the payment of all applicable privilege taxes and the filing of the bond required by § 9-206. The town secretary shall keep a permanent record of all permits issued. (1983 Code, § 5-204)
- 9-205. Appeal. Any person aggrieved by the action of the chief of police and/or the town secretary in the denial of a permit shall have the right to appeal to the governing body. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the mayor within fourteen (14) days after notice of the action complained of, a written statement setting forth fully the grounds for the appeal. The mayor shall set a time and place for a hearing on such appeal and notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be given to the appellant. The notice shall be in writing and shall be mailed, postage prepaid, to the applicant at his last known address at least five (5) days prior to the date set for hearing, or shall be delivered by a police officer in the same manner as a summons at least three (3) days prior to the date set for hearing. (1983 Code, § 5-205)

- 9-206. Bond. Every permittee shall file with the town secretary a surety bond running to the municipality in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). The bond shall be conditioned that the permittee shall comply fully with all the provisions of the ordinances of this municipality and the statutes of the state regulating peddlers, canvassers, solicitors, transient merchants, itinerant merchants, or itinerant vendors, as the case may be, and shall guarantee to any citizen of the municipality that all money paid as a down payment will be accounted for and applied according to the representations of the permittee, and further guaranteeing to any citizen of the municipality doing business with said permittee that the property purchased will be delivered according to the representations of the permittee. Action on such bond may be brought by any person aggrieved and for whose benefit, among others, the bond is given. The surety may be relieved without costs of all further liability by paying, pursuant to order of the court, the face amount of the bond to the clerk of the court in which the suit is commenced. (1983 Code, § 5-206)
- **9-207.** Loud noises and speaking devices. No permittee, nor any person in his behalf, shall shout, cry out, blow a horn, ring a bell or use any sound amplifying device upon any of the sidewalks, streets, alleys, parks or other public places of the municipality or upon private premises where sound of sufficient volume is emitted or produced therefrom to be capable of being plainly heard upon the adjacent sidewalks, streets, alleys, parks, or other public places, for the purpose of attracting attention to any goods, wares or merchandise which such permittee proposes to sell. (1983 Code, § 5-207)
- 9-208. <u>Use of streets</u>. No permittee shall have any exclusive right to any location in the public streets, nor shall any be permitted a stationary location thereon, nor shall any be permitted to operate in a congested area where the operation might impede or inconvenience the public use of such streets. For the purpose of this chapter, the judgment of a police officer, exercised in good faith, shall be deemed conclusive as to whether the area is congested and the public impeded or inconvenienced. (1983 Code, § 5-208)
- **9-209.** Exhibition of permit. Permittees are required to exhibit their permits at the request of any policeman or citizen. (1983 Code, § 5-209)
- **9-210.** Policemen to enforce. It shall be the duty of all policemen to see that the provisions of this chapter are enforced. (1983 Code, § 5-210)
- **9-211.** Revocation or suspension of permit. (1) Permits issued under the provisions of this chapter may be revoked by the governing body after notice and hearing, for any of the following causes:
  - (a) Fraud, misrepresentation, or incorrect statement contained in the application for permit, or made in the course of carrying on the

business of solicitor, canvasser, peddler, transient merchant, itinerant merchant, or itinerant vendor.

- (b) Any violation of this chapter.
- (c) Conviction of any crime or misdemeanor.
- (d) Conducting the business of peddler, canvasser, solicitor, transient merchant, itinerant merchant, or itinerant vendor, as the case may be, in an unlawful manner or in such a manner as to constitute a breach of the peace or to constitute a menace to the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.
- (2) Notice of the hearing for revocation of a permit shall be given by the town secretary in writing, setting forth specifically the grounds of complaint and the time and place of hearing. Such notice shall be mailed to the permittee at his last known address at least five (5) days prior to the date set for hearing, or it shall be delivered by a police officer in the same manner as a summons at least three (3) days prior to the date set for hearing.
- (3) The mayor may suspend a permit pending the revocation hearing when reasonably necessary in the public interest. (1983 Code, § 5-211)
- **9-212.** Reapplication. No permittee whose permit has been revoked shall make further application until a period of at least six (6) months has elapsed since the last revocation. (1983 Code, § 5-212)
- 9-213. Expiration and renewal of permit. Permits issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire on the same date that the permittee's privilege license expires and shall be renewed without cost if the permittee applies for and obtains a new privilege license within thirty (30) days thereafter. Permits issued to permittees who are not subject to a privilege tax shall be issued for one (1) year. An application for a renewal shall be made substantially in the same form as an original application. However, only so much of the application shall be completed as is necessary to reflect conditions which have changed since the last application was filed. (1983 Code, § 5-213)

#### POOL ROOMS<sup>1</sup>

#### **SECTION**

- 9-301. Prohibited in residential areas.
- 9-302. Hours of operation regulated.
- 9-303. Gambling etc., not to be allowed.
- **9-301.** Prohibited in residential areas. It shall be unlawful for any person to open, maintain, conduct, or operate any place where pool tables or billiard tables are kept for public use or hire on any premises located within two hundred (200) feet of any residence as measured in a straight line from front door to front door. (Ord. #90-2, July 1990)
- **9-302.** Hours of operation regulated. It shall be unlawful for any person to open, maintain, conduct, or operate any place where pool tables or billiard tables are kept for public use or hire except between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 12:00 midnight, Monday through Saturday and between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. on Sundays only. (Ord. #90-2, July 1990)
- **9-303.** <u>Gambling, etc., not to be allowed</u>. It shall be unlawful for any person operating, conducting, or maintaining any place where pool tables or billiard tables are kept for public use or hire to permit any gambling or other unlawful or immoral conduct on such premises. (1983 Code, § 5-304)

<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references Beer: § 8-212(12).

Privilege taxes: § 8-215.

#### TITLE 10

#### ANIMAL CONTROL

#### **CHAPTER**

- 1. IN GENERAL.
- 2. DOGS.

#### CHAPTER 1

### **IN GENERAL**

- 10-101. Running at large prohibited.
- 10-102. Keeping near a residence or business restricted.
- 10-103. Pen or enclosure to be kept clean.
- 10-104. Storage of food.
- 10-105. Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited.
- 10-106. Seizure and disposition of animals.
- 10-107. Violation and penalty.
- **10-101.** Running at large prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or being in charge of any cows, sheep, horses, mules, goats, or any chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, or other domestic fowl, cattle, or livestock, knowingly or negligently to permit any of them to run at large in any street, alley, or unenclosed lot within the corporate limits. Any person, including its owner, knowingly or negligently permitting an animal to run at large may be prosecuted under this section even if the animal is picked up and disposed of under other provisions of this chapter, whether or not the disposition includes returning the animal to its owner.
- **10-102.** <u>Keeping near a residence or business restricted</u>. Swine are prohibited within the corporate limits. No person shall keep or allow any other animal or fowl enumerated in the preceding section to come within five hundred (500) feet of any residence, place of business, or public street, as measured in a straight line.
- **10-103.** Pen or enclosure to be kept clean. When animals or fowls are kept within the corporate limits, the building, structure, corral, pen, or enclosure in which they are kept shall at all times be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
- **10-104.** <u>Storage of food</u>. All feed shall be stored and kept in a rat-proof and fly-tight building, box, or receptacle.

- 10-105. <u>Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited</u>. No animal or fowl shall be kept in such a place or condition as to become a nuisance because of either noise, odor, contagious disease, or other reason.
- 10-106. Seizure and disposition of animals. Any animal or fowl found running at large or otherwise being kept in violation of this chapter may be seized by any police officer or other properly designated officer or official and confined in a pound provided or designated by the board of mayor and aldermen. If the owner is known he shall be given notice in person, by telephone, or by a postcard addressed to his last-known mailing address. If the owner is not known or cannot be located, a notice describing the impounded animal or fowl will be posted in at least three (3) public places within the corporate limits. In either case the notice shall state that the impounded animal or fowl must be claimed within five (5) days by paying the pound costs or the same will be humanely destroyed or sold. If not claimed by the owner, the animal or fowl shall be sold or humanely destroyed.

The pound keeper shall collect from each person claiming an impounded animal or fowl reasonable fees, in accordance with a schedule approved by the board of mayor and aldermen, to cover the costs of impoundment and maintenance.

**10-107.** <u>Violation and penalty</u>. Any violation of any section of this chapter shall subject the offender to a penalty under the general penalty provision of this code. Each day the violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

#### **DOGS**

- 10-201. Rabies vaccination and registration required.
- 10-202. Dogs to wear tags.
- 10-203. Vicious dogs to be securely restrained.
- 10-204. Noisy dogs prohibited.
- 10-205. Confinement of dogs suspected of being rabid.
- 10-206. Seizure and disposition of dogs.
- **10-201.** 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" (<u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, §§ 68-8-101 through 68-8-114) or other applicable law. (1983 Code, § 3-201)
- 10-202. <u>Dogs to wear tags</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 3-202)
- **10-203.** <u>Vicious dogs to be securely restrained</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 3-203)
- **10-204.** Noisy dogs prohibited. No person shall own, keep, or harbor any dog which, by loud and frequent barking, whining, or howling, annoys, or disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood. (1983 Code, § 3-204)
- 10-205. <u>Confinement of dogs suspected of being rabid</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 3-205)
- 10-206. <u>Seizure and disposition of dogs</u>. 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 governing body. 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 governing body, or the dog will be humanely destroyed or sold. If said dog

is not wearing a tag it shall be 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> (1983 Code, § 3-206)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference

For a Tennessee Supreme Court case upholding the summary destruction of dogs pursuant to appropriate legislation, see <u>Darnell v. Shapard</u>, 156 Tenn. 544, 3 S.W.2d 661 (1928).

#### TITLE 11

# MUNICIPAL OFFENSES<sup>1</sup>

#### **CHAPTER**

- 1. ALCOHOL.
- 2. FORTUNE TELLING, ETC.
- 3. OFFENSES AGAINST THE PEACE AND QUIET.
- 4. INTERFERENCE WITH PUBLIC OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL.
- 5. FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND MISSILES.
- 6. TRESPASSING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF AND INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC.
- 7. CURFEW FOR MINORS.
- 8. MISCELLANEOUS.

#### CHAPTER 1

# ALCOHOL<sup>2</sup>

#### **SECTION**

11-201. Drinking beer, etc., on streets, etc.

11-202. Public intoxication.

- 11-101. <u>Drinking beer, etc., on streets, etc.</u> It shall be unlawful for any person to drink or consume, or have an open container of beer or intoxicating liquor 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. (1983 Code, § 10-228)
- **11-102.** <u>Public intoxication</u>. (1) A person commits the offense of public intoxication who appears in a public place under the influence of a controlled substance or any other intoxicating substance to the degree that:
  - (a) The offender may be endangered;
  - (b) There is endangerment to other persons or property; or

<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

Animal control: title 10.

Fireworks and explosives: title 7.

Traffic offenses: title 15.

Streets and sidewalks (non-traffic): title 16.

<sup>2</sup>Municipal code reference

Sale of alcoholic beverages, including beer: title 8.

- (c) The offender unreasonably annoys people in the vicinity.
- (2) A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00). (Ord. #94-95-3, May 1995)

# FORTUNE TELLING, ETC.

# **SECTION**

11-201. Fortune telling, etc.

**11-201.** <u>Fortune telling, etc</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 10-233)

# OFFENSES AGAINST THE PEACE AND QUIET

- 11-301. Disturbing the peace.
- 11-302. Anti-noise regulations.
- 11-301. <u>Disturbing the peace</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 10-202)
- 11-302. <u>Anti-noise regulations</u>. 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) <u>Miscellaneous prohibited noises enumerated</u>. 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 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 hospital, 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 person 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.
- 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 town secretary granted for a period while the emergency continues not to exceed thirty (30) days. If the town secretary 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 hospital or adjacent to any school, 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) <u>Exceptions</u>. None of the terms or prohibitions hereof shall apply to or be enforced against:
  - (a) Municipal vehicles. Any vehicle of the municipality 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 municipality, 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 secretary. 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. (1983 Code, § 10-232)

#### INTERFERENCE WITH PUBLIC OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL

- 11-401. Impersonating a government officer or employee.
- 11-402. False emergency alarms.
- 11-401. <u>Impersonating a government officer or employee</u>. No person other than an official police officer of the municipality 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 municipality. Furthermore, no person shall deceitfully impersonate or represent that he is any government officer or employee. (1983 Code, § 10-211)
- **11-402.** <u>False emergency alarms</u>. 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 act. (1983 Code, § 10-217)

#### FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND MISSILES

#### **SECTION**

- 11-501. Air rifles, etc.
- 11-502. Weapons and firearms generally.
- 11-503. Weapons on public property prohibited.
- 11-501. Air rifles, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person in the municipality 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. (1983 Code, § 10-213)
- 11-502. Weapons and firearms generally. It shall also be unlawful for any unauthorized person to discharge a firearm within the municipality. (1983 Code, § 10-212, modified)
- **11-503.** Weapons on public property prohibited. (1) Any person authorized to carry weapons under <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, §§ 39-17-1351-39-17-1360, is prohibited from possessing any weapon while within a public building or on public property of the Town of Hollow Rock.
- (2) The Town of Hollow Rock shall post notices at all entrances to the premises that are primarily used by person entering the property. The notice shall be of a size that is plainly visible to the average person entering the building, premises or property. The signs shall state the following:

PURSUANT TO § 39-17-1359, THE OWNER/OPERATOR OF THIS PROPERTY HAS BANNED WEAPONS ON THIS PROPERTY, OR WITHIN THIS BUILDING OR THIS PORTION OF THIS BUILDING. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS PROHIBITION IS PUNISHABLE AS A CRIMINAL ACT UNDER STATE LAW AND MAY SUBJECT THE VIOLATOR TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00).

# TRESPASSING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF AND INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC

#### **SECTION**

- 11-601. Trespassing.
- 11-602. Trespassing on trains.
- 11-603. Interference with traffic.
- **11-601.** <u>Trespassing</u>. 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 be unlawful and deemed to be a trespass for any peddler, canvasser, solicitor, transient merchant, or other person to fail to leave promptly the private premises of any person who requests or directs him to leave. (1983 Code, § 10-225)

- 11-602. <u>Trespassing on trains</u>. 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 the scope of his employment or unless he is a lawful passenger or is otherwise lawfully entitled to be on such vehicle. (1983 Code, § 10-221)
- 11-603. <u>Interference with traffic</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 10-231)

# **CURFEW FOR MINORS**

#### SECTION

- 11-701. Purpose.
- 11-702. Definitions.
- 11-703. Curfew enacted; exceptions.
- 11-704. Parental involvement in violation unlawful.
- 11-705. Involvement by owner or operator of vehicle unlawful.
- 11-706. Involvement by operator or employee of establishment unlawful.
- 11-707. Giving false information unlawful.
- 11-708. Enforcement.
- 11-709. Violations punishable by fine.

# 11-701. **Purpose**. The purpose of this chapter is to

- (1) Promote the general welfare and protect the general public through the reduction of juvenile violence and crime within the town;
- (2) Promote the safety and well-being of minors, whose inexperience renders them particularly vulnerable to becoming participants in unlawful activity, particularly unlawful drug activity, and to being victimized by older criminals; and
  - (3) Foster and strengthen parental responsibility for children.
- **11-702.** <u>Definitions</u>. As used in this chapter, the following words have the following meanings:
- (1) "Curfew hours" means the hours of 12:30 A.M. through 6:00 A.M. each day.
- (2) "Emergency" means unforeseen circumstances, and the resulting condition or status, requiring immediate action to safeguard life, limb, or property. The word includes, but is not limited to, fires, natural disasters, automobile accidents, or other similar circumstances.
- (3) "Establishment" means any privately-owned business place within the town operated for a profit and to which the public is invited, including, but not limited to, any place of amusement or entertainment. The word "operator" with respect to an establishment means any person, firm, association, partnership (including its members or partners), and any corporation (including its officers) conducting or managing the establishment.
- (4) "Minor" means any person under eighteen (18) years of age who has not been emancipated under Tennessee Code Annotated, § 29-31-101, et seg.
  - (5) "Parent" means:

- (a) A person who is a minor's biological or adoptive parent and who has legal custody of the minor, including either parent if custody is shared under a court order or agreement;
- (b) A person who is the biological or adoptive parent with whom a minor regularly resides;
- (c) A person judicially appointed as the legal guardian of a minor; and/or
- (d) A person eighteen (18) years of age or older standing in loco parentis as indicated by authorization by a parent as defined in this definition for the person to assume the care or physical custody of the minor, or as indicated by any other circumstances).
- (6) "Person" means an individual and not a legal entity.
- (7) "Public place" means any place to which the public or a substantial portion of the public has access, including, but not limited to: streets, sidewalks, alleys, parks, and the common areas of schools, hospitals, apartment houses or buildings, office buildings, transportation facilities, and shops.
  - (8) "Remain" means
    - (a) to linger or stay at or upon a place or
  - (b) to fail to leave a place when requested to do so by a law enforcement officer or by the owner, operator, or other person in control of that place.
- (9) "Temporary care facility" means a non-locked, non-restrictive shelter at which a minor may wait, under visual supervision, to be retrieved by a parent. A minor waiting in a temporary care facility may not be handcuffed or secured by handcuffs or otherwise to any stationary object.
- 11-703. <u>Curfew enacted; exceptions</u>. It is unlawful for any minor, during curfew hours, to remain in or upon any public place within the town, to remain in any motor vehicle operating or parked on any public place within the town, or to remain in or upon the premises of any establishment within the town, unless:
  - (1) The minor is accompanied by a parent; or
  - (2) The minor is involved in an emergency; or
- (3) The minor is engaged in an employment activity, or is going to or returning home from employment activity, without detour or stop; or
- (4) The minor is on the sidewalk directly abutting a place where he or she resides with a parent; or
- (5) The minor is attending an activity supervised by adults and sponsored by a school, religious, or civic organization, by a public organization or agency, or by a similar organization, or the minor is going to or returning from such an activity without detour or stop; or
- (6) The minor is on a errand at the direction of a parent, and the minor has in his or her possession a writing signed by the parent containing the name, signature, address, and telephone number of the parent authorizing the errand,

the telephone number where the parent may be reached during the errand, the name of the minor, and a brief description of the errand, the minor's destination(s) and the hours the minor is authorized to be engaged in the errand; or

- (7) The minor is involved in interstate travel through, or beginning or terminating in, the Town of Hollow Rock; or
- (8) The minor is exercising First Amendment rights protected by the U.S. Constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of assembly.
- **11-704.** Parental involvement in violation unlawful. It is unlawful for a minor's parent knowingly to permit, allow, or encourage a violation of § 11-703 of this chapter.
- 11-705. <u>Involvement by owner or operator of vehicle unlawful</u>. It is unlawful for a person who is the owner or operator of a motor vehicle knowingly to permit, allow, or encourage a violation of § 11-703 of this chapter using the motor vehicle.
- 11-706. <u>Involvement by operator or employee of establishment unlawful</u>. It is unlawful for the operator or any employee of an establishment knowingly to permit, allow, or encourage a minor to remain on the premises of the establishment during curfew hours. It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the operator or employee promptly notified law enforcement officials that a minor was present during curfew hours and refused to leave.
- 11-707. <u>Giving false information unlawful</u>. It is unlawful for any person, including a minor, knowingly to give a false name, address, or telephone number to any law enforcement officer investigating a possible violation of § 11-703 of this chapter. Each violation of this section is punishable by a maximum fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- 11-708. Enforcement. (1) Minors. Before taking any enforcement action, a law enforcement officer who is notified of a possible violation of § 11-703 shall make an immediate investigation to determine whether or not the presence of the minor in a public place, motor vehicle, or establishment during curfew hours is a violation of that section. If the investigation reveals a violation and the minor has not previously been issued a warning, the officer shall issue a verbal warning to the minor to be followed by a written warning mailed by the police department to the minor and his/her parent(s). If the minor has previously been issued a warning for a violation, the officer shall charge the minor with a violation of § 11-703 and shall issue a citation requiring the minor to appear in court. In either case, the officer shall, as soon as practicable, release the minor to his/her parent(s) or place the minor in a temporary care facility for

- a period not to exceed the remainder of the curfew hours so the parent(s) may retrieve the minor. If a minor refuses to give an officer his/her name and address or the name and address of his/her parent(s), or if no parent can be located before the end of the applicable curfew hours, or if located, no parent appears to accept custody of the minor, the minor may be taken to a crisis center or juvenile shelter and/or may be taken to a judge or juvenile intake officer of the juvenile court to be dealt with as required by law.
- (2) Others. If an officer's investigation reveals that a person has violated §§ 11-703, § 11-704, § 11-705, or § 11-706 of this chapter and the person has not been issued a warning with respect to a violation, the officer shall issue a verbal warning to the person to be followed by a written warning mailed by the police department to the person. If there has been a previous warning to the person, the officer shall charge the person with a violation and issue a citation directing the person to appear in court.
- 11-709. <u>Violations punishable by fine</u>. A violation of § 11-703, §§ 11-704, 11-705, or 11-706 subsequent to receiving a verbal warning as provided in § 11-708 is punishable by a maximum fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each violation.

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 11-801. Caves, wells, cisterns, etc.
- 11-802. Posting notices, etc.
- 11-801. <u>Caves, wells, cisterns, etc.</u> 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 an adequate cover or safeguard. (1983 Code, § 10-230)
- 11-802. <u>Posting notices, etc.</u> 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. (1983 Code, § 10-226)

# **TITLE 12**

# **BUILDING, UTILITY, ETC. CODES**

[RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE]

## TITLE 13

# PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS<sup>1</sup>

## **CHAPTER**

- 1. MISCELLANEOUS.
- 2. JUNKYARDS.
- 3. SLUM CLEARANCE.

## CHAPTER 1

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

## **SECTION**

- 13-101. Health officer.
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- 13-104. Weeds, grass and other vegetation.
- 13-105. Dead animals.
- 13-106. Health and sanitation nuisances.
- 13-107. House trailers.
- 13-108. Enforcement and abatement of nuisances.
- **13-101.** <u>Health officer</u>. The "health officer" shall be such municipal, county, or state officer as the governing body shall appoint or designate to administer and enforce health and sanitation regulations within the municipality. (1983 Code, § 8-101)
- 13-102. 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. (1983 Code, § 8-105)
- **13-103.** <u>Stagnant water</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 8-106)

<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references Animal control: title 10.

Littering streets, etc.: § 16-107.

- 13-104. Weeds, grass and other vegetation. (1) Every owner or tenant of property shall periodically cut the grass and other vegetation commonly recognized as weeds or grass on his or her property, lot or tract of land within the town.
- (2) It shall be unlawful for anyone to permit any weeds, grass or any other plants, other than trees, bushes, flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding twelve (12) inches anywhere in the town, excluding farmland, pastures and timberland. Any such plants, weeds or vegetation exceeding such height are hereby declared a nuisance. (Ord. #89-4, June 1989)
- 13-105. <u>Dead animals</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 8-108)
- 13-106. <u>Health and sanitation nuisances</u>. 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, unsightly or offensive matter or to allow the breeding of flies, rodents, or other vermin, or to allow junk or abandoned vehicles to remain on said premises to the menace of the public health or the annoyance of people residing within the town. (Ord. #89-5, Aug. 1989)
- 13-107. <u>House trailers</u>. 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 stationary structures and the proposed location conforms to the zoning provisions of the municipality and unless a permit therefor shall have been first duly issued by the building official, as provided for in the building code. (1983 Code, § 8-104)
- **13-108.** Enforcement and abatement of nuisances. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to permit a nuisance, as defined by this code or any of the general laws of the State of Tennessee, to exist or continue or to violate any of the provisions of this chapter on any premises owned, occupied or controlled by them.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the mayor to serve or attempt to serve a notice upon the owner, if known, or any premises in violation of the provisions of this chapter and to demand the abatement of the nuisance within ten (10) days.
- (3) If the owner does not abate the nuisance within ten (10) days, or no owner can be found, the Town of Hollow Rock may proceed to abate such

nuisance, keeping an account of the expense of the abatement, and such expense shall be charged and paid by such owner, if any, being billed as hereinafter provided and a lien for such expenses may be filed against said property.

- (4) Charges for such removal shall be charged to the owner of said premises and whenever such charge remains unpaid for sixty (60) days after it has been rendered, the Town of Hollow Rock shall have a right to maintain an action at law for the collection of such charges. Notice of such charges shall be mailed to the owner, if any, of said premises by certified mail so as to give the owner notice of said charge and if no owner can be found, notice of such charges will be posted on the town hall for two (2) consecutive weeks.
- (5) The town attorney for the Town of Hollow Rock, upon being notified by the mayor is hereby authorized and directed to institute such proceedings in the name of the Town of Hollow Rock in any court having jurisdiction over such matter against any owner as to such charges that have remained unpaid sixty (60) days after notice. (Ord. #89-6, Aug. 1989)

## **CHAPTER 2**

# JUNKYARDS1

## **SECTION**

- 13-201. Definitions.
- 13-202. Junkyard screening.
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- 13-204. Requirements for effective screening.
- 13-205. Maintenance of screens.
- 13-206. Utilization of highway right-of-way.
- 13-207. Non-conforming junkyards.
- 13-208. Permits and fees.
- 13-209. Violations and penalty.
- **13-201.** <u>Definitions</u>. (1) "Junk" shall mean old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber, debris, waste, or junked, dismantled, or wrecked automobiles, trucks, vehicles of all kinds, or parts thereof, iron, steel, and other old or scrap ferrous or nonferrous material.
- (2) "Junkyard" shall mean an establishment or place of business which is maintained, operated, or used for storing, keeping, buying, or selling junk, or for the maintenance or operation of an automobile graveyard. This definition includes scrap metal processors, used auto parts yards, yards providing temporary storage of automobile bodies or parts awaiting disposal as a normal part of the business operation when the business will continually have like materials located on the premises, garbage dumps, sanitary landfills, and recycling centers.
- (3) "Recycling center" means an establishment, place of business, facility or building which is maintained, operated, or used for the storing, keeping, buying, or selling of newspaper or used food or beverage containers or plastic containers for the purpose of converting such items into a usable product.
- (4) "Person" means any individual, firm, agency, company, association, partnership, business trust, joint stock company, body politic, or corporation.
- (5) "Screening" means the use of plantings, fencing, natural objects, and other appropriate means which screen any deposit of junk so that the junk is not visible from the highways and streets of the city.
- **13-202.** <u>Junkyard screening</u>. Every junkyard shall be screened or otherwise removed from view by its owner or operator in such a manner as to bring the junkyard into compliance with this chapter.

Refuse and trash disposal: title 17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

- **13-203.** <u>Screening methods</u>. The following methods and materials for screening are given for consideration only:
- (1) <u>Landscape planting</u>. The planting of trees, shrubs, etc., of sufficient size and density to provide a year-round effective screen. Plants of the evergreen variety are recommended.
- (2) <u>Earth grading</u>. The construction of earth mounds which are graded, shaped, and planted to a natural appearance.
  - (3) <u>Architectural barriers</u>. The utilization of:
    - (a) Panel fences made of metal, plastic, fiberglass, or plywood.
  - (b) Wood fences of vertical or horizontal boards using durable woods such as western cedar or redwood or others treated with a preservative.
  - (c) Walls of masonry, including plain or ornamented concrete block, brick, stone, or other suitable materials.
- (4) <u>Natural objects</u>. Naturally occurring rock outcrops, woods, earth mounds, etc., may be utilized for screening or used in conjunction with fences, plantings, or other appropriate objects to form an effective screen.
- 13-204. <u>Requirements for effective screening</u>. Screening may be accomplished using natural objects, earth mounds, landscape plantings, fences, or other appropriate materials used singly or in combination as approved by the city. The effect of the completed screening must be the concealment of the junkyard from view on a year-round basis.
- (1) Screens which provide a "see-through" effect when viewed from a moving vehicle shall not be acceptable.
- (2) Open entrances through which junk materials are visible from the main traveled way shall not be permitted except where entrance gates, capable of concealing the junk materials when closed, have been installed. Entrance gates must remain closed from sundown to sunrise.
- (3) Screening shall be located on private property and not on any part of the highway right-of-way.
- (4) At no time after the screen is established shall junk be stacked or placed high enough to be visible above the screen nor shall junk be placed outside of the screened area.
- 13-205. <u>Maintenance of screens</u>. The owner or operator of the junkyard shall be responsible for maintaining the screen in good repair to insure the continuous concealment of the junkyard. Damaged or dilapidated screens, including dead or diseased plantings, which permit a view of the junk within shall render the junkyard visible and shall be in violation of this code and shall be replaced as required by the city.

If not replaced within sixty (60) days the city may replace said screening and require payment upon demand.

- 13-206. <u>Utilization of highway right-of-way</u>. The utilization of highway right-of-way for operating or maintaining any portion of a junkyard is prohibited; this shall include temporary use for the storage of junk pending disposition.
- 13-207. <u>Non-conforming junkyards</u>. Those junkyards within the city and lawfully in existence prior to the enactment of this code, which do not conform with the provisions of the code shall be considered as "non-conforming." Such junkyards shall be subject to the following conditions, any violation of which shall terminate the non-conforming status:
  - (1) The junkyard must continue to be lawfully maintained.
  - (2) There must be existing property rights in the junk or junkyard.
  - (3) Abandoned junkyards shall no longer be lawful.
- (4) The location of the junkyard may not be changed for any reason. If the location is changed, the junkyard shall be treated as a new establishment at a new location and shall conform to the laws of the city.
  - (5) The junkyard may not be extended or enlarged.
- **13-208.** Permits and fees. It shall be unlawful for any junkyard located within the city to operate without a "Junkyard Control Permit" issued by the city.
- (1) Permits shall be valid for the fiscal year for which issued and shall be subject to renewal each year. The city's fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30 the year next following.
- (2) Each application for an original or renewal permit shall be accompanied by a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) which is not subject to either proration or refund.
- (3) All applications for an original or renewal permit shall be made on a form prescribed by the city.
- (4) Permits shall be issued only to those junkyards that are in compliance with these rules.
- (5) A permit is valid only while held by the permittee and for the location for which it is issued.
- 13-209. <u>Violations and penalty</u>. Violations of this chapter shall subject the offender to a penalty under the general penalty provision of this code. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

## **CHAPTER 3**

## SLUM CLEARANCE

## **SECTION**

- 13-301. Purpose.
- 13-302. Definitions.
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- 13-304. Conditions rendering structure unfit or dangerous.
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- 13-311. Removal or demolition by municipality.
- 13-312. Recovery of cost and placement of liens.
- 13-313. Allocation of funds for program.
- 13-314. Applicability.
- **13-301.** <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of this legislation is to provide the necessary administrative and legal procedures as required by section 4(n) of the Charter of the Town of Hollow Rock and <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 13-21-103, for the designation of unsafe, hazardous or dangerous dwellings and structures and for the abatement of same within the municipality. (Ord. #89-3, Aug. 1989)
- **13-302.** <u>Definitions</u>. The following terms whenever used or referred to in this chapter shall have the following respective meanings for the purposes of this chapter, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:
- (1) "Dwelling" shall mean any building or structure, or part thereof, used and occupied for human residential habitation or abode or use, or intended to be so used, and includes any outhouses and appurtenances belonging thereto or usually enjoyed therewith.
- (2) "Governing body" shall mean the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee.
  - (3) "Municipality" shall mean the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee.
- (4) "Owner" shall mean the holder of the title in fee simple and every mortgagee of record.
- (5) "Parties of interest" shall mean all individuals, associations, corporations and others who have interest of record in a structure and any who are in possession thereof.

- (6) "Place of public accommodation" shall mean any building or structure in which goods are supplied or services performed, or in which the trade of the general public is solicited.
- (7) "Public authority" shall mean any housing authority or any officer who is in charge of any department or branch of the government of the municipality relating to health, fire, building regulations, or other activities concerning structures in the municipality.
- (8) "Public officer" shall mean the officer or officers who are authorized herein below to exercise the powers prescribed by this chapter.
- (9) "Structure" shall mean any dwelling, any place of accommodation; any place wherein business, trade, commerce or manufacture is conducted; any advertising sign; fences or any other similar man-made facility or object. (Ord. #89-3, Aug. 1989)
- 13-303. <u>Unfit or dangerous structures</u>. All dwellings, structures and other similar facilities within the municipality which are unsuitable or unsafe for human occupancy or use due to dilapidation; defects increasing the hazards of fire, accident or other calamities; damage from fire; lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities, or due to other conditions rendering such structures unsafe or unsanitary, or dangerous or detrimental to the health, safety or morals, or otherwise in opposition to the welfare of the residents of the Town of Hollow Rock, shall be upon proper investigation by the appropriate public official declared as an "unfit or dangerous structure," and shall be and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, which shall be upon application of the proper procedure by a public authority abated as directed. (Ord. #89-3, Aug. 1989)

# 13-304. Conditions rendering structure unfit or dangerous.

- (1) The public officer may determine that a structure is unfit for human occupation or use, if he finds that conditions exist in such structure which are dangerous or injurious to the health, safety or morals of the occupants of such structure; the occupants of neighboring structures or other residents of the municipality. Such conditions may include the following (without limiting the generality of the foregoing):
  - (a) Defects therein increasing the hazards of fire, accident, or other calamities;
    - (b) Lack of adequate ventilation, light, or sanitary facilities;
    - (c) Dilapidation, caused by neglect or fire or other such damage;
    - (d) Disrepair:
    - (e) Structural defects, or uncleanliness.
- (2) The public officer of public authority may also utilize the standards and requirements of other related adopted codes of the municipality, such as the building code, housing code, etc. (Ord. #89-3, Aug. 1989)

- 13-305. <u>Designation of public officer</u>. The codes enforcement official/building inspector is designated as the principal public officer for the administering and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter; however, the following duly elected or appointed and serving officers or employees of the Town of Hollow Rock are also authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter.
  - (1) Fire marshal/fire chief;
  - (2) Chief of police;
  - (3) Town recorder;
  - (4) Town attorney;
  - (5) Town mayor. (Ord. #89-3, Aug. 1989)
- **13-306.** <u>Powers given public officer</u>. The board of mayor and aldermen hereby authorizes the public officer to exercise such powers as may be necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this chapter, including the following powers in addition to others herein granted:
- (1) To investigate conditions in the municipality in order to determine which structures therein are unfit for human occupation or use.
- (2) To administer oaths, affirmations, examine witnesses and receive evidence.
- (3) To enter upon premises for the purposes of making examinations, provided that such entries shall be made in such manner as to cause the least possible inconvenience to the persons in possession.
- (4) To appoint and fix the duties of such officers, agents and employees as he deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
- (5) To delegate any of his functions and powers under this chapter to such officers and agents as he may designate. (Ord. #89-3, Aug. 1989)
- 13-307. Service of complaints or orders. Complaints or orders issued by a public officer pursuant to this chapter shall be served upon persons either personally or by registered mail, but if the whereabouts of such persons is unknown and the same cannot be ascertained by the public officer in the exercise of reasonable diligence and the public officer shall make an affidavit to that effect, the serving of such complaint or order upon such persons may be made by publishing the same once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the town's official newspaper. A copy of such complaint or order shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises affected by the complaint or order. A copy of such complaint or order shall also be filed for record in the Office of the Register, Carroll County, Tennessee, and such filing of the complaint or order shall have the same force and effect as other lien lis pendens notices provided by law. (Ord. #89-3, Aug. 1989)

- 13-308. Hearings on complaints or petitions. Whenever a petition is filed with the public officer by a public authority; or by at least five (5) residents of the municipality charging that any structure is dangerous or unfit for human occupation or use; or whenever it appears to the public officer (on his own motion) that any structure is dangerous or unfit for human occupation or use, the public officer shall, if his preliminary investigation discloses a basis for such charges, issue and cause to be served upon the owner of, and parties in interest of, such structure a complaint stating the charges in that respect and containing a notice that a hearing will be held before the public officer (or his designated agent) at a place therein fixed, not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days after the serving of the complaint; that the owner and parties in interest shall be given the right to file an answer to the complaint and to appear in person, or otherwise, and give testimony at the place and time fixed in the complaint, and that the rules of evidence prevailing in courts in law or equity shall not be controlling in hearings before the public officer. (Ord. #89-3. Aug. 1989)
- 13-309. <u>Findings of dangerous or unfit structures</u>. If after such notice and hearing, the public officer determines that the structure under consideration is dangerous or unfit for human occupation or use, he shall state in writing his findings of fact in support of such determination and shall issue and cause to be served upon the owner thereof an order stating that:
- (1) If the repair, alteration or improvement of the structure can be made at a reasonable cost in relation to the value of the structure (fifty percent (50%) shall be considered a reasonable value), the owner will be required, within the time specified in the order, to repair, alter, or improve such structure to render it safe or fit for human occupation or use, or to vacate and close the structure as a place of human occupation or use; or
- (2) If the repair, alteration or improvement of the structure cannot be made at a reasonable cost in relation to the value of the structure (fifty percent (50%) shall be considered reasonable), the owner will be required, within the time specified in the order, to remove or demolish such structure. (Ord. #89-3, Aug. 1989)
- 13-310. Failure to comply with order of public officer. If the owner fails to comply with an order to repair, alter, or improve, or to vacate and close the structure, the public officer may cause such structure to be repaired, altered or improved, or to be vacated and closed. The public officer may cause to be posted on the main entrance of any structure so closed (or on the most publicly visible point of a structure such as a billboard or a fence) a placard with the following words: "This structure or building is dangerous or unfit for human occupation or use, and the utilization of this structure or building for human occupation or use is prohibited and unlawful." (Ord. #89-3, Aug. 1989)

- **13-311.** Removal or demolition by municipality. If the owner fails to comply with an order to remove or demolish the structures, the public officer may cause such structure to be removed or demolished. (Ord. #89-3, Aug. 1989)
- **13-312.** Recovery of cost and placement of liens. The amount of the cost of such repairs, alterations or improvements, or vacating and closing, or removal or demolition by the public officer shall be a lien against the real property upon which such cost was incurred.
- (1) If the structure is removed or demolished by the public officer, he shall sell the materials of such structure and shall credit the proceeds of such sale against the cost of removal or demolition, and any balance remaining shall be deposited in the chancery court by the public officer; shall be secured in such manner as may be directed by such court, and shall be disbursed by such court to the person found to be entitled thereto by final order or decree of such court.
- (2) Nothing in this section or chapter shall be construed to impair or limit in any way the power of the municipality to define and declare nuisances and to cause their removal or abatement, by summary proceedings or otherwise. (Ord. #89-3, Aug. 1989)
- **13-313.** Allocation of funds for program. The governing body of the municipality shall prepare an estimate of the annual expenses or cost to establish, maintain and administer the program authorized by this chapter, and same shall be allocated and funded as a component of the town's annual general fund budget. (Ord. #89-3, Aug. 1989)
- 13-314. <u>Applicability</u>. The provisions of this chapter extend to all manmade structures within the municipality, including, but not limited to: residential dwelling of abodes; commercial, business or industrial facilities; storage buildings; barns, sheds, and outbuildings; towers; outdoor advertising signs or billboards, and fences. (Ord. #89-3, Aug. 1989)

## **TITLE 14**

# ZONING AND LAND USE CONTROL

# **CHAPTER**

- 1. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION.
- 2. MOBILE HOMES AND TRAVEL TRAILERS.
- 3. FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

## CHAPTER 1

# MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

# **SECTION**

- 14-101. Membership.
- 14-102. Compensation.
- 14-103. Term of office.
- 14-104. Vacancy in office/removal from office.
- 14-101. <u>Membership</u>. The Hollow Rock Municipal Planning Commission shall be comprised of five (5) members. One (1) member shall be the Mayor of the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee, or a person designated by the mayor, and one (1) member shall be a member of the Hollow Rock Board of Aldermen selected by a majority vote of the Town of Hollow Rock Board of Aldermen. All other members shall be appointed by the mayor and board of aldermen. (Ord. #89-7, Nov. 1989)
- **14-102.** <u>Compensation</u>. All members shall serve as such without compensation. (Ord. #89-7, Nov. 1989)
- **14-103.** <u>Term of office</u>. The terms of appointive members shall be four (4) years in duration, provided; however, that the terms shall be arranged so that the term of one (1) member shall expire each year. (Ord. #89-7, Nov. 1989)
- **14-104.** <u>Vacancy in office/removal from office</u>. Any vacancy in an appointed membership shall be filled for the unexpired term by the mayor and board of aldermen, who shall also have authority to remove any appointed member at their pleasure. (Ord. #89-7, Nov. 1989)

## **CHAPTER 2**

# MOBILE HOMES AND TRAVEL TRAILERS

## **SECTION**

- 14-201. Purpose.
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- 14-203. Mobile homes generally.
- 14-204. Mobile home parks.
- 14-205. Grandfather clause.
- 14-206. Signs identifying mobile home parks; minimum requirements.
- 14-201. <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of this legislation is to provide the necessary administrative and legal procedures as required for the placement of mobile homes and travel trailers within the corporate limits of the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee, and providing minimum requirements therefor. (#96-97-2, Oct. 1997)
- **14-202.** <u>**Definitions**</u>. 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:
- (1) "Mobile home." A factory-built residential structure which is constructed on an integral and permanent chassis or under-carriage which includes axles, wheels, and a tongue or hitch. A mobile home is designed for transportation after fabrication on streets and highways on its own wheels or on a flatbed or other trailer for delivery to a mobile home dealer or arriving at the site ready for occupancy, except for minor and incidental unpacking and assembly operations, location on jacks or permanent foundation and connections to utilities. The character of a mobile home as a non-permanent dwelling shall not be changed by removal of the wheels, hitch, and/or carriage, or placement on a permanent foundation.

A mobile home shall not include a double-wide mobile home unit which is ordinarily constructed during the manufacturing process as two (2) matching halves of the same unit, which is then separated for transport to the mobile home dealer or site where the two (2) halves are then re-joined to form a single, integral mobile home unit.

- (2) "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. (Ord. #96-97-2, Oct. 1997)
- **14-203.** <u>Mobile home generally</u>. (1) No house trailer, mobile home, or temporary structure of any type or character shall be parked or placed on land within the corporate limits of the Town of Hollow Rock except as may be hereinafter provided.
- (2) A mobile home or house trailer may be used by a homeowner for up to one (1) year if the permanent structure is damaged by fire or some act of God. Said homeowner must apply and be granted approval by the mayor and board of aldermen. (Ord. #96-97-2, Oct. 1997)
- 14-204. <u>Mobile home parks</u>. No mobile home parks shall be permissible in the Town of Hollow Rock except as may be hereinafter provided. (Ord. #96-97-2, Oct. 1997)
- 14-205. <u>Grandfather clause</u>. All house-trailers or mobile homes presently parked or placed within the Town of Hollow Rock or for which permits have previously been issued shall be lawful if they existed at the time of enacting or the effectiveness of the ordinance comprising this chapter. All house trailers, mobile homes and temporary structures that existed at the time or enacting of the ordinance comprising this chapter may be replaced or upgraded, provided that said replacement or upgrading shall occur within one (1) year of the original house trailer, mobile home or temporary structure's removal.

This grandfather clause shall be construed to allow existing house trailers or mobile homes in the Town of Hollow Rock to be replaced or upgraded within one (1) year after the original house trailer, mobile home, or temporary structure has been removed.

All mobile home parks presently located in the Town of Hollow Rock shall be lawful if they existed at the time of enacting or the effectiveness of the ordinance comprising this chapter. Any permit for a mobile home park issued under ordinance FY 92-1 shall be lawful as long as work has been done towards building the park prior to the enacting or the effectiveness of the ordinance comprising this chapter. (Ord. #96-97-2, Oct. 1997)

14-206. Signs; identifying mobile home parks; minimum requirements. All mobile home parks located within the corporate limits of the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee shall have signs identifying the name of the trailer park posted at all entrances to the trailer park along with the name of the owner of said trailer park located thereon. Each sign shall be a minimum of four (4) feet in length and two (2) feet in width and shall be mounted at a minimum height of four (4) feet from the ground. Said sign should have lettering with a minimum height of six (6) inches on both sides of said sign. (Ord. #96-97-2, Oct. 1997)

## **CHAPTER 3**

# FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE

## **SECTION**

- 14-301. Statutory authorizations, findings of fact, purpose and objectives.
- 14-302. Definitions.
- 14-303. General provisions.
- 14-304. Administration.
- 14-305. Provisions for flood hazard reduction.
- 14-306. Variance procedures.
- 14-307. Legal status provisions.

# 14-301. Statutory authorizations, findings of facts, purpose and objectives. (1) Statutory authorization. The Legislature of the State of Tennessee has in Private Act Charter Chapter 14, 2009.

Delegated the responsibility to units of local government to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry. Therefore, the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee, mayor and its legislative body do ordain as follows.

- (2) <u>Findings of fact</u>. (a) The Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee, mayor and its legislative body wishes to establish eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and in order to do so must meet the NFIP regulations found in title 44 of the <u>Code of Federal Regulations</u> (C.F.R.), ch. 1, section 60.3.
- (b) Areas of the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee are subject to periodic inundation which could result in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base, all or which adversely affect the public health, safety and general welfare.
- (c) Flood losses are caused by the cumulative effect of obstructions in floodplains causing increases in flood heights and velocities; by uses in flood hazard areas which are vulnerable to floods; or construction which is inadequately elevated, floodproofed, or otherwise unprotected from flood damages.
- (3) <u>Statement of purpose</u>. It is the purpose of this ordinance to promote the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas. This ordinance is designed to:
  - (a) Restrict or prohibit uses which are vulnerable to flooding or erosion hazards, or which result in damaging increases in erosion, flood heights, or velocities;

- (b) Require that uses vulnerable to floods, including community facilities, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction:
- (c) Control the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers which are involved in the accommodation of floodwaters;
- (d) Control filling, grading, dredging and other development which may increase flood damage or erosion;
- (e) Prevent or regulate the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert flood waters or which may increase flood hazards to other lands.
- (4) <u>Objectives</u>. The objectives of this ordinance are:
  - (a) To protect human life, health, safety and property;
- (b) To minimize expenditure of public funds for costly flood control projects;
- (c) To minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
  - (d) To minimize prolonged business interruptions;
- (e) To minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone and sewer lines, streets and bridges located in floodprone areas;
- (f) To help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of floodprone areas to minimize blight in flood areas:
- (g) To ensure that potential homebuyers are notified that property is in a floodprone area;
- (h) To establish eligibility for participation in the NFIP. (as added by Ord. #05-10, June 2010)
- **14-302. Definitions**. Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this ordinance shall be interpreted as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give this ordinance its most reasonable application given its stated purpose and objectives.
- (1) "Accessory structure" means a subordinate structure to the principal structure on the same lot and, for the purpose of this ordinance, shall conform to the following:
  - (a) Accessory structures shall only be used for parking of vehicles and storage.
  - (b) Accessory structures shall be designed to have low flood damage potential.
  - (c) Accessory structures shall be constructed and placed on the building site so as to offer the minimum resistance to the flow of floodwaters.

- (d) Accessory structures shall be firmly anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, and lateral movement, which otherwise may result in damage to other structures.
- (e) Utilities and service facilities such as electrical and heating equipment shall be elevated or otherwise protected from intrusion of floodwaters.
- (2) "Addition (to an existing building)" means any walled and roofed expansion to the perimeter or height of a building.
- (3) "Appeal" means a request for a review of the local enforcement officer's interpretation of any provision of this ordinance or a request for a variance.
- (4) "Area of shallow flooding" means a designated AO or AH Zone on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with one percent (1%) or greater annual chance of flooding to an average depth of one to three feet (1'-3') where a clearly defined channel does not exist, where the path of flooding is unpredictable and indeterminate, and where velocity flow may be evident. Such flooding is characterized by ponding or sheet flow.
- (5) "Area of special flood-related erosion hazard" is the land within a community which is most likely to be subject to severe flood-related erosion losses. The area may be designated as Zone E on the Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM). After the detailed evaluation of the special flood-related erosion hazard area in preparation for publication of the FIRM, Zone E may be further refined.
  - (6) "Area of special flood hazard" see "special flood hazard area."
- (7) "Base flood" means the flood having a one percent (1%) chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. This term is also referred to as the 100-year flood or the one percent (1%) annual chance flood.
- (8) "Basement" means any portion of a building having its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all sides.
  - (9) "Building" see "structure."
- (10) "Development" means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including, but not limited to, buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavating, drilling operations, or storage of equipment or materials.
- (11) "Elevated building" means a non-basement building built to have the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area elevated above the ground level by means of solid foundation perimeter walls with openings sufficient to facilitate the unimpeded movement of floodwater, pilings, columns, piers, or shear walls adequately anchored so as not to impair the structural integrity of the building during a base blood event.
- (12) "Emergency flood insurance program" or "emergency program" means the program as implemented on an emergency basis in accordance with section 1336 of the Act. It is intended as a program to provide a first layer

amount of insurance on all insurable structures before the effective date of the initial FIRM.

- (13) "Erosion" means the process of the gradual wearing away of land masses. This peril is not "per se" covered under the program.
- (14) "Exception" means a waiver from the provisions of this ordinance which relieves the applicant from the requirements of a rule, regulation, order or other determination made or issued pursuant to this ordinance.
- (15) "Existing construction" means any structure for which the "start of construction" commenced before the effective date of the initial floodplain management code or ordinance adopted by the community as a basis for that community's participation in the NFIP.
- (16) "Existing manufactured home park or subdivision" means a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed before the effective date of the first flood plain management code or ordinance adopted by the community as a basis for that community's participation in the NFIP.
  - (17) "Existing structures" see "existing construction."
- (18) "Expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision" means the preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads).
- (19) "Flood" or "flooding" means a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from:
  - (a) The overflow of inland or tidal waters.
  - (b) The unusual and rapid accumulation of runoff of surface waters from any source.
- (20) "Flood elevation determination" means a determination by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of the water surface elevations of the base flood, that is, the flood level that has a one percent (1%) or greater chance of occurrence in any given year.
- (21) "Flood elevation study" means an examination, evaluation and determination of flood hazards and, if appropriate, corresponding water surface elevations, or an examination, evaluation and determination of mudslide (i.e., mudflow) or flood-related erosion hazards.
- (22) "Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM)" means an official map of a community, issued by FEMA, where the boundaries of areas of special flood hazard have been designated as Zone A.
- (23) "Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)" means an official map of a community, issued by FEMA, delineating the areas of special flood hazard or the risk premium zones applicable to the community.

- (24) "Flood insurance study" is the official report provided by FEMA, evaluating flood hazards and containing flood profiles and water surface elevation of the base flood.
- (25) "Floodplain" or "floodprone area" means any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source (see definition of "flooding").
- (26) "Floodplain management" means the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works and floodplain management regulations.
- (27) "Flood protection system" means those physical structural works for which funds have been authorized, appropriated, and expended and which have been constructed specifically to modify flooding in order to reduce the extent of the area within a community subject to a "special flood hazard" and the extent of the depths of associated flooding. Such a system typically includes hurricane tidal barriers, dams, reservoirs, levees or dikes. These specialized flood modifying works are those constructed in conformance with sound engineering standards.
- (28) "Floodproofing" means any combination of structural and nonstructural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitary facilities and structures and their contents.
- (29) "Flood-related erosion" means the collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as a flash flood, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event which results in flooding.
- (30) "Flood-related erosion area" or "flood-related erosion prone area" means a land area adjoining the shore of a lake or other body of water, which due to the composition of the shoreline or bank and high water levels or wind-driven currents, is likely to suffer flood-related erosion damage.
- (31) "Flood-related erosion area management" means the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing floodrelated erosion damage, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood-related erosion control works and floodplain management regulations.
- (32) "Floodway" means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height.
- (33) "Freeboard" means a factor of safety usually expressed in feet above a flood level for purposes of floodplain management. "Freeboard" tends to compensate for the many unknown factors that could contribute to flood heights

greater than the height calculated for a selected size flood and floodway conditions, such as wave action, blockage of bridge or culvert openings, and the hydrological effect of urbanization of the watershed.

- (34) "Functionally dependent use" means a use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building and ship repair facilities, but does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities.
- (35) "Highest adjacent grade" means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface, prior to construction, adjacent to the proposed walls of a structure.
  - (36) "Historic structure" means any structure that is:
  - (a) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the U.S. Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;
  - (b) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
  - (c) Individually listed on the Tennessee inventory of historic places and determined as eligible by states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or
  - (d) Individually listed on the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee inventory of historic places and determined as eligible by communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
    - (i) By the approved Tennessee program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior; or
      - (ii) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior.
- (37) "Levee" means a man-made structure, usually an earthen embankment, designed and constructed in accordance with sound engineering practices to contain, control or divert the flow of water so as to provide protection from temporary flooding.
- (38) "Levee system" means a flood protection system which consists of a levee, or levees, and associated structures, such as closure and drainage devices, which are constructed and operated in accordance with sound engineering practices.
- (39) "Lowest floor" means the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area, including a basement. An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure used solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement area is not considered a building's lowest floor; provided, that such enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of this ordinance.

- (40) "Manufactured home" means a structure, transportable in one (1) or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when attached to the required utilities. The term "manufactured home" does not include a "recreational vehicle."
- (41) "Manufactured home park or subdivision" means a parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two (2) or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.
- (42) "Map" means the Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) or the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for a community issued by FEMA.
- (43) "Mean sea level" means the average height of the sea for all stages of the tide. It is used as a reference for establishing various elevations within the floodplain. For the purposes of this ordinance, the term is synonymous with the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929, the North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) of 1988, or other datum, to which base flood elevations shown on a community's flood insurance rate map are referenced.
- (44) "National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD)" means, as corrected in 1929, a vertical control used as a reference for establishing varying elevations within the floodplain.
- (45) "New construction" means any structure for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of the initial floodplain management ordinance and includes any subsequent improvements to such structure.
- (46) "New manufactured home park or subdivision" means a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed on or after the effective date of the ordinance comprising this chapter or the effective date of the initial floodplain management ordinance and includes any subsequent improvements to such structure.
- (47) "North American Vertical Datum (NAVD)" means, as corrected in 1988, a vertical control used as a reference for establishing varying elevations within the floodplain.
  - (48) "100-year flood" see "base flood."
- (49) "Person" includes any individual or group of individuals, corporation, partnership, association, or any other entity, including state and local governments and agencies.
- (50) "Reasonably safe from flooding" means base flood waters will not inundate the land or damage structures to be removed from the special flood hazard area and that any subsurface waters related to the base flood will not damage existing or proposed structures.
  - (51) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicle which is:
    - (a) Built on a single chassis;

- (b) Four hundred (400) square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
- (c) Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck;
- (d) Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.
- (52) "Regulatory floodway" means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height.
- (53) "Riverine" means relating to, formed by, or resembling a river (including tributaries), stream, brook, etc.
- (54) "Special flood hazard area" is the land in the floodplain within a community subject to a one percent (1%) or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The area may be designated as Zone A on the FHBM. After detailed rate making has been completed in preparation for publication of the FIRM Zone A usually is refined into Zones A, AO, AH, A1-30, AE or A99.
- (55) "Special hazard area" means an area having special flood, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) and/or flood-related erosion hazards, and shown on an FHBM or FIRM as Zone A, AO, A1-30, AE, A99, or AH.
- "Start of construction" includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement was within one hundred eighty (180) days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of slabs or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; and includes the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include initial land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds, not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.
- (57) "State coordinating agency" the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's Local Planning Assistance Office, as designated by the Governor of the State of Tennessee at the request of FEMA to assist in the implementation of the NFIP for the state.

- (58) "Structure" for purposes of this ordinance, means a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home.
- (59) "Substantial damage" means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed fifty percent (50%) of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.
- (60) "Substantial improvement" means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, alteration or other improvement of a structure in which the cost equals or exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the initial improvement. This term includes structures which have incurred "substantial damage," regardless of the actual repair work performed. The market value of the structure should be:
  - (a) The appraised value of the structure prior to the start or the initial improvement; or
  - (b) In the case of substantial damage, the value of the structure prior to the damage occurring.

The term does not, however, include either:

- (a) Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been pre-identified by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions and not solely triggered by an improvement or repair project; or
- (b) Any alteration of a "historic structure," provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure."
- (61) "Substantially improved existing manufactured home parks or subdivisions" is where the repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement of the streets, utilities and pads equals or exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the value of the streets, utilities and pads before the repair, reconstruction or improvement commenced.
- (62) "Variance" is a grant of relief from the requirements of this ordinance.
- (63) "Violation" means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's floodplain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certification, or other evidence of compliance required in this ordinance is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.
- (64) "Water surface elevation" means the height, in relation to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1988, or other datum, where specified, of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the floodplains of riverine areas. (as added by Ord. #05-10, June 2010)

- **14-303.** <u>General provisions</u>. (1) <u>Application</u>. This ordinance shall apply to all areas within the incorporated area of the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee.
- (2) <u>Basis for establishing the areas of special flood hazard</u>. The areas of special flood hazard identified on the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee, as identified by FEMA, and in its Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), Community Panel Number 47017C0195C dated March 18, 2008, along with all supporting technical data, are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this ordinance.
- (3) Requirement for development permit. A development permit shall be required in conformity with this ordinance prior to the commencement of any development activities.
- (4) <u>Compliance</u>. No land, structure or use shall be located, extended, converted or structurally altered without full compliance with the terms of this ordinance and other applicable regulations.
- (5) <u>Abrogation and greater restrictions</u>. This ordinance is not intended to repeal, abrogate, or impair any existing easements, covenants or deed restrictions. However, where this ordinance conflicts or overlaps with another regulatory instrument, whichever imposes the more stringent restrictions shall prevail.
- (6) <u>Interpretation</u>. In the interpretation and application of this ordinance, all provisions shall be:
  - (a) Considered as minimum requirements;
  - (b) Liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and
  - (c) Deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under Tennessee statutes.
- (7) Warning and disclaimer of liability. The degree of flood protection required by this ordinance is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. Larger floods can and will occur on rare occasions. Flood heights may be increased by manmade or natural causes. This ordinance does not imply that land outside the areas of special flood hazard or uses permitted within such areas will be free from flooding or flood damages. This ordinance shall not create liability on the part of the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee or by any officer or employee thereof for any flood damages that result from reliance on this ordinance or any administrative decision lawfully made hereunder.
- (8) Penalties for violation. Violation of the provisions of this ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements, including violation of conditions and safeguards established in connection with grants of variance shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable as other misdemeanors as provided by law. Any person who violates this ordinance or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall, upon adjudication therefore, be fined as prescribed by Tennessee statutes, and in addition, shall pay all costs and expenses involved in the case. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate

offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee from taking such other lawful actions to prevent or remedy any violation. (as added by Ord. #05-10, June 2010)

- **14-304.** <u>Administration</u>. (1) <u>Designation of ordinance administrator</u>. The town recorder is hereby appointed as the administrator to implement the provisions of this ordinance.
- (2) Permit procedures. Application for a development permit shall be made to the administrator on forms furnished by the community prior to any development activities. The development permit may include, but is not limited to the following: plans in duplicate drawn to scale and showing the nature, location, dimensions, and elevations of the area in question; existing or proposed structures, earthen fill placement, storage of materials or equipment, and drainage facilities. Specifically, the following information is required:
  - (a) Application stage. (i) Elevation in relation to mean sea level of the proposed lowest floor, including basement, of all buildings where base flood elevations are available, or to certain height above the highest adjacent grade when applicable under this ordinance.
  - (ii) Elevation in relation to mean sea level to which any non-residential building will be floodproofed where base flood elevations are available, or to certain height above the highest adjacent grade when applicable under this ordinance.
  - (iii) A FEMA Floodproofing Certificate from a Tennessee registered professional engineer or architect that the proposed non-residential floodproofed building will meet the floodproofing criteria in § 14-305(1) and (2).
  - (iv) Description of the extent to which any watercourse will be altered or relocated as a result of proposed development.
  - (b) Construction stage. Within AE Zones, where base flood elevation data is available, any lowest floor certification made relative to mean sea level shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision of a Tennessee registered land surveyor and certified by same. The administrator shall record the elevation of the lowest floor on the development permit. When floodproofing is utilized for a non-residential building, said certification shall be prepared by, or under the direct supervision of, a Tennessee registered professional engineer or architect and certified by same.

Within approximate A Zones, where base flood elevation data is not available, the elevation of the lowest floor shall be determined as the measurement of the lowest floor of the building relative to the highest adjacent grade. The administrator shall record the elevation of the elevation of the lowest floor on the development permit. When floodproofing is utilized for a non-residential building, said certification

shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision of a Tennessee registered professional engineer or architect and certified by same.

For all new construction and substantial improvements, the permit holder shall provide to the administrator an as-built certification of the lowest floor elevation or floodproofing level upon the completion of the lowest floor or floodproofing.

Any work undertaken prior to submission of the certification shall be at the permit holder's risk. The administrator shall review the above-referenced certification data. Deficiencies detected by such review shall be corrected by the permit holder immediately and prior to further work being allowed to proceed. Failure to submit the certification or failure to make said corrections required hereby, shall be cause to issue a stop-work order for the project.

- (3) <u>Duties and responsibilities of the administrator</u>. Duties of the administrator shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - (a) Review all development permits to assure that the permit requirements of this ordinance have been satisfied, and that proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding.
  - (b) Review proposed development to assure that all necessary permits have been received from those governmental agencies from which approval is required by federal or state law, including section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, 33 U.S.C. 1334.
  - (c) Notify adjacent communities and the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Local Planning Assistance Office, prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse and submit evidence of such notification to FEMA.
  - (d) For any altered or relocated watercourse, submit engineering data/analysis within six (6) months to FEMA to ensure accuracy of community FIRM's through the letter of map revision process.
  - (e) Assure that the flood carrying capacity within an altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained.
  - (f) Record the elevation, in relation to mean sea level or the highest adjacent grade, where applicable, of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new and substantially improved buildings, in accordance with § 14-304(2).
  - (g) Record the actual elevation, in relation to mean sea level or the highest adjacent grade, where applicable to which the new and substantially improved buildings have been floodproofed, in accordance with § 14-304(2).
  - (h) When floodproofing is utilized for a nonresidential structure, obtain certification of design criteria from a Tennessee registered professional engineer or architect, in accordance with § 14-304(2)

- (i) Where interpretation is needed as to the exact location of boundaries of the areas of special flood hazard (for example, where there appears to be a conflict between a mapped boundary and actual field conditions), make the necessary interpretation. Any person contesting the location of the boundary shall be given a reasonable opportunity to appeal the interpretation as provided in this ordinance.
- (j) When base flood elevation data and floodway data have not been provided by FEMA, obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation and floodway data available from a federal, state, or other sources, including data developed as a result of these regulations, as criteria for requiring that new construction, substantial improvements, or other development in Zone A on the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee FIRM meet the requirements of this ordinance.
- (k) Maintain all records pertaining to the provisions of this ordinance in the office of the administrator and shall be open for public inspection. Permits issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall be maintained in a separate file or marked for expedited retrieval within combined files. (as added by Ord. #05-10, June 2010)
- 14-305. <u>Provisions for flood hazard reduction</u>. (1) <u>General standards</u>. In all areas of special flood hazard, the following provisions are required:
  - (a) New construction and substantial improvements shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse and lateral movement of the structure.
  - (b) Manufactured homes shall be installed using methods and practices that minimize flood damage. They must be elevated and anchored to prevent flotation, collapse and lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This requirement is in addition to applicable State of Tennessee and local anchoring requirements for resisting wind forces.
  - (c) New construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed with materials and utility equipment resistant to flood damage.
  - (d) New construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damage.
  - (e) All electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, air conditioning equipment, and other service facilities shall be designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.
  - (f) New and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system.

- (g) New and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters.
- (h) On-site waste disposal systems shall be located and constructed to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding.
- (i) Any alteration, repair, reconstruction or improvements to a building that is in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, shall meet the requirements of "new construction" as contained in this ordinance.
- (j) Any alteration, repair, reconstruction or improvements to a building that is not in compliance with the provision of this ordinance, shall be undertaken only if said non-conformity is not further extended or replaced.
- (k) All new construction and substantial improvement proposals shall provide copies of all necessary federal and state permits, including section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act amendments of 1972, 33 U.S.C. 1334.
- (l) All subdivision proposals and other proposed new development proposals shall meet the standards of § 14-305(2).
- (m) When proposed new construction and substantial improvements are partially located in an area of special flood hazard, the entire structure shall meet the standards for new construction.
- (n) When proposed new construction and substantial improvements are located in multiple flood hazard risk zones or in a flood hazard risk zone with multiple base flood elevations, the entire structure shall meet the standards for the most hazardous flood hazard risk zone and the highest base flood elevation.
- (2) Specific standards. In all areas of special flood hazard, the following provisions, in addition to those set forth in § 14-305(a), are required:
  - (a) In AE Zones where base flood elevation data is available, new construction and substantial improvement of any residential building (or manufactured home) shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to no lower than one foot (1') above the base flood elevation. Should solid foundation perimeter walls be used to elevate a structure, openings sufficient to facilitate equalization of flood hydrostatic forces on both sides of exterior walls shall be provided in accordance with the standards of this section: "Enclosures."

Within approximate A Zones where base flood elevations have not been established and where alternative data is not available, the administrator shall require the lowest floor of a building to be elevated to a level of at least three feet (3') above the highest adjacent grade (as defined in § 14-302). Should solid foundation perimeter walls be used to elevate a structure, openings sufficient to facilitate equalization of flood

hydrostatic forces on both sides of exterior walls shall be provided in accordance with the standards of this section: "Enclosures."

(b) Non-residential structures. In AE Zones, where base flood elevation data is available, new construction and substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial, or non-residential building, shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated or floodproofed to no lower than one foot (1') above the level of the base flood elevation. Should solid foundation perimeter walls be used to elevate a structure, openings sufficient to facilitate equalization of flood hydrostatic forces on both sides of exterior walls shall be provided in accordance with the standards of this section: "Enclosures."

In approximate A Zones, where base flood elevations have not been established and where alternative data is not available, new construction and substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial, or non-residential building, shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated or floodproofed to no lower than three feet (3') above the highest adjacent grade (as defined in § 14-302). Should solid foundation perimeter walls be used to elevate a structure, openings sufficient to facilitate equalization of flood hydrostatic forces on both sides of exterior walls shall be provided in accordance with the standards of this section: "Enclosures."

Non-residential buildings located in all A Zones may be floodproofed, in lieu of being elevated, provided that all areas of the building below the required elevation are watertight, with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water, and are built with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effects of buoyancy. A Tennessee registered professional engineer or architect shall certify that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practice for meeting the provisions above, and shall provide such certification to the administrator as set forth in § 14-304(2).

- (c) Enclosures. All new construction and substantial improvements that include fully enclosed areas formed by foundation and other exterior walls below the lowest floor that are subject to flooding, shall be designed to preclude finished living space and designed to allow for the entry and exit of flood waters to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls.
  - (i) Designs for complying with this requirement must either be certified by a Tennessee professional engineer or architect or meet or exceed the following minimum criteria.
    - (A) Provide a minimum of two (2) openings having a total net area of not less than one (1) square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding;

- (B) The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot (1') above the finished grade;
- (C) Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves or other coverings or devices provided they permit the automatic flow of flood waters in both directions.
- (ii) The enclosed area shall be the minimum necessary to allow for parking of vehicles, storage or building access.
- (iii) The interior portion of such enclosed area shall not be finished or partitioned into separate rooms in such a way as to impede the movement of flood waters and all such partitions shall comply with the provisions of § 14-305(2).
- (d) Standards for manufactured homes and recreational vehicles. (i) All manufactured homes placed, or substantially improved on:
  - (A) Individual lots or parcels;
  - (B) In expansions to existing manufactured home parks or subdivisions; or
  - (C) In new or substantially improved manufactured home parks or subdivisions, must meet all the requirements of new construction.
- (ii) All manufactured homes placed, or substantially improved on:
  - (A) Individual lots or parcels;
  - (B) In expansions to existing manufactured home parks or subdivisions; or
  - (C) In new or substantially improved manufactured home parks or subdivisions, must meet all the requirements of new construction.
- (ii) All manufactured homes placed or substantially improved in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision must be elevated so that either:
  - (A) In AE Zones with base flood elevations, the lowest floor of the manufactured home is elevated on a permanent foundation to no lower than one foot (1') above the level of the base flood elevation; or
  - (B) In approximate A Zones, without base flood elevations, the manufactured home chassis is elevated and supported by reinforced piers (or other foundation elements of at least equivalent strength) that are at least three feet (3') in height above the highest adjacent grade (as defined in § 14-302).
- (iii) Any manufactured home, which has incurred "substantial damage" as the result of a flood, must meet the standards of § 14-305(1) and (2).

- (iv) All manufactured homes must be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist flotation, collapse and lateral movement.
- (v) All recreational vehicles placed in an identified special flood hazard area must either:
  - (A) Be on the site for fewer than one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days;
  - (B) Be fully licensed and ready for highway use (a recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is licensed, on its wheels or jacking system, attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and security devices, and has no permanently attached structures or additions); or
  - (C) The recreational vehicle must meet all the requirements for new construction.
- (e) Standards for subdivisions and other proposed new development proposals. Subdivisions and other proposed new developments, including manufactured home parks, shall be reviewed to determine whether such proposals will be reasonably safe from flooding.
  - (i) All subdivision and other proposed new development proposals shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage.
  - (ii) All subdivision and other proposed new development proposals shall have public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical and water systems located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage.
  - (iii) All subdivision and other proposed new development proposals shall have adequate drainage provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.
  - (iv) In all approximate A Zones require that all new subdivision proposals and other proposed developments (including proposals for manufactured home parks and subdivisions) greater than fifty (50) lots or five (5) acres, whichever is the lesser, include within such proposals base flood elevation data (see § 14-305(5)).
- (3) Standards for special flood hazard areas with established base flood elevations and with floodways designated. Located within the special flood hazard areas established in § 14-303(2), are areas designated as floodways. A floodway may be an extremely hazardous area due to the velocity of floodwaters, debris or erosion potential. In addition, the area must remain free of encroachment in order to allow for the discharge of the base flood without increased flood heights and velocities. Therefore, the following provisions shall apply:
  - (a) Encroachments are prohibited, including earthen fill material, new construction, substantial improvements or other development within the regulatory floodway. Development may be

permitted however, provided it is demonstrated through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practices that the cumulative effect of the proposed encroachments or new development shall not result in any increase in the water surface elevation of the base flood elevation, velocities, or floodway widths during the occurrence of a base flood discharge at any point within the community. A Tennessee registered professional engineer must provide supporting technical data, using the same methodologies as in the effective flood insurance study for the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee and certification, thereof.

- (b) New construction and substantial improvements of buildings, where permitted, shall comply with all applicable flood hazard reduction provisions of § 14-305(1) and (2).
- (4) <u>Standards for areas of special flood hazard Zones AE with established base flood elevations but without floodways designated</u>. Located within the special flood hazard areas established in § 14-303(2), where streams exist with base flood data provided but where no floodways have been designated (Zones AE), the following provisions apply:
  - (a) No encroachments, including fill material, new construction and substantial improvements shall be located within areas of special flood hazard, unless certification by a Tennessee registered professional engineer is provided demonstrating that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot (1') at any point within the community. The engineering certification should be supported by technical data that conforms to standard hydraulic engineering principles.
  - (b) New construction and substantial improvements of buildings, where permitted shall comply with all applicable flood hazard reduction provisions of § 14-305(1) and (2).
- (5) <u>Standards for streams without established base flood elevations and floodways (A Zones)</u>. Located within the special flood hazard areas established in § 14-303(2), where streams exist, but no base flood data has been provided and where a floodway has not been delineated, the following provisions shall apply:
  - (a) The administrator shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation and floodway data available from any federal, state, or other sources, including data developed as a result of these regulations (see (b) below), as criteria for requiring that new construction, substantial improvements, or other development in approximate A Zones meet the requirements of § 14-305(1) and (2).
  - (b) Require that all new subdivision proposals and other proposed developments (including proposals for manufactured home parks and subdivisions) greater than fifty (50) lots or five (5) acres,

whichever is lesser, include within such proposals base flood elevation data

- (c) Within approximate A Zones, where base flood elevations have not been established and where such data is not available from other sources, require the lowest floor of a building to be elevated or floodproofed to a level of at least three feet (3') above the highest adjacent grade (as defined in § 14-302). All applicable data including elevations or floodproofing certifications shall be recorded as set forth in § 14-304(2). Openings sufficient to facilitate automatic equalization of hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls shall be provided in accordance with the standards of § 14-305(2).
- (d) Within approximate A Zones, where base flood elevations have not been established and where such data is not available from other sources, no encroachments, including structures or fill material, shall be located within an area equal to the width of the stream or twenty feet (20') whichever is greater, measured from the top of the stream bank, unless certification by a Tennessee registered professional engineer is provided demonstrating that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot (1') at any point within the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee. The engineering certification should be supported by technical data that conforms to standard hydraulic engineering principles.
- (e) New construction and substantial improvements of buildings, where permitted shall comply with all applicable flood hazard reduction provisions of § 14-305(1) and (2). Within approximate A Zones, require that those subsections of § 14-305(2) dealing with the alteration or relocation of a watercourse, assuring watercourse carrying capacities are maintained and manufactured homes provisions are complied with as required.
- (6) Standards for areas of shallow flooding (AO and AH Zones). Located within the special flood hazard areas established in § 14-303(2), are areas designated as shallow flooding areas. These areas have special flood hazards associated with base flood depths of one foot (1') to three feet (3') where a clearly defined channel does not exist and where the path of flooding is unpredictable and indeterminate; therefore, the following provisions, in addition to those set forth in § 14-305(1) and (2) apply:
  - (a) All new construction and substantial improvements of residential and non-residential buildings shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to at least one foot (1') above as many feet as the depth number specified on the FIRMs, in feet, above the highest adjacent grade. If no flood depth number is specified on the FIRM, the lowest floor, including basement, shall be elevated to at least three feet (3') above the highest adjacent grade. Openings sufficient to facilitate

automatic equalization of hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls shall be provided in accordance with standards of § 14-305(2).

- (b) All new construction and substantial improvements of non-residential buildings may be floodproofed in lieu of elevation. The structure together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities must be floodproofed and designed watertight to be completely floodproofed to at least one foot (1') above the flood depth number specified on the FIRM, with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effects of buoyancy. If no depth number is specified on the FIRM, the structure shall be floodproofed to at least three feet (3') above the highest adjacent grade. A Tennessee registered professional engineer or architect shall certify that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practice for meeting the provisions of this ordinance and shall provide such certification to the administrator as set forth above and as required in accordance with § 14-304(2).
- (c) Adequate drainage paths shall be provided around slopes to guide flood waters around and away from proposed structures.
- (7) <u>Standards for areas protected by flood protection system (A99 Zones.</u> Located within the areas of special flood hazard established in § 14-303(2), are areas of the 100-year floodplain protected by a flood protection system but where base flood elevations have not been determined. Within these areas (A-99 Zones) all provisions of §§ 14-304 and 14-305 shall apply.
- (8) <u>Standards for unmapped streams</u>. Located within the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee, are unmapped streams where areas of special flood hazard are neither indicated nor identified. Adjacent to such streams, the following provisions shall apply:
  - (a) No encroachments including fill material or other development including structures shall be located within an area of at least equal to twice the width of the stream, measured from the top of each stream bank, unless certification by a Tennessee registered professional engineer is provided demonstrating that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot (1') at any point within the locality.
  - (b) When a new flood hazard risk zone, and base flood elevation and floodway data is available, new construction and substantial improvements shall meet the standards established in accordance with §§ 14-304 and 14-305. (as added by Ord. #05-10, June 2010)

# **14-306.** Variance procedures. (1) Board of floodplain review.

- (a) Creation and appointment. A board of floodplain review is hereby established which shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the chief executive officer. The term of membership shall be four (4) years except that the initial individual appointments to the board of floodplain review shall be terms of one (1), two (2), and three (3) years, respectively. Vacancies shall be filled for any unexpired term by the chief executive officer.
- (b) Procedure. Meetings of the board of floodplain review shall be held at such times, as the board shall determine. All meetings of the board of floodplain review shall be open to the public. The board of floodplain review shall adopt rules of procedure and shall keep records of applications and actions thereof, which shall be a public record. Compensation of the members of the board of floodplain review shall be set by the legislative body.
- Appeals; how taken. An appeal to the board of floodplain review may be taken by any person, firm or corporation aggrieved or by any governmental officer, department, or bureau affected by any decision of the administrator based in whole or in part upon the provisions of this ordinance. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the board of floodplain review a notice of appeal, specifying the grounds thereof. In all cases where an appeal is made by a property owner or other interested party, a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) for the cost of publishing a notice of such hearings shall be paid by the appellant. The administrator shall transmit to the board of floodplain review all papers constituting the record upon which the appeal action was taken. The board of floodplain review shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing of the appeal, give public notice thereof, as well as due notice to parties in interest and decide the same within a reasonable time which shall not be more than fifteen (15) days from the date of the hearing. At the hearing, any person or party may appear and be heard in person or by agent or by attorney.
- (d) Powers. The board of floodplain review shall have the following powers:
  - (i) Administrative review. To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged by the applicant that there is error in any order, requirement, permit, decision, determination, or refusal made by the administrator or other administrative official in carrying out or enforcement of any provisions of this ordinance.
  - (ii) Variance procedures. In the case of a request for a variance the following shall apply:
    - (A) The Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee Board of Floodplain Review shall hear and decide appeals and requests for variances from the requirements of this ordinance.

- (B) Variances may be issued for the repair or rehabilitation of historic structures as defined, herein, upon a determination that the proposed repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure and the variance is the minimum necessary deviation from the requirements of this ordinance to preserve the historic character and design of the structure.
- (C) In passing upon such applications, the board of floodplain review shall consider all technical evaluations, all relevant factors, all standards specified in other sections of this ordinance; and:
  - (1) The danger that materials may be swept onto other property to the injury of others;
  - (2) The danger to life and property due to flooding or erosion;
  - (3) The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage;
  - (4) The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the community;
  - (5) The necessity of the facility to a waterfront location, in the case of a functionally dependent use;
  - (6) The availability of alternative locations, not subject to flooding or erosion damage, for the proposed use;
  - (7) The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan and floodplain management program for that area;
  - (8) The safety of access to the property in times of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles;
  - (9) The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise and sediment transport of the flood waters and the effects of wave action, if applicable, expected at the site;
  - (10) The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions including maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, water systems, and streets and bridges.
- (D) Upon consideration of the factors listed above, and the purposes of this ordinance, the board of floodplain review may attach such conditions to the granting of

variances, as it deems necessary to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance.

- (E) Variances shall not be issued within any designated floodway if any increase in flood levels during the base flood discharge would result.
- (2) <u>Conditions for variances</u>. (a) Variances shall be issued upon a determination that the variance is the minimum relief necessary, considering the flood hazard and the factors listed in § 14-306(1).
- (b) Variances shall only be issued upon a showing of good and sufficient cause, a determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship; or a determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, create nuisance, cause fraud on or victimization of the public, or conflict with existing local laws or ordinances.
- (c) Any applicant to whom a variance is granted shall be given written notice that the issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the base flood elevation will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance (as high as twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for one hundred dollars (\$100.00)) coverage, and that such construction below the base flood elevation increases risks to life and property.
- (d) The administrator shall maintain the records of all appeal actions and report any variances to FEMA upon request. (as added by Ord. #05-10, June 2010)
- **14-307.** <u>Legal status provisions</u>. (1) <u>Conflict with other ordinances</u>. In case of conflict between this ordinance or any part thereof, and the whole or part of any existing or future ordinance of the Town of Hollow Rock, Tennessee, the most restrictive shall in all cases apply.
- (2) <u>Severability</u>. If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this ordinance which is not of itself invalid or unconstitutional. (as added by Ord. #05-10, June 2010)

## TITLE 15

# MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING<sup>1</sup>

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## **CHAPTER 1**

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

- **15-101.** <u>Motor vehicle requirements</u>. 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 by <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, title 55, chapter 9. (1983 Code, § 9-101)
- **15-102.** <u>Driving on streets closed for repairs, etc</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 9-106)
- **15-103.** <u>One-way streets</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 9-109)
- **15-104.** <u>Unlaned streets</u>. (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 municipality 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. (1983 Code, § 9-110)
- 15-105. <u>Laned streets</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 9-111)

**15-106.** <u>Yellow lines</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 9-112)

**15-107.** <u>Miscellaneous traffic-control signs, etc</u>.¹ 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 municipality unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

It shall be unlawful for any pedestrian or the operator of any vehicle to willfully violate or fail to comply with the reasonable directions of any police officer. (1983 Code, § 9-113)

- 15-108. General requirements for traffic-control signs, etc. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-5-108, all traffic control signs, signals, markings, and devices shall conform to the latest revision of the Tennessee Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, and shall be uniform as to type and location throughout the city. (1983 Code, § 9-114, modified)
- 15-109. <u>Unauthorized traffic-control signs, etc.</u> No person shall place, maintain, or display upon or in view of any street, any unauthorized sign, 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. (1983 Code, § 9-115)
- 15-110. 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 authority. All presently installed traffic-control signs, signals, markings and devices are hereby expressly authorized, ratified, approved and made official. (1983 Code, § 9-116)
- **15-111.** <u>School safety patrols</u>. All motorists and pedestrians shall obey the directions or signals of school safety patrols when such patrols are assigned under the authority of the chief of police and are acting in accordance with instructions; provided, that such persons giving any order, signal, or direction

Stop signs, yield signs, flashing signals, pedestrian control signs, traffic control signals generally: §§ 15-505--15-509.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

shall at the time be wearing some insignia and/or using authorized flags for giving signals. (1983 Code, § 9-117)

- 15-112. <u>Driving through funerals or other processions</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 9-118)
- **15-113.** 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. (1983 Code, § 9-120)
- **15-114.** 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. (1983 Code, § 9-121)
- 15-115. <u>Backing vehicles</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 9-122)
- 15-116. <u>Projections from the rear of vehicles</u>. 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 (½) hour after sunset and one-half (½) 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. (1983 Code, § 9-123)
- **15-117.** <u>Causing unnecessary noise</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 9-124)
- **15-118.** <u>Vehicles and operators to be licensed</u>. 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." (1983 Code, § 9-125)

15-119. <u>Passing</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 9-126)

- **15-120.** <u>Damaging pavements</u>. No person shall operate or cause to be operated upon any street of the municipality 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. (1983 Code, § 9-119)
- **15-121.** <u>Bicycle riders, etc</u>. Every person riding or operating a bicycle, motorcycle, or motor driven cycle shall be subject to the provisions of all traffic ordinances, rules, and regulations 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 bicycles, motorcycles, or motor driven cycles.

No person operating or riding a bicycle, motorcycle, or motor driven cycle shall ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, nor shall the operator carry any other person upon such vehicle other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat thereon.

No bicycle, motorcycle, or motor driven cycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

No person operating a bicycle, motorcycle, or motor driven cycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the rider from keeping both hands upon the handlebar.

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

All motorcycles and motor driven cycles operated on public ways within the corporate limits shall be equipped with crash bars approved by the state's commissioner of safety.

Each driver of a motorcycle or motor driven cycle and any passenger thereon shall be required to wear on his head a crash helmet of a type approved by the state's commissioner of safety.

Every motorcycle or motor driven cycle operated upon any public way within the corporate limits shall be equipped with a windshield of a type approved by the state's commissioner of safety, or, in the alternative, the operator and any passenger on any such motorcycle or motor driven cycle shall be required to wear safety goggles of a type approved by the state's commissioner of safety for the purpose of preventing any flying object from striking the operator or any passenger in the eyes.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or ride on any vehicle in violation of this section and it shall also be unlawful for any parent or guardian knowingly to permit any minor to operate a motorcycle or motor driven cycle in violation of this section. (1983 Code, § 9-127)

# **EMERGENCY VEHICLES**

## **SECTION**

- 15-201. Authorized emergency vehicles defined.
- 15-202. Operation of authorized emergency vehicles.
- 15-203. Following emergency vehicles.
- 15-204. Running over fire hoses, etc.
- **15-201.** <u>Authorized emergency vehicles defined</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 9-102)
- 15-202. Operation of authorized emergency vehicles. (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 five hundred (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 safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequences of his reckless disregard for the safety of others. (1983 Code, § 9-103)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Operation of other vehicle upon the approach of emergency vehicles: § 15-501.

- **15-203.** <u>Following emergency vehicles</u>. 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 such vehicle within the block where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm. (1983 Code, § 9-104)
- **15-204.** 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. (1983 Code, § 9-105)

# SPEED LIMITS

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- 15-301. In general.
- 15-302. At intersections.
- 15-303. In school zones.
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- **15-301.** <u>In general</u>. 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 twenty (20) miles per hour except where official signs have been posted indicating other speed limits, in which cases the posted speed limit shall apply. (1983 Code, § 9-201, as amended by Ord. #95-96-3, Feb. 1996)
- 15-302. <u>At intersections</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 9-202)
- 15-303. <u>In school zones</u>. Generally, pursuant to <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 55-8-152, special speed limits in school zones shall be enacted based on an engineering investigation; shall not be less than fifteen (15) miles per hour; and shall be in effect only when proper signs are posted with a warning flasher or flashers in operation. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any such special speed limit enacted and in effect in accordance with this paragraph.

When the governing body has not established special sped limits as provided for above, any person who shall drive at a speed exceeding fifteen (15) miles per hour when passing a school during a recess period when a warning flasher or flashers are in operation, or during a period of ninety (90) minutes before the opening hour of a school or a period of ninety (90) minutes after the closing hour of a school, while children are actually going to or leaving school, shall be prima facie guilty of reckless driving. (1983 Code, § 9-203, modified)

**15-304.** <u>In congested areas</u>. 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 municipality. (1983 Code, § 9-204)

# TURNING MOVEMENTS

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- 15-402. Right turns.
- 15-403. Left turns on two-way roadways.
- 15-404. Left turns on other than two-way roadways.
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- 15-401. <u>Generally</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 9-301)
- **15-402.** <u>Right turns</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 9-302)
- **15-403.** <u>Left turns on two-way roadways</u>. 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 line of the two roadways. (1983 Code, § 9-303)
- 15-404. <u>Left turns on other than two-way roadways</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 9-304)
  - **15-405.** U-turns. U-turns are prohibited. (1983 Code, § 9-305)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-143.

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- **15-501.** 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. (1983 Code, § 9-402)
- 15-502. 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 street or crosswalk. This provision shall be effective notwithstanding any traffic-control signal indication to proceed. (1983 Code, § 9-403)
- **15-503.** 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 one thousand five hundred (1,500) 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. (1983 Code, § 9-404)

- **15-504.** 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. (1983 Code, § 9-405)
- 15-505. 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. (1983 Code, § 9-406)
- **15-506.** 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 a right turn on a red signal shall be permitted at all intersections within the municipality, 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 will 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 municipality 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. (1983 Code, § 9-407)
- **15-507.** 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 municipality it shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:
  - (a) <u>Flashing red (stop signal)</u>. 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) <u>Flashing yellow (caution signal)</u>. When a yellow lens is illuminated with intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection 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 § 15-504 of this code. (1983 Code, § 9-408)
- **15-508.** At pedestrian control signals. Wherever special pedestrian control signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or "Wait" or "Don't Walk" have been placed or erected by the municipality, such signals shall apply as follows:
- (1) "Walk." Pedestrians facing such signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right of way by the drivers of all vehicles.
- (2) "Wait or Don't Walk." No pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of such signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed his crossing on the walk signal shall proceed to the nearest sidewalk or safety zone while the wait signal is showing. (1983 Code, § 9-409)

**15-509.** 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, except in an emergency. (1983 Code, § 9-410)

<sup>1</sup>State law reference <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 55-8-143.

# **PARKING**

## **SECTION**

- 15-601. Generally.
- 15-602. Angle parking.
- 15-603. Occupancy of more than one space.
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**15-601.** <u>Generally</u>. 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 municipality 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 municipality 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 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. (1983 Code, § 9-501)

- **15-602.** Angle parking. On those streets which have been signed or marked by the municipality 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 angle park any vehicle which has a trailer attached thereto or which has a length in excess of twenty-four (24) feet. (1983 Code, § 9-502)
- **15-603.** 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. (1983 Code, § 9-503)

- **15-604.** Where prohibited. No person shall park a vehicle in violation of any sign placed or erected by the state or municipality, 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 municipality.
  - (12) Along the shoulder of Highway 70 extending west from the present Hollow Rock Town Hall (Log Mile 27.9) to the western town limits boundary (Log Mile 28.06).
  - (13) Along the shoulder of Highway 70 extending west from Dodd Street to the present Hollow Rock Town Hall (Log Mile 27.9). (1983 Code, § 9-504, as amended by Ord. #1999-2000-01, Aug. 1999, and Ord. #99-00-03, March 2000)
- **15-605.** <u>Loading and unloading zones</u>. 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 municipality as a loading and unloading zone. (1983 Code, § 9-505)
- **15-606.** <u>Presumption with respect to illegal parking</u>. When any unoccupied vehicle is found parked 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. (1983 Code, § 9-506)

# **ENFORCEMENT**

## **SECTION**

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- 15-704. Impoundment of vehicles.
- 15-705. Disposal of abandoned motor vehicles.
- 15-706. Deposit of driver's license in lieu of bail.
- 15-707. Violation and penalty.
- 15-701. <u>Issuance of traffic citations</u>.<sup>1</sup> 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 town 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. (1983 Code, § 9-601)
- **15-702.** <u>Failure to obey citation</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 9-602)
- 15-703. <u>Illegal parking</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 9-603, modified)
- **15-704.** <u>Impoundment of vehicles</u>. Members of the police department are hereby authorized, when reasonably necessary for the security of the vehicle

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 7-63-101, et seq.

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 otherwise lawfully disposed of. The fee for impounding a vehicle shall be five dollars (\$5.00) 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. (1983 Code, § 9-604)

- **15-705.** <u>Disposal of abandoned motor vehicles.</u> "Abandoned motor vehicles," as defined in <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 55-16-103, shall be impounded and disposed of by the police department in accordance with the provisions of <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, §§ 55-16-103 through 55-16-109. (1983 Code, § 9-605)
- Annotated, §§ 55-50-801 through 55-50-805 are adopted as to all of these provisions pertaining to municipalities so as to provide for the deposit of a chauffeurs's or operator's license for a moving violation in lieu of giving bail and to further provide that the person charged shall be issued a receipt for said license upon a form approved by the Department of Safety for the State of Tennessee, so as to allow any person charged with a violation of a vehicular ordinance of the Town of Hollow Rock so as to confer upon such person the rights and privileges set forth by said public law. (Ord. #83-3, April 1983)
- **15-707.** <u>Violation and penalty</u>. Any violation of this title shall be a civil offense punishable as follows: (1) <u>Traffic citations</u>. Traffic citations shall be punishable by a civil penalty up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each separate offense.
- (2) <u>Parking violations</u>. The offender may waive his right to a judicial hearing and have the charges disposed of out of court, but the fines shall be three dollars (\$3.00) within ten (10) days and five dollars (\$5.00) thereafter.

#### **TITLE 16**

# STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, ETC<sup>1</sup>

## **CHAPTER**

- 1. MISCELLANEOUS.
- 2. EXCAVATIONS AND CUTS.

# CHAPTER 1

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

## **SECTION**

- 16-101. Obstructing streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.
- 16-102. Trees projecting over streets, etc., regulated.
- 16-103. Trees, etc., obstructing view at intersections prohibited.
- 16-104. Banners and signs across streets and alleys restricted.
- 16-105. Gates or doors opening over streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.
- 16-106. Littering streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.
- 16-107. Obstruction of drainage ditches.
- 16-108. Abutting occupants to keep sidewalks clean, etc.
- 16-109. Animals and vehicles on sidewalks.
- 16-110. Fires in streets, etc.
- **16-101.** 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. (1983 Code, § 12-101)
- **16-102.** 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 out over any street, alley at a height of less than fourteen (14) feet or over any sidewalk at a height of less than eight (8) feet. (1983 Code, § 12-102)
- 16-103. <u>Trees, etc., obstructing view at intersections prohibited</u>. 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 driving vehicles on public streets or alleys from obtaining a clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection. (1983 Code, § 12-103)

Related motor vehicle and traffic regulations: title 15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

- 16-104. 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 any public street or alley except when expressly authorized by the governing body after a finding that no hazard will be created by such banner or sign. (1983 Code, § 12-104)
- 16-105. <u>Gates or doors opening over streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited</u>. 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 statute. (1983 Code, § 12-105)
- 16-106. <u>Littering streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 12-106)
- **16-107.** Obstruction of drainage ditches. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or cause the obstruction of any drainage ditch in any public right of way. (1983 Code, § 12-107)
- **16-108.** 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. (1983 Code, § 12-108)
- **16-109.** 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 to unreasonably interfere with or inconvenience pedestrians using the sidewalk. It shall also be unlawful for any person knowingly to allow any minor under his control to violate this section. (1983 Code, § 12-110)
- **16-110.** 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. (1983 Code, § 12-111)

# **EXCAVATIONS AND CUTS**

## **SECTION**

- 16-201. Permit required.
- 16-202. Applications.
- 16-203. Fee.
- 16-204. Deposit or bond.
- 16-205. Manner of excavating--barricades and lights--temporary sidewalks.
- 16-206. Restoration of streets, etc.
- 16-207. Insurance.
- 16-208. Time limits.
- 16-209. Supervision.
- 16-210. Driveway curb cuts.
- 16-201. 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 retroactive to the date when the work was begun. (1983 Code, § 12-201)
- 16-202. <u>Applications</u>. Applications for such permits shall be made to the secretary, 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 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. (1983 Code, § 12-202)
- **16-203.** <u>Fee</u>. 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 (\$.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. (1983 Code, § 12-203)

16-204. 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 secretary may increase the amount of the deposit to an amount considered by him to be adequate to cover the cost. From this deposit shall be deducted the expense to the municipality of relaying the surface of the ground or pavement, and of making the refill if this is done by the city 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 secretary a surety bond in such form and amount as the secretary shall deem adequate to cover the costs to the municipality if the applicant fails to make proper restoration. (1983 Code, § 12-204)

16-205. 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. (1983 Code, § 12-205)

16-206. 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 municipality, but shall be paid for by such person, firm, corporation, association, or others promptly upon the completion of the work 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 municipality 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 municipality, 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. (1983 Code, § 12-206)

- **16-207. 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 shall not be less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) for bodily injury or death of any one (1) person in any one (1) accident, occurrence or act, and not less than seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00) for bodily injury or death of all persons in any one (1) accident, occurrence or act, and one hundred thousands dollars (\$100,000.00) for injury or destruction of property of others in any one (1) accident, occurrence, or act. (1983 Code, § 12-207, modified)
- 16-208. <u>Time limits</u>. 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 municipality if the municipality 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 secretary. (1983 Code, § 12-208)
- **16-209.** <u>Supervision</u>. The secretary 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 municipality 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. (1983 Code, § 12-209)
- 16-210. <u>Driveway curb cuts</u>. No one shall cut, build, or maintain a driveway across a curb or sidewalk without first obtaining a permit from the secretary. 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 the driveways. Driveway aprons shall not extend out into the street. (1983 Code, § 12-210)

## **TITLE 17**

# REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL<sup>1</sup>

## **CHAPTER**

1. REFUSE.

## CHAPTER 1

# **REFUSE**

# **SECTION**

- 17-101. Refuse defined.
- 17-102. Premises to be kept clean.
- 17-103. Storage.
- 17-104. Location of containers.
- 17-105. Disturbing containers.
- 17-106. Collection.
- 17-107. Collection vehicles.
- 17-108. Disposal.
- 17-109. Garbage collection fee.
- 17-101. <u>Refuse defined</u>. Refuse shall mean and include garbage, and 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. (1983 Code, § 8-201)
- 17-102. <u>Premises to be kept clean</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 8-202)
- 17-103. Storage. Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within this municipality 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 municipality handles mechanically. Furthermore, except for containers which

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

the municipality 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. (1983 Code, § 8-203)

- 17-104. <u>Location of containers</u>. Where alleys are used by the city 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 city 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 is 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. (1983 Code, § 8-204)
- 17-105. <u>Disturbing containers</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 8-205)
- **17-106.** <u>Collection</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 8-206)
- 17-107. <u>Collection vehicles</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 8-207)
- 17-108. <u>Disposal</u>. 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. (1983 Code, § 8-208)

**17-109.** <u>Garbage collection fee</u>. A mandatory garbage fee will be charged each household within the town limits; due to hauling to out of town landfill. Fee is billed monthly at the same time as the water. Fee will be set by board of mayor and aldermen. (Ord. #9-88, Sept. 1988)

#### **TITLE 18**

# WATER AND SEWERS<sup>1</sup>

## **CHAPTER**

- 1. SEWAGE AND HUMAN EXCRETA DISPOSAL.
- 2. CROSS CONNECTIONS, AUXILIARY INTAKES, ETC.
- 3. WATER SERVICE.

## CHAPTER 1

# SEWAGE AND HUMAN EXCRETA DISPOSAL

## **SECTION**

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- 18-107. Approval and permit required for septic tanks, privies, etc.
- 18-108. Owner to provide disposal facilities.
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- 18-110. Only specified methods of disposal to be used.
- 18-111. Discharge into watercourses restricted.
- 18-112. Pollution of ground water prohibited.
- 18-113. Enforcement of chapter.
- 18-114. Carnivals, circuses, etc.
- 18-115. Violations.
- **18-101. Definitions**. The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation of this chapter:
- (1) "Accessible sewer." A public sanitary sewer located in a street or alley abutting on the property in question or otherwise within two hundred (200) feet of any boundary of said property measured along the shortest available right-of-way;
- (2) "Health officer." The person duly appointed to such position having jurisdiction, or any person or persons authorized to act as his agent;
- (3) "Human excreta." The bowel and kidney discharges of human beings;

<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references Refuse disposal: title 17.

- (4) "Sewage." All water-carried human and household wastes from residences, buildings, or industrial establishments;
- "Approved septic tank system." A watertight covered receptacle of monolithic concrete, either precast or cast in place, constructed according to plans approved by the health officer. Such tanks shall have a capacity of not less than seven hundred fifty (750) gallons and in the case of homes with more than two (2) bedrooms the capacity of the tank shall be in accordance with the recommendations of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation as provided for in its 1967 bulletin entitled "Recommended Guide for Location, Design, and Construction of Septic Tanks and Disposal Fields." A minimum liquid depth of four (4) feet should be provided with a minimum depth of air space above the liquid of one (1) foot. The septic tank dimensions should be such that the length from inlet to outlet is at least twice but not more than three (3) times the width. The liquid depth should not exceed five (5) feet. The discharge from the septic tank shall be disposed of in such a manner that it may not create a nuisance on the surface of the ground or pollute the underground water supply, and such disposal shall be in accordance with recommendations of the health officer as determined by acceptable soil percolation data;
- (6) "Sanitary pit privy." A privy having a fly-tight floor and seat over an excavation in earth, located and constructed in such a manner that flies and animals will be excluded, surface water may not enter the pit, and danger of pollution of the surface of the ground or the underground water supply will be prevented;
- (7) "Other approved method of sewage disposal." Any privy, chemical toilet, or other toilet device (other than a sanitary sewer, septic tank, or sanitary pit privy as described above) the type, location, and construction of which have been approved by the health officer;
- (8) "Watercourse." Any natural or artificial drain which conveys water either continuously or intermittently. (1983 Code, § 8-301)
- 18-102. <u>Places required to have sanitary disposal methods</u>. Every residence, building, or place where human beings reside, assemble, or are employed within the corporate limits shall be required to have a sanitary method for disposal of sewage and human excreta. (1983 Code, § 8-302)
- 18-103. When a connection to the public sewer is required. Wherever an accessible sewer exists and water under pressure is available, approved plumbing facilities shall be provided and the wastes from such facilities shall be discharged through a connection to said sewer made in compliance with the requirements of the official responsible for the public sewerage system. On any lot or premise accessible to the sewer no other method of sewage disposal shall be employed. (1983 Code, § 8-303)

18-104. When a septic tank shall be used. Wherever water carried sewage facilities are installed and their use is permitted by the health officer, and an accessible sewer does not exist, the wastes from such facilities shall be discharged into an approved septic tank system.

No septic tank or other water-carried sewage disposal system except a connection to a public sewer shall be installed without the approval of the health officer or his duly appointed representative. The design, layout, and construction of such systems shall be in accordance with specifications approved by the health officer and the installation shall be under the general supervision of the department of health. (1983 Code, § 8-304)

- 18-105. Registration and records of septic tank cleaners, etc. Every person, firm, or corporation who operates equipment for the purpose of removing digested sludge from septic tanks, cesspools, privies, and other sewage disposal installations on private or public property must register with the health officer and furnish such records of work done within the corporate limits as may be deemed necessary by the health officer. (1983 Code, § 8-305)
- 18-106. <u>Use of pit privy or other method of disposal</u>. Wherever a sanitary method of human excreta disposal is required under § 18-102 and water-carried sewage facilities are not used, a sanitary pit privy or other approved method of disposal shall be provided. (1983 Code, § 8-306)
- 18-107. Approval and permit required for septic tanks, privies, etc. Any person, firm, or corporation proposing to construct a septic tank system, privy, or other sewage disposal facility, requiring the approval of the health officer under this chapter, shall before the initiation of construction obtain the approval of the health officer for the design and location of the system and secure a permit from the health officer for such system. (1983 Code, § 8-307)
- **18-108.** Owner to provide disposal facilities. It shall be the duty of the owner of any property upon which facilities for sanitary sewage or human excreta disposal are required by § 18-102, or the agent of the owner to provide such facilities. (1983 Code, § 8-308)
- **18-109.** Occupant to maintain disposal facilities. It shall be the duty of the occupant, tenant, lessee, or other person in charge to maintain the facilities for sewage disposal in a clean and sanitary condition at all times and no refuse or other material which may unduly fill up, clog, or otherwise interfere with the operation of such facilities shall be deposited therein. (1983 Code, § 8-309)

- **18-110.** Only specified methods of disposal to be used. No sewage or human excreta shall be thrown out, deposited, buried, or otherwise disposed of, except by a sanitary method of disposal as specified in this chapter. (1983 Code, § 8-310)
- **18-111.** <u>Discharge into watercourses restricted</u>. No sewage or excreta shall be discharged or deposited into any lake or watercourse except under conditions specified by the health officer and specifically authorized by the Tennessee Stream Pollution Control Board. (1983 Code, § 8-311)
- 18-112. <u>Pollution of ground water prohibited</u>. No sewage, effluent from a septic tank, sewage treatment plant, or discharges from any plumbing facility shall empty into any well, cistern, sinkhole, crevice, ditch, or other opening either natural or artificial in any formation which may permit the pollution of ground water. (1983 Code, § 8-312)
- 18-113. Enforcement of chapter. It shall be the duty of the health officer to make an inspection of the methods of disposal of sewage and human excreta as often as is considered necessary to insure full compliance with the terms of this chapter. Written notification of any violation shall be given by the health officer to the person or persons responsible for the correction of the condition, and correction shall be made within forty-five (45) days after notification. If the health officer shall advise any person that the method by which human excreta and sewage is being disposed of constitutes an immediate and serious menace to health such person shall at once take steps to remove the menace. Failure to remove such menace immediately shall be punishable under the general penalty clause for this code. However, such person shall be allowed the number of days herein provided within which to make permanent correction. (1983 Code, § 8-313)
- 18-114. Carnivals, circuses, etc. Whenever carnivals, circuses, or other transient groups of persons come within the corporate limits, such groups of transients shall provide a sanitary method for disposal of sewage and human excreta. Failure of a carnival, circus, or other transient group to provide such sanitary method of disposal and to make all reasonable changes and corrections proposed by the health officer shall constitute a violation of this section. In these cases the violator shall not be entitled to the notice of forty-five (45) days provided for in the preceding section. (1983 Code, § 8-314)
- **18-115.** <u>Violations</u>. Any person, persons, firm, association, or corporation or agent thereof, who shall fail, neglect, or refuse to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable under the general penalty clause for this code. (1983 Code, § 8-315)

# CROSS CONNECTIONS, AUXILIARY INTAKES, ETC.<sup>1</sup>

# SECTION

- 18-201. Definitions.
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- 18-210. Statement required.
- 18-211. Penalty; discontinuance of water supply.
- 18-212. Provision applicable.
- **18-201.** <u>**Definitions**</u>. The following words, terms and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, when used in the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter:
- (1) "Air-gap" shall mean a vertical, physical separation between a water supply and the overflow rim of a non-pressurized receiving vessel. An approved air-gap separation shall be at least twice the inside diameter of the water supply line, but in no case less than six inches (6"). Where a discharge line serves as receiver, the air-gap shall be at least twice the diameter of the discharge line, but not less than six inches (6").
- (2) "Atmospheric vacuum breaker" shall mean a device, which prevents backsiphonage by creating an atmospheric vent when there is either a negative pressure or sub-atmospheric pressure in the water system.
- (3) "Auxiliary intake" shall mean any water supply, on or available to a premises, other than that directly supplied by the public water system. These auxiliary waters may include water from another purveyor's public water system; any natural source, such as a well, spring, river, stream, and so forth; used, reclaimed or recycled waters; or industrial fluids.
- (4) "Backflow" shall mean the undesirable reversal of the intended direction of flow in a potable water distribution system as a result of a cross connection.
- (5) "Backpressure" shall mean any elevation of pressure in the downstream piping system (caused by pump, elevated tank or piping, steam

Water and sewer system administration: title 18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

and/or air pressure) above the water supply pressure at the point which would cause, or tend to cause, a reversal of the normal direction of flow.

- (6) "Backsiphonage" shall mean the flow of water or other liquids, mixtures or substances into the potable water system from any source other than its intended source, caused by the reduction of pressure in the potable water system.
- (7) "Bypass" shall mean any system of piping or other arrangement whereby water from the public water system can be diverted around a backflow prevention device.
- (8) "Cross connection" shall mean any physical connection or potential connection whereby the public water system is connected, directly or indirectly, with any other water supply system, sewer drain, conduit, pool, storage reservoir, plumbing fixture or other waste or liquid of unknown or unsafe quality, which may be capable of imparting contamination to the public water system as a result of backflow or backsiphonage. Bypass arrangements, jumper connections, removable sections, swivel or changeover devices, through which or because of which backflow could occur, are considered to be cross connections.
- (9) "Double check valve assembly" shall mean an assembly of two (2) independently operating, approved check valves with tightly closing resilient seated shut-off valves on each side of the check valves, fitted with properly located resilient seated test cocks for testing each check valve.
- (10) "Double check detector assembly" shall mean an assembly of two (2) independently operating, approved check valves with an approved water meter (protected by another double check valve assembly) connected across the check valves, with tightly closing resilient seated shut-off valves on each side of the check valves, fitted with properly located resilient seated test cocks for testing each part of the assembly.
- (11) "Fire protection systems" shall be classified in six different classes in accordance with <u>AWWA Manual M14--Second Edition 1990</u>. The six (6) classes are as follows:

<u>Class 1</u> shall be those with direct connections from public water mains only; no pumps, tanks or reservoirs; no physical connection from other water supplies; no antifreeze or other additives of any kind; all sprinkler drains discharging to the atmosphere, dry wells or other safe outlets.

<u>Class 2</u> shall be the same as Class 1, except that booster pumps may be installed in the connections from the street mains.

<u>Class 3</u> shall be those with direct connection from public water supply mains, plus one or more of the following: elevated storage tanks, fire pumps taking suction from above ground covered reservoirs or tanks, and/or pressure tanks (all storage facilities are filled from or connected to public water only, and the water in the tanks is to be maintained in a potable condition).

<u>Class 4</u> shall be those with direct connection from the public water supply mains, similar to Class 1 and Class 2, with an auxiliary water supply dedicated to fire department use and available to the premises, such as an auxiliary supply located within one thousand seven hundred feet (1,700') of the pumper connection.

<u>Class 5</u> shall be those directly supplied from public water mains and interconnected with auxiliary supplies, such as pumps taking suction from reservoirs exposed to contamination, or rivers and ponds; driven wells; mills or other industrial water systems; or where antifreeze or other additives are used.

<u>Class 6</u> shall be those with combined industrial and fire protection systems from the public water mains only, with or without gravity storage or pump suction tanks.

- (12) "Interconnection" shall mean any system of piping or other arrangements 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 system.
- (13) "Person" shall mean 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.
- (14) "Potable water" shall mean water, which meets the criteria of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the United States Environmental Protection Agency for human consumption.
- (15) "Pressure vacuum breaker" shall mean an assembly consisting of a device containing one (1) or two (2) independently operating spring loaded check valves and an independently operating spring loaded air inlet valve located on the discharge side of the check valve(s), with tightly closing shut-off valves on each side of the check valves and properly located test cocks for the testing of the check valves and relief valve.
- (16) "Public water supply" shall mean the Hollow Rock Water System, which furnishes potable water to the public for general use and which is recognized as the public water supply by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.
- (17) "Reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device" shall mean an assembly consisting of two (2) independently operating approved check valves with an automatically operating differential relief valve located between the two (2) check valves, tightly closing resilient seated shut-off valves, plus properly located resilient seated test cocks for the testing of the check valves and the relief valve.
- (18) "Manager" shall mean the manager of the Hollow Rock Water System or his duly authorized deputy, agent or representative.

- (19) "Water system" shall be considered as made up of two (2) parts, the utility system and the customer system:
  - (a) The utility system shall consist of the facilities for the storage and distribution of water and shall include all those facilities of the water system under the complete control of the utility system, up to the point where the customer's system begins (i.e. the water meter);
  - (b) The customer system shall include those parts of the facilities beyond the termination of the utility system distribution system that are utilized in conveying domestic water to points of use. (1983 Code, § 8-401, as replaced by Ord. #\_\_\_, March 2011)
- 18-202. <u>Compliance with Tennessee Code Annotated</u>. The Hollow Rock Water System shall be responsible for the protection of the public water system from contamination or pollution due to the backflow of contaminants through the water service connection. The Hollow Rock Water System shall comply with <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, § 68-221-711, as well as the Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems and Drinking Water Quality, legally adopted in accordance with this code, which pertain to cross connections, auxiliary intakes, bypasses and interconnections; and shall establish an effective, on-going program to control these undesirable water uses. (1983 Code, § 8-402, as replaced by Ord. #\_\_\_\_, March 2011)
- 18-203. <u>Regulated</u>. (1) No water service connection to any premises shall be installed or maintained by the Hollow Rock Water System unless the water supply system is protected as required by state laws and this chapter. Service of water to any premises shall be discontinued by the Hollow Rock Water System if a backflow prevention device required by this chapter is not installed, tested, and/or maintained; or if it is found that a backflow prevention device has been removed, bypassed, or if an unprotected cross connection exists on the premises. Service shall not be restored until such conditions or defects are corrected.
- (2) 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 Environment and Conservation, and the operation of such cross connection is at all times under the direction of the manager of the Hollow Rock Water System.
- (3) If, in the judgment of the manager or his designated agent, an approved backflow prevention device is required at the water service connection to a customer's premises, or at any point(s) within the premises, to protect the potable water supply, the manager shall compel the installation, testing and maintenance of the required backflow prevention device(s) at the customer's expense.

- (4) An approved backflow prevention device shall be installed on each water service line to a customer's premises at or near the property line or immediately inside the building being served; but in all cases, before the first branch line leading off the service line.
- (5) For new installations, the manager or his designated agent shall inspect the site and/or review plans in order to assess the degree of hazard and to determine the type of backflow prevention device, if any, that will be required, and to notify the owners in writing of the required device and installation criteria. All required devices shall be installed and operational prior to the initiation of water service.
- (6) For existing premises, personnel from the Hollow Rock Water System shall conduct inspections and evaluations, and shall require correction of violations in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. (1983 Code, § 8-403, as replaced by Ord. #\_\_\_\_, March 2011)
- **18-204.** <u>Permit required</u>. (1) <u>New installations</u>. No installation, alteration, or change shall be made to any backflow prevention device connected to the public water supply for water service, fire protection or any other purpose without first contacting the Hollow Rock Water System for approval.
- (2) <u>Existing installations</u>. No alteration, repair, testing or change shall be made of any existing backflow prevention device connected to the public water supply for water service, fire protection or any other purpose without first securing the appropriate approval from the Hollow Rock Water System. (1983 Code, § 8-404, as replaced by Ord. #\_\_\_, March 2011)
- 18-205. <u>Inspections</u>. The manager or his designated agent shall inspect all properties served by the public water supply where cross connections with the public water supply are deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and re-inspection shall be based on potential health hazards involved, and shall be established by the Hollow Rock Water System in accordance with guidelines acceptable to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. (1983 Code, § 8-405, as replaced by Ord. #\_\_\_, March 2011)
- 18-206. Right of entry for inspections. The manager or his authorized representative shall have the right to enter, at any reasonable time, any property served by a connection to the Hollow Rock Water System public water system for the purpose of inspecting the piping system therein for cross connection, auxiliary intakes, bypasses or interconnections, or for the testing of backflow prevention devices. Upon request, the owner, lessee, or occupant of any property so served shall furnish any pertinent information regarding the piping system(s) on such property. The refusal of such information or refusal of access, when requested, shall be deemed evidence of the presence of cross connections, and shall be grounds for disconnection of water service. (1983 Code, § 8-406, as replaced by Ord. #\_\_\_\_, March 2011)

- 18-207. <u>Correction of violations</u>. (1) Any person found to have 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 the existing conditions and an appraisal of the time required to complete the work, the manager or his representative shall assign an appropriate amount of time, but in no case shall the time for corrective measures exceed ninety (90) days.
- (2) Where cross connections, auxiliary intakes, bypasses or interconnections are found that constitute an extreme hazard, with the immediate possibility of contaminating the public water system, the Hollow Rock Water System shall require that immediate corrective action be taken to eliminate the threat to the public water system. Expeditious steps shall be taken to disconnect the public water system from the on-site piping system unless the imminent hazard is immediately corrected, subject to the right to a due process hearing upon timely request. The time allowed for preparation for a due process hearing shall be relative to the risk of hazard to the public health and may follow disconnection when the risk to the public health and safety, in the opinion of the manager, warrants disconnection prior to a due process hearing.
- (3) The failure to correct conditions threatening the safety of the public water system as prohibited by this chapter and Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-221-711, within the time limits established by the manager or his representative, shall be grounds for denial of water service. If proper protection has not been provided after a reasonable time, the manager shall give the customer legal notification that water service is to be discontinued, and shall physically separate the public water system from the customer's on-site piping in such a manner that the two (2) systems cannot again be connected by an unauthorized person, subject to the right of a due process hearing upon timely request. The due process hearing may follow disconnection when the risk to the public health and safety, in the opinion of the manager, warrants disconnection prior to a due process hearing. (1983 Code, § 8-407, as replaced by Ord. #\_\_\_\_, March 2011)
- **18-208.** Required devices. (1) An approved backflow prevention assembly shall be installed downstream of the meter on each service line to a customer's premises at or near the property line or immediately inside the building being served, but in all cases, before the first branch line leading off the service line, when any of the following conditions exist:
  - (a) Impractical to provide an effective air-gap separation;
  - (b) The owner/occupant of the premises cannot or is not willing to demonstrate to the Hollow Rock Water System that the water use and protective features of the plumbing are such as to pose no threat to the safety or potability of the water;
  - (c) The nature and mode of operation within a premise are such that frequent alterations are made to the plumbing;

- (d) There is likelihood that protective measures may be subverted, altered or disconnected;
- (e) The nature of the premises is such that the use of the structure may change to a use wherein backflow prevention is required;
- (f) The plumbing from a private well or other water source enters the premises served by the public water system.
- (2) The protective devices shall be of the reduced pressure zone type (except in the case of certain fire protection systems and swimming pools with no permanent plumbing installed) approved by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the Hollow Rock Water System, as to manufacture, model, size and application. The method of installation of backflow prevention devices shall be approved by the Hollow Rock Water System prior to installation and shall comply with the criteria set forth in this chapter. The installation and maintenance of backflow prevention devices shall be at the expense of the owner or occupant of the premises.
  - (3) Premises requiring reduced pressure principle assemblies or airgap separation. (a) High risk high hazards. Establishments which pose significant risk of contamination or may create conditions which pose an extreme hazard of immediate concern (high risk high hazards), the cross connection control inspector shall require immediate or a short amount of time (fourteen (14) days maximum), depending on conditions, for corrective action to be taken. In such cases, if corrections have not been made within the time limits set forth, water service will be discontinued.
    - (i) High risk high hazards:
      - (A) Mortuaries, morgues, autopsy facilities;
    - (B) Hospitals, medical buildings, animal hospitals and control centers, doctor and dental offices;
    - (C) Sewage treatment facilities, water treatment, sewage and water treatment pump stations;
    - (D) Premises with auxiliary water supplies or industrial piping systems;
    - (E) Chemical plants (manufacturing, processing, compounding, or treatment);
    - (F) Laboratories (industrial, commercial, medical research, school);
      - (G) Packing and rendering houses;
      - (H) Manufacturing plants;
      - (I) Food and beverage processing plants;
      - (J) Automated car wash facilities;
      - (K) Extermination companies;
    - (L) Airports, railroads, bus terminals, piers, boat docks;
    - (M) Bulk distributors and users of pesticides, herbicides, liquid fertilizer, etc.

- (N) Metal plating, pickling, and anodizing operations;
  - (O) Greenhouses and nurseries;
  - (P) Commercial laundries and dry cleaners;
  - (Q) Film laboratories;
  - (R) Petroleum processes and storage plants;
  - (S) Restricted establishments;
  - (T) Schools and educational facilities;
  - (U) Animal feed lots, chicken houses, and CAFOs;
  - (V) Taxidermy facilities;
- (W) Establishments which handle, process, or have extremely toxic or large amounts of toxic chemicals or use water of unknown or unsafe quality extensively.
- (ii) High hazard. In cases where there is less risk of contamination, or less likelihood of cross connections contaminating the system, a time period of ninety (90) days maximum will be allowed for corrections. High hazard is a cross connection or potential cross-connection involving any substance that could, if introduced into the public water supply, cause death, illness, and spread disease. (See Appendix A of manual).<sup>1</sup>
- (4) Applications requiring backflow prevention devices shall include, but shall not be limited to, domestic water service and/or fire flow connections for all medical facilities, all fountains, lawn irrigation systems, wells, water softeners and other treatment systems, swimming pools and on all fire hydrant connections other than those by the fire department in combating fires. Those facilities deemed by Hollow Rock Water System as needing protection.
  - (a) Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 fire protection systems shall generally require a double check valve assembly; except:
    - (i) A double check detector assembly shall be required where a hydrant or other point of use exists on the system; or
    - (ii) A reduced pressure backflow prevention device shall be required where:
      - (A) Underground fire sprinkler lines are parallel to and within ten feet (10') horizontally of pipes carrying sewage or significantly toxic materials;
      - (B) Premises have unusually complex piping systems;
      - (C) Pumpers connecting to the system have corrosion inhibitors or other chemicals added to the tanks of the fire trucks.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Appendix A is available in the recorder's office.

- (b) Class 4, Class 5 and Class 6 fire protection systems shall require reduced pressure backflow prevention devices.
- (c) Wherever the fire protection system piping is not an acceptable potable water system material, or chemicals such as foam concentrates or antifreeze additives are used, a reduced pressure backflow prevention device shall be required.
- (d) Swimming pools with no permanent plumbing and only filled with hoses will require a hose bibb vacuum breaker be installed on the faucet used for filling.
- (5) The manager or his representative may require additional and/or internal backflow prevention devices wherein it is deemed necessary to protect potable water supplies within the premises.
- (6) <u>Installation criteria</u>. The minimum acceptable criteria for the installation of reduced pressure backflow prevention devices, double check valve assemblies or other backflow prevention devices requiring regular inspection or testing shall include the following:
  - (a) All required devices shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, by a person approved by the Hollow Rock Water System who is knowledgeable in the proper installation. Only licensed sprinkler contractors may install, repair or test backflow prevention devices on fire protection systems.
  - (b) All devices shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall possess appropriate test cocks, fittings and caps required for the testing of the device (except hose bibb vacuum breakers). All fittings shall be of brass construction, unless otherwise approved by the Hollow Rock Water System, and shall permit direct connection to department test equipment.
  - (c) The entire device, including valves and test cocks, shall be easily accessible for testing and repair.
  - (d) All devices shall be placed in the upright position in a horizontal run of pipe.
  - (e) Device shall be protected from freezing, vandalism, mechanical abuse and from any corrosive, sticky, greasy, abrasive or other damaging environment.
  - (f) Reduced pressure backflow prevention devices shall be located a minimum of twelve inches (12") plus the nominal diameter of the device above either:
    - (i) The floor;
    - (ii) The top of opening(s) in the enclosure; or
    - (iii) Maximum flood level, whichever is higher.

Maximum height above the floor surface shall not exceed sixty inches (60").

(g) Clearance from wall surfaces or other obstructions shall be at least six inches (6"). Devices located in non-removable enclosures shall

have at least twenty-four inches (24") of clearance on each side of the device for testing and repairs.

- (h) Devices shall be positioned where a discharge from the relief port will not create undesirable conditions. The relief port must never be plugged, restricted or solidly piped to a drain.
- (i) An approved air-gap shall separate the relief port from any drainage system. An approved air-gap shall be at least twice the inside diameter of the supply line, but never less than one inch (1").
- (j) An approved strainer shall be installed immediately upstream of the backflow prevention device, except in the case of a fire protection system.
- (k) Devices shall be located in an area free from submergence or flood potential, therefore never in a below grade pit or vault. All devices shall be adequately supported to prevent sagging.
- (l) Adequate drainage shall be provided for all devices. Reduced pressure backflow prevention devices shall be drained to the outside whenever possible.
- (m) Fire hydrant drains shall not be connected to the sewer, nor shall fire hydrants be installed such that backflow/backsiphonage through the drain may occur.
  - (i) All enclosures for backflow prevention devices shall be as manufactured by a reputable company or an approved equal.
  - (ii) For backflow prevention devices up to and including two inches (2"), the enclosure shall be constructed of adequate material to protect the device from vandalism and freezing and shall be approved by the Hollow Rock Water System. The complete assembly, including valve stems and hand wheels, shall be protected by being inside the enclosure.
  - (iii) To provide access for backflow prevention devices up to and including two inches (2"), the enclosure shall be completely removable. Access for backflow prevention devices two and one-half inches (2 1/2") and larger shall be provided through a minimum of two (2) access panels. The access panels shall be of the same height as the enclosure and shall be completely removable. All access panels shall be provided with built-in locks.
  - (iv) The enclosure shall be mounted to a concrete pad in no case less than four inches (4") thick. The enclosure shall be constructed, assembled and/or mounted in such a manner that it will remain locked and secured to the pad even if any outside fasteners are removed. All hardware and fasteners shall be constructed of 300 series stainless steel.
  - (v) Heating equipment, if required, shall be designed and furnished by the manufacturer of the enclosure to maintain an interior temperature of plus forty degrees Fahrenheit ( $40^{\circ}$  F) with

an outside temperature of minus thirty degrees Fahrenheit ( $30^{\circ}$  F) and a wind velocity of fifteen miles per hour (15 mph).

- (o) Where the use of water is critical to the continuance of normal operations or the protection of life, property or equipment, duplicate backflow prevention devices shall be provided to avoid the necessity of discontinuing water service to test or repair the protective device. Where it is found that only one (1) device has been installed and the continuance of service is critical, the Hollow Rock Water System shall notify, in writing, the occupant of the premises of plans to interrupt water service and arrange for a mutually acceptable time to test the device. In such cases, the Hollow Rock Water System may require the installation of a duplicate device.
- (p) The Hollow Rock Water System shall require the occupant of the premises to keep any backflow prevention devices working properly, and to make all indicated repairs promptly. Repairs shall be made by qualified personnel acceptable to the Hollow Rock Water System. Expense of such repairs shall be borne by the owner or occupant of the premises. The failure to maintain a backflow prevention device in proper working condition shall be grounds for discontinuance of water service to a premises. Likewise the removal, bypassing or alteration of a backflow prevention device or the installation thereof, so as to render a device ineffective shall constitute a violation of this chapter and shall be 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 Hollow Rock Water System.
- (6) <u>Testing of devices</u>. Customers required to install a backflow prevention device are responsible for having the device tested annually by a qualified person possessing a valid certification from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Water Supply for the testing of such devices. A record of this test must be provided to the Hollow Rock Water System annually. (1983 Code, § 8-408, as replaced by Ord. # , March 2011)
- **18-209.** Non-potable supplies. The potable water supply made available to a premises served by the public water system shall be protected from contamination as specified in the provisions of this chapter. Any water pipe or outlet which could be used for potable or domestic purposes and which is not supplied by the potable water system must be labeled in a conspicuous manner such as:

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The minimum acceptable sign shall have black letters at least one inch (1") high located on a red background. Color-coding of pipelines, in accordance

with Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) guidelines, shall be required in locations where in the judgment of the Hollow Rock Water System, such coding is necessary to identify and protect the potable water supply. (1983 Code, § 8-409, as replaced by Ord. #\_\_\_\_, March 2011)

- 18-210. <u>Statement required</u>. Any person whose premises are supplied with water from the public water system, and who also has on the same premises a well or other separate source of water supply, or who stores water in an uncovered or unsanitary storage reservoir from which the water is circulated through a piping system, shall file with the Hollow Rock Water System a statement of the nonexistence of unapproved or unauthorized cross connections, auxiliary intakes, bypasses or interconnections. Such statement shall contain an agreement that no cross connections, auxiliary intakes, bypasses or interconnections will be permitted upon the premises. Such statement shall also include the location of all additional water sources utilized on the premises and how they are used. Maximum backflow protection shall be required on all public water sources supplied to the premises. (1983 Code, § 8-410, as replaced by Ord. #\_\_\_\_, March 2011)
- **18-211.** Penalty; discontinuance of water supply. (1) Any person who neglects or refuses to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter may be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine.
- (2) Independent of and in addition to any fines or penalties imposed, the manager may discontinue the public water supply service to any premises upon which there is found to be a cross connection, auxiliary intake, bypass or interconnection; and service shall not be restored until such cross connection, auxiliary intake, bypass or interconnection has been eliminated. (as added by Ord. #\_\_\_\_\_, March 2011)
- 18-212. <u>Provision applicable</u>. The requirements contained in this chapter shall apply to all premises served by the Hollow Rock Water System and are hereby made part of the conditions required to be met for the Hollow Rock Water System to provide water services to any premises. The provisions of this chapter shall be rigidly enforced since it is essential for the protection of the public water distribution system against the entrance of contamination. Any person aggrieved by the action of the chapter is entitled to a due process hearing upon timely request. (as added by Ord. #\_\_\_\_\_\_, March 2011)

#### **CHAPTER 3**

#### WATER SERVICE

#### **SECTION**

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- **18-301. Application and scope**. The provisions of this chapter are a part of all contracts for receiving water service from the municipality and shall apply whether the service is based upon contract, agreement, signed application, or otherwise. (1983 Code, § 13-101)
- **18-302.** <u>Definitions</u>. (1) "Customer" means any person, firm, or corporation who receive water service from the municipality 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 main of the municipality to private property.

- (4) "Dwelling" means any single structure, with auxiliary buildings, occupied by one (1) or more persons or households for residential purposes.
- (5) "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. (1983 Code, § 13-102)
- **18-303.** Obtaining service. A formal application for either original or additional service must be made and be approved by the municipality before connection orders will be issued and work performed. (1983 Code, § 13-103)
- 18-304. <u>Application and contract for service</u>. Each prospective customer desiring water service will be required to sign a standard form of contract before service is supplied. 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 municipality 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 municipality 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 municipality to the applicant shall be limited to the return of any deposit made by such applicant. (1983 Code, § 13-104)

- **18-305.** 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 service. (1983 Code, § 13-105)
- **18-306.** Connection charges. Service lines will be laid by the municipality from its main to the property line at the expense of the applicant for service. The location of such lines will be determined by the municipality.

Before a new water service line will be laid by the municipality, the applicant shall make a deposit equal to the estimated cost of the installation.

This deposit shall be used to pay the cost of laying such new service line and appurtenant equipment. If such cost exceeds the amount of the deposit, the applicant shall pay to the municipality the amount of such excess cost when billed therefor. If such cost is less than the amount of the deposit, the amount by which the deposit exceeds such cost shall be refunded to the applicant.

When a service line is completed, the municipality shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of such service line from the main to the property line and such portion of the service line shall belong to the municipality. The remaining portion of the service line beyond the property line, shall belong to and be the responsibility of the customer. (1983 Code, § 13-106)

18-307. <u>Water main extensions</u>. Persons desiring water main extensions must pay all of the cost of making such extensions.

For water main extensions cement-lined cast iron pipe, class 150 American Water Works Association Standard (or other construction approved by the governing body), 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 one thousand (1,000) feet from the most distant part of any dwelling structure and no farther than six hundred (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 governing body) two (2) inches in diameter, to supply dwellings only, may be used to supplement such lines.

All such extensions shall be installed either by municipal forces or by other forces working directly under the supervision of the municipality 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 municipality, such water mains shall become the property of the municipality. The persons paying the cost of constructing such mains shall execute any written instruments requested by the municipality to provide evidence of the municipality's title to such mains. In consideration of such mains being transferred to it, the municipality shall incorporate said mains as an integral part of the municipal water system and shall furnish water 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. (1983 Code, § 13-107)

18-308. <u>Variances from and effect of preceding section as to extensions</u>. Whenever the governing body is of the opinion that it is to the best interest of the municipality and its inhabitants to construct a water 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 governing body.

The authority to make water main extensions under the preceding section is permissive only and nothing contained therein shall be construed as requiring the municipality to make such extensions or to furnish service to any person or persons. (1983 Code, § 13-108)

18-309. <u>Schedule of rates</u>. All water service shall be furnished under such rate schedules as the municipality may from time to time adopt by appropriate motion or resolution.<sup>1</sup> (1983 Code, § 13-109)

18-310. <u>Multiple services through a single service line</u>. No customer shall supply water service to more than one (1) dwelling or premise from a single service line without first obtaining the written permission of the municipality.

Where the municipality allows more than one (1) dwelling or premise to be served through a single service line the amount of water used by all the dwellings and premises served through a single service line shall be allocated to each separate dwelling or premise served. The water charges for each such dwelling or premise thus served shall be computed just as if each such dwelling or premise had received through a separate service the amount of water so allocated to it, such computation to be made at the municipality'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 shall then be added together, and the sum thereof shall be billed to the customer in whose name the service is supplied. (1983 Code, § 13-110)

**18-311.** <u>Billing</u>. Bills for residential water service will be rendered monthly.

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

Water bills must be paid on or before the due date shown thereon or a ten percent (10%) penalty shall apply. Failure to receive a bill will not release a customer from payment obligation, nor extend the due date. In the event a bill is not paid on or before fifteen (15) days after the due date, service may be disconnected. Notice shall be printed on each monthly bill as follows: "If bill remains unpaid for 15 days after due date, service will be terminated."

The municipality shall not be liable for any damages resulting from discontinuing service under the provisions of this section, even though payment of the bill is made at any time on the day that service is actually discontinued.

Should the due date of payment of a bill fall on Sunday or a holiday, the business day next following will be the last day to make payment without penalty. A remittance received by mail after the due date will be accepted by the municipality if the envelope is date-stamped on or before the due date. (1983 Code, § 13-111, as amended by Ord. #2000-2001-1, Dec. 2001)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Administrative ordinances and resolutions are of record in the secretary's office.

- **18-312.** <u>Discontinuance or refusal of service</u>. The municipality shall have the right to discontinue water 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;
  - (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 (1) such customer or tenant.

Discontinuance of service by the municipality 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. The customer shall also be notified if 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. (1983 Code, § 13-112)

- 18-313. Re-connection charge. Whenever service has been discontinued as provided for above, a re-connection charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be collected by the municipality before service is restored if water service is re-connected during town maintenance department working hours. A re-connection charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be collected by the municipality if service is restored after town maintenance department working hours. (Ord. #95-96-5, May 1996)
- 18-314. <u>Termination of service by customer</u>. 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 municipality 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 municipality 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 municipality 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, 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 municipality 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. (1983 Code, § 13-114)
- 18-315. <u>Access to customers' premises</u>. The municipality's identified representatives and employees shall be granted access to all customers' premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of 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. (1983 Code, § 13-115)
- 18-316. <u>Inspections</u>. The municipality 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 municipality reserves the right to refuse service or to discontinue service to any premises not meeting standards fixed by municipal ordinances regulating building and plumbing, or not in accordance with any special contract, these rules and regulations, or other requirements of the municipality.

Any failure to inspect or reject a customer's installation or plumbing system shall not render the municipality liable or responsible for any loss or damage which might have been avoided had such inspection or rejection been made. (1983 Code, § 13-116)

18-317. <u>Customer's responsibility for system's property</u>. Except as herein elsewhere expressly provided, all meters, service connections, and other equipment furnished by or for the municipality shall be and remain the property of the municipality. Each customer shall provide space for and exercise proper care to protect the property of the municipality 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. (1983 Code, § 13-117)

- 18-318. <u>Customer's responsibility for violations</u>. Where the municipality 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. (1983 Code, § 13-118)
- 18-319. <u>Supply and resale of water</u>. All water shall be supplied within the municipality exclusively by the municipality, 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 municipality. (1983 Code, § 13-119)
- 18-320. <u>Unauthorized use of or interference with water supply</u>. No person shall turn on or turn off any of the municipality's stop cocks, valves, hydrants, spigots, or fire plugs without permission or authority from the municipality. (1983 Code, § 13-120)
- 18-321. <u>Limited use of unmetered private fire line</u>. 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 municipality.

All private fire hydrants shall be sealed by the municipality, 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 municipality a written notice of such occurrence. (1983 Code, § 13-121)

- 18-322. <u>Damages to property due to water pressure</u>. The municipality 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 municipality's water mains. (1983 Code, § 13-122)
- **18-323.** <u>Liability for cutoff failures</u>. The municipality'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 municipality has failed to cut off such service.
- (2) The municipality has attempted to cut off a service but such service has not been completely cut off.

(3) The municipality 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 municipality's main.

Except to the extent stated above, the municipality 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 municipality's cutoff. Also, the customer (and not the municipality) shall be responsible for seeing that his plumbing is properly drained and is kept properly drained, after his water service has been cut off. (1983 Code, § 13-123)

- 18-324. Restricted use of water. In times of emergencies or in times of water shortage, the municipality 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. (1983 Code, § 18-124)
- 18-325. <u>Interruption of service</u>. The municipality will endeavor to furnish continuous water and sewer service, but does not guarantee to the customer any fixed pressure or continuous service. The municipality shall not be liable for any damages for any interruption of service whatsoever.

In connection with the operation, maintenance, repair, and extension of the municipality 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 municipality 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. (1983 Code, § 13-125)

#### **TITLE 19**

## **ELECTRICITY AND GAS**

## **CHAPTER**

- 1. ELECTRICITY.
- 2. GAS.

#### CHAPTER 1

## **ELECTRICITY**<sup>1</sup>

## **SECTION**

19-101. To be furnished under franchise.

19-101. To be furnished under franchise. Electricity shall be furnished for the municipality and its inhabitants under such franchise as the governing body shall grant.<sup>2</sup> The rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the municipality, its inhabitants, and the grantee of the franchise shall be clearly stated in the written franchise agreement which shall be binding on all parties concerned. (1983 Code, § 13-201)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference Electrical code: title 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The agreements are of record in the office of the recorder.

## **CHAPTER 2**

# $GAS^1$

## **SECTION**

19-201. To be furnished under franchise.

19-201. To be furnished under franchise. Gas service shall be furnished for the municipality and its inhabitants under such franchise as the governing body shall grant. The rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the municipality, its inhabitants, and the grantee of the franchise shall be clearly stated in the written franchise agreement which shall be binding on all parties concerned.<sup>2</sup> (1983 Code, § 13-301)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference Gas code: title 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The agreements are of record in the office of the recorder.

# **TITLE 20**

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

# [RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE]

# **APPENDIX**

- A. ZONING ORDINANCE.
- B. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM PLAN.
- C. ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE PLAN.

# APPENDIX A

# ZONING ORDINANCE

# ordinance no. 0/2013 - 01

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING SUPPLEMENTAL AND REPLACEMENT PAGES FOR THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF HOLLOW ROCK, TENNESSEE.

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

Section 1. Ordinances codified. The supplemental and replacement pages contained in Change 1 to the Town of Hollow Rock Municipal Code, hereinafter referred to as the "supplement," are incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein and are ordained and adopted as part of the Town of Hollow Rock Municipal Code.

Change 1 includes revisions required to the municipal code when considering ordinances and modifications made by the Town of Hollow Rock. Code sections affected by these ordinances and modifications contain citations at the end of the code section.

Section 2. Continuation of existing provisions. Insofar as the provisions of the supplement are the same as those of ordinances existing and in force on its effective date, the provisions shall be considered to be continuations thereof and not as new enactments.

Section 3. Penalty clause. Unless otherwise specified, wherever in the supplement, including any codes and ordinances adopted by reference, any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be a civil offense, or wherever the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be a civil offense, the violation of any such provision 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 supplement or the municipal code or other applicable law. In any place in the supplement the term "it shall be a misdemeanor" or "it shall be an offense" or "it shall be unlawful" or similar terms appears in the context of a penalty provision of this supplement, it shall mean "it shall be a civil offense." Anytime the word "fine" or similar term appears in the context of a penalty provision of this supplement, it shall mean "a civil penalty."

When a civil penalty is imposed on any person for violating any provision of the supplement 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 civil penalty is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>State law reference

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

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.

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

Section 4. Severability clause. Each section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, and clause of the supplement, including any codes and ordinances adopted by reference, are hereby declared to be separable and severable. The invalidity of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, or clause in the supplement shall not affect the validity of any other portion, and only any portion declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be deleted therefrom.

Section 5. Construction of conflicting provisions. Where any provision of the supplement is in conflict with any other provision of the supplement or municipal code, the provision which establishes the higher standard for the promotion and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare shall prevail.

Section 6. Code available for public use. One copy of the supplement shall be kept available in the recorder's office for public use and inspection at all reasonable times.

Section 7. Date of effect. This supplement, including all the codes and ordinances therein adopted by reference, shall take effect from and after final passage, the public welfare requiring it, and shall be effective on and after that date.

Passed 1st reading 4 / 20 13.

Passed 2nd reading 4 / 7 , 20 13

Mayor

Recorder

# ORDINANCE NO. <u>2011</u>-12-01

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HOLLOW ROCK.

WHEREAS some of the ordinances of the Town of Hollow Rock 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 Hollow Rock, 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 "Hollow Rock Municipal Code," now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF HOLLOW ROCK, 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 20, both inclusive, are ordained and adopted as the "Hollow Rock Municipal Code," hereinafter referred to as the "municipal code."
- Section 2. Ordinances repealed. All ordinances of a general, continuing, and permanent application or of a penal nature not contained in the municipal code are hereby repealed from and after the effective date of said code, except as hereinafter provided in Section 8 below.
- Section 8. Ordinances saved from repeal. The repeal provided for in Section 2 of this ordinance shall not affect: Any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any contract or right established or accruing before the effective date of the municipal code; any ordinance or resolution promising or requiring the payment of money by or to the town or authorizing the issuance of any bonds or other evidence of said town's indebtedness; any appropriation ordinance or ordinance providing for the levy of taxes or any budget ordinance; any contract or obligation assumed by or in favor of said town; any ordinance establishing a social security system or providing coverage under that system; any administrative ordinances or resolutions not in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of such code; the

portion of any ordinance not in conflict with such code which regulates speed, direction of travel, passing, stopping, yielding, standing, or parking on any specifically named public street or way; any right or franchise granted by the 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; any zoning ordinance or amendment thereto or amendment to the zoning map; nor shall such repeal affect any ordinance annexing territory to the town.

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. Unless otherwise specified in a title, chapter or section of the municipal code, including the codes and ordinances adopted by reference, whonever in the municipal code any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be a civil offense, or whenever in the municipal code the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be a civil offense, the violation of any such provision of the municipal code shall be punished by a civil penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and costs for each separate violation; provided, however, that the imposition of a civil penalty under the provisions of this municipal code shall not prevent the revocation of any permit or license or the taking of other punitive or remedial action where called for or permitted under the provisions of the municipal code or other applicable law. In any place in the municipal code the term "it shall be a misdemeanor" or "it shall be an offense" or "it shall be unlawful" or similar terms appears in the context of a penalty provision of this municipal code, it shall mean "it shall be a civil offense." Anytime the word "fine" or similar term appears in the context of a penalty provision of this municipal code, it shall mean "a civil penalty,"

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

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State law reference

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

Section 6. Severability clause. Each section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, and clause of the municipal code, including the codes and ordinances adopted by reference, is hereby declared to be separable and severable. The invalidity of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, or clause in the municipal code shall not affect the validity of any other portion of said code, and only any portion declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be deleted therefrom.

Section 7. Reproduction and amendment of code. The municipal code shall be reproduced in loose-leaf form. The board of mayor and aldermen, 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 amonding, adding, or deleting, by numbers, specific chapters or sections of said code. Periodically thereafter all affected pages of the municipal code shall be revised to reflect such amended, added, or deleted material and shall be distributed to town officers and employees having copies of said code and to other persons who have requested and paid for current revisions. Notes shall be inserted at the end of amended or new sections, referring to the numbers of ordinances making the amendments or adding the new provisions, and such references shall be cumulative if a section is amended more than once in order that the current copy of the municipal code will contain references to all ordinances responsible for current provisions. One copy of the municipal code as originally adopted and one copy of each amending ordinance thereafter adopted shall be furnished to the Municipal Technical Advisory Service immediately upon final passage and adoption.

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

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

Section 10. Date of effect. This ordinance shall take effect 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.

Passed 1st reading,	June 21 , 2011.
Passed 2nd reading,	June 28, 2011.
	Mayor
	- Uwan Drooms
	Recorder