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PREFACE

The Oakdale Municipal Code contains the codification and revision of the ordinances of the Town of Oakdale, 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 8 of the adopting ordinance).

(2) That one copy of every ordinance adopted by the town is kept in a separate ordinance book and forwarded to MTAS annually.

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

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

The able assistance of Tracy Gardner, Administrative Services Assistant, is gratefully acknowledged.

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

Section 11. Be it further enacted, that all ordinances shall be considered on two (2) separate days and may be passed by approval on both days by a majority of the members present, if a quorum, by calling ayes and nays. A quorum is a majority of the board. All ayes and nays on all votes on all ordinances shall be recorded.

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CHAPTER 1

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN²

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- 1-101. Time and place of regular meetings.
- 1-102. Order of business.
- 1-103. General rules of order.

1-101. Time and place of regular meetings. The board of mayor and aldermen shall hold regular monthly meetings at 7:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month at the town hall. (1977 Code, § 1-101)

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.

¹Charter references

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

Municipal code references

Building, plumbing, electrical and gas inspectors: title 12.

Fire department: title 7.

Utilities: titles 18 and 19.

Wastewater treatment: title 18.

Zoning: title 14.

²Charter references

Power and authority: § 3.

Term of office: § 4.

Vacancies in office: § 6.

- (2) Roll call by the recorder.
- (3) Reading of minutes of the previous meeting by the recorder and approval or correction.
- (4) Grievances from citizens.
- (5) Communications from the mayor.
- (6) Reports from committees, members of the board of mayor and aldermen and other officers.
- (7) Old business.
- (8) New business.
- (9) Adjournment. (1977 Code, § 1-102)

1-103. General rules of order. The rules of order and parliamentary procedure contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the transaction of business by and before the board of mayor and aldermen at its meetings in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with provisions of the charter or this code. (1977 Code, § 1-103, modified)

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- 1-201. Generally supervises municipal affairs.
- 1-202. Executes municipality's contracts.
- 1-203. Duties and responsibilities.
- 1-204. Compensation.

1-201. Generally supervises municipal affairs. The mayor shall have general supervision of all municipal affairs. (Ord. #85-30, Oct. 1985)

1-202. Executes municipality's contracts. The mayor shall execute all the municipality's contracts. (Ord. #85-30, Oct. 1985)

1-203. Duties and responsibilities. The mayor shall carry out the duties and responsibilities set out and imposed upon him/her by the town charter. (Ord. #85-30, Oct. 1985)

1-204. Compensation. The mayor shall receive as compensation the sum of \$125.00 per month which is the total amount of compensation for services rendered. This raise in pay is retroactive to June 1985. (Ord. #85-30, Oct. 1985)

¹Charter references

Duties: § 7.

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1-302. To keep minutes, etc.

1-303. To perform general administrative duties, etc.

1-301. To be bonded. The recorder shall be bonded in such sum as may be fixed by, and with such surety as may be acceptable to, the board of mayor and aldermen. (1977 Code, § 1-301)

1-302. To keep minutes, etc. The recorder shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the board of mayor and aldermen and shall preserve the original copy of all ordinances in a separate ordinance book. (1977 Code, § 1-302)

1-303. To perform general administrative duties, etc. The recorder shall perform all administrative duties for the board of mayor and aldermen and for the town which are not assigned by the charter, this code, or the board of mayor and aldermen to another corporate officer. He shall also have custody of, and be responsible for maintaining all corporate bonds, records and papers in such fireproof vault or safe as the board of mayor and aldermen shall provide. (1977 Code, § 1-303)

TITLE 2

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2. COURT ADMINISTRATION.
3. WARRANTS, SUMMONSES AND SUBPOENAS.
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CHAPTER 1**CITY JUDGE¹****SECTION**

- 3-101. City judge.
- 3-102. Duties.
- 3-103. Compensation.

3-101. City judge. The officer designated by the charter to handle judicial matters within the town shall preside over the city court and shall be known as the city judge. (1977 Code, § 1-501)

3-102. Duties. The city judge shall carry out all duties imposed upon him/her by the town charter and town ordinances. (Ord. #85-31, Oct. 1985)

3-103. Compensation. The city judge's compensation shall be \$125.00 per month. This raise in pay is retroaction to June 1985. (Ord. #85-31, Oct. 1985)

¹Charter reference
Appointment: § 14.

CHAPTER 2

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3-203. Disposition and report of fines, penalties, and costs.

3-204. Disturbance of proceedings.

3-205. Trial and disposition of cases.

3-201. Maintenance of docket. The city 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 that may be relevant. (1977 Code, § 1-502)

3-202. Imposition of fines, penalties, and costs. All fines, penalties, and costs shall be imposed and recorded by the city judge on the city court docket in open court.

In all cases heard or determined by him, the city judge shall tax in the bill of costs the same amounts and for the same items allowed in courts of general sessions¹ for similar work in state cases. (1977 Code, § 1-508)

3-203. Disposition and report of fines, penalties, and costs. All funds coming into the hands of the city judge in the form of fines, penalties, costs, and forfeitures shall be recorded by him and paid over daily to the town. At the end of each month he shall submit to the board of mayor and aldermen a report accounting for the collection or non-collection of all fines, penalties, and costs imposed by his court during the current month and to date for the current fiscal year. (1977 Code, § 1-511)

3-204. Disturbance of proceedings. It shall be unlawful for any person to create any disturbance of any trial before the city court by making loud or unusual noises, by using indecorous, profane, or blasphemous language, or by any distracting conduct whatsoever. (1977 Code, § 1-512)

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 8-21-401.

3-205. Trial and disposition of cases. Every person charged with violating a town ordinance shall be entitled to an immediate trial and disposition of his case, provided the city court is in session or the city 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. (1977 Code, § 1-506)

CHAPTER 3

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3-302. Issuance of summonses.

3-303. Issuance of subpoenas.

3-301. Issuance of arrest warrants.¹ The city judge shall have the power to issue warrants for the arrest of persons charged with violating town ordinances. (1977 Code, § 1-503)

3-302. Issuance of summonses. When a complaint of an alleged ordinance violation is made to the city judge, the judge may in his discretion, in lieu of issuing an arrest warrant, issue a summons ordering the alleged offender to personally appear before the city 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 city 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. (1977 Code, § 1-504)

3-303. Issuance of subpoenas. The city 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. (1977 Code, § 1-505)

¹State law reference

For authority to issue warrants, see Tennessee Code Annotated, title 40, chapter 6.

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3-401. Appearance bonds authorized. When the city 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 city 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. (1977 Code, § 1-507)

3-402. Appeals. Any defendant who is dissatisfied with any judgment of the city 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.¹ (1977 Code, § 1-509)

3-403. Bond amounts, conditions, and forms. An appearance bond in any case before the city court shall be in such amount as the city judge shall prescribe and shall be conditioned that the defendant shall appear for trial before the city court at the stated time and place. An appeal bond in any case shall be in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) and shall be conditioned that if the circuit court shall find against the appellant the fine or penalty and all costs of the trial and appeal shall be promptly paid by the defendant and/or his sureties. An appearance or appeal bond in any case may be made in the form of a cash deposit or by any corporate surety company authorized to do business in Tennessee or by two (2) private persons who individually own real property located within the county. No other type bond shall be acceptable. (1977 Code, § 1-510)

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 27-5-101.

TITLE 4**MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL****CHAPTER**

1. SOCIAL SECURITY--TOWN PERSONNEL.
2. VACATIONS AND SICK LEAVE--TOWN PERSONNEL.
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- 4-106. Exclusions.

4-101. Policy and purpose as to coverage. It is hereby declared to be the policy and purpose of this town to provide for all eligible employees and officials of the town, whether employed in connection with a governmental or proprietary function, the benefits of the system of federal old age and survivors insurance. In pursuance of said policy, and for that purpose, the town shall take such action as may be required by applicable state and federal laws or regulations. (1977 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. (1977 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. (1977 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. (1977 Code, § 1-704)

4-105. Records and reports to be made. The recorder shall keep such records and make such reports as may be required by applicable state and federal laws or regulations. (1977 Code, § 1-705)

4-106. Exclusions. There is hereby excluded from this chapter any authority to make any agreement with respect to any position or any employee or official now covered or authorized to be covered by any other ordinances creating any retirement system for any employee or official of the town. (1977 Code, § 1-706)

CHAPTER 2

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4-202. Vacation leave.

4-203. Sick leave.

4-204. Leave records.

4-201. Applicability of chapter. This chapter shall apply to all full-time municipal officers and employees except those operating under the jurisdiction of a school, utility, or other separate board or commission. (1977 Code, § 1-801)

4-202. Vacation leave. All officers and employees shall be given two (2) weeks of annual vacation leave with pay for each year of employment, hereafter served. Such vacation leave shall be taken at a time approved by the mayor or such other officer as he may designate. At no time shall a person's total credit for vacation leave exceed four (4) weeks. (1977 Code, § 1-802)

4-203. Sick leave. All officers and employees shall be given a credit of one (1) working day of sick leave with pay for each month of employment hereafter served. Sick leave shall be taken only when approved by the mayor or by such other officer as he may designate. Sick leave, up to the number of days accrued, shall be approved for all officers and employees whose absence from duty is due to illness, bodily injury, exposure to contagious disease, or death in the immediate family of the officer or employee. However, the mayor may, in his discretion, require doctors' certificates or other satisfactory evidence that absences are properly chargeable as sick leave. The maximum credit for accrued sick leave under the provisions of this section shall be ninety (90) days. (1977 Code, § 1-803)

4-204. Leave records. The mayor shall cause to be kept, for each officer and employee, a record currently up to date at all times showing credit earned and leave taken under this chapter. (1977 Code, § 1-804)

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- 4-307. Strikes and unions.
- 4-308. Duties of officials and employees.

4-301. Business dealings. Except for the receipt of such compensation as may be lawfully provided for the performance of his town duties, it shall be unlawful for any municipal officer or employee to be privately interested in, or to profit, directly or indirectly, from business dealings with the town. (1977 Code, § 1-901)

4-302. Acceptance of gratuities. No town officer or employee shall accept any money or other consideration or favor from anyone other than the town for the performance of an act which he would be required or expected to perform in the regular course of his duties; nor shall any officer or employee accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, gratuity, or favor of any kind which might reasonably be interpreted as an attempt to influence his actions with respect to town business. (1977 Code, § 1-902)

4-303. Outside employment. No full-time officer or employee of the town shall accept any outside employment without written authorization from the mayor. The mayor shall not grant such authorization if the work is likely to interfere with the satisfactory performance of the officer's or employee's duties, or is incompatible with his town employment, or is likely to cast discredit upon or create embarrassment for the town. (1977 Code, § 1-903)

4-304. Political activity. Town officers and employees may individually exercise their right to vote and privately express their political views as citizens. However, no town officer or employee shall solicit political campaign contributions or engage in or actively participate in any town political campaign. These restrictions shall not apply to elective officials. (1977 Code, § 1-904)

4-305. Use of town time, facilities, etc. No town officer or employee shall use or authorize the use of town time, facilities, equipment, or supplies for private gain or advantage to himself or any other private person or group. Provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply where the board of mayor and aldermen has authorized the use of such time, facilities, equipment, or supplies, and the town is paid at such rates as are normally charged by private sources for comparable services. (1977 Code, § 1-905)

4-306. Use of position. No town officer or employee shall make or attempt to make private purchases, for cash or otherwise, in the name of the town, nor shall he otherwise use or attempt to use his position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or others. (1977 Code, § 1-906)

4-307. Strikes and unions. No town officer or employee shall participate in any strike against the town, nor shall he join, be a member of, or solicit any other town officer or employee to join any labor union which authorizes the use of strikes by government employees. (1977 Code, § 1-907)

4-308. Duties of officials and employees. The officers and employees of the Town of Oakdale shall have such duties as may be designated by the town charter, required by general law, or assigned by the mayor and/or board of aldermen upon the passage of appropriate resolutions or ordinances. (1977 Code, § 1-908)

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4-401. Occupational safety and health program created. There is hereby created a safety and health program for the employees of the Town of Oakdale, as follows:

(1) **Title.** This chapter shall be known as "The Occupational Safety and Health Program for the Employees of the Town of Oakdale."

(2) **Purpose.** The Town of Oakdale, in electing to establish and maintain an effective occupational safety and health program for its employees, shall:

(a) Provide a safe and healthful place and condition of employment.

(b) Acquire, maintain, and require the use of safety equipment, personal protective equipment and devices reasonably necessary to protect employees, with the exception of articles of personal protective equipment which are required by regulation to be purchased by employees, as soon as the town can investigate the availability and the most economical cost of the aforesaid.

(c) Make, keep, preserve, and make available to the state commissioner of labor, his designated representative or persons within the agency to whom such responsibilities have been delegated, including the director of the office of occupational safety and health, adequate records of all occupational accidents and personal injuries for proper evaluation and necessary corrective action as required. However, these

provisions shall not take effect until and after the town has received and reviewed record keeping forms, procedures and guidelines provided by the state, and thereafter these provisions shall not take effect until after the town has had a reasonable period of time to set up and provide for the orderly implementation and use of such records and procedures.

(d) Consult with the state commissioner of labor or his designated representative, with regard to the adequacy of the form and content of records.

(e) Consult with the state commissioner of labor or the state commissioner of public health, as appropriate, regarding safety and health problems of the agency which are considered to be unusual or peculiar to the town and are such that they cannot be achieved under a standard promulgated by the state.

(f) Make an annual report to the state commissioner of labor to show accomplishments and progress of the total occupational safety and health program as soon as reasonably possible after the town has implemented the provisions of paragraph (c) hereinabove set forth.

(g) Provide reasonable opportunity for the participation of employees in the effectuation of the objectives of this program, including the opportunity to make anonymous complaints concerning conditions or practices injurious to employee safety and health.

(h) Provide for education and training of personnel for the fair and efficient administration of occupational safety and health standards, and provide for education and notification of all employees of the existence of this program as soon as reasonably possible after this chapter has been enacted. (1977 Code, § 1-1001)

4-402. Definitions. For the purpose of this program:

(1) "Commissioner of Labor" means the chief executive officer of the Tennessee Department of Labor. This includes any person appointed, designated, or deputized to perform the duties or to exercise the powers assigned to the commissioner of labor.

(2) "Commissioner of Health" means the chief executive officer of the Tennessee Department of Health. This includes any person appointed, designated, or deputized to perform the duties or to exercise the powers assigned to the Commissioner of Health.

(3) "Employer" means the Town of Oakdale, and shall include each administrative department, commission, board, division or other agency of the town.

(4) "Director of Personnel" means the chief executive officer designated by the Town of Oakdale, to perform duties or to exercise powers assigned so as

to plan, develop, and administer the town's occupational safety and health program.

(5) "Compliance inspector(s)" shall mean the individual(s) appointed and designated by the director of personnel to conduct inspections provided for herein. If no such compliance inspector(s) is appointed, the inspections shall be conducted by the director of personnel.

(6) "Appointing authority" means any town official or group of officials having legally designated powers of appointment, employment, or removal for a specific department, commission, board, division or other agency of the town.

(7) "Employee" means any person performing services for the Town of Oakdale and listed on town payrolls either as part time, seasonal, or permanent, full-time employees; provided, however, that such definition shall not include independent contractors, their agents, servants, and employees.

(8) "Person" means one or more individuals, partnerships, associations, corporations, business trusts, legal representatives or any organized group of persons.

(9) "Standard" means an occupational safety and health standard promulgated by the Tennessee State Commissioner of Labor or the state commissioner of health which requires conditions or the adoption or the use of one or more practices, means, methods, operations or processes reasonably necessary or appropriate to provide safe and healthful employment and places of employment.

(10) "Imminent danger" means any conditions or practices in any place of employment which are such that a danger exists which could reasonably be expected to cause death or serious physical harm immediately or before the imminence of such danger can be eliminated through normal enforcement procedures; provided, however, that this definition shall not include hazardous operations which are undertaken for the public's safety and well-being.

(11) "Serious physical harm" means that type of harm that would cause permanent or prolonged impairment of the body in that:

(a) A part of the body would be permanently removed (e.g., amputation of an arm, leg, finger; loss of an eye) or rendered functionally useless or substantially reduced in efficiency on or off of the job (e.g., leg shattered so severely that mobility would be permanently reduced), or

(b) A part of an internal bodily system would be inhibited in its normal performance to such a degree as to shorten life or cause reduction in physical or mental efficiency; (lung impairment, causing shortness of breath, in the other hand, breaks, cuts, bruises, concussions or similar injuries) would not fit either of these categories one would not constitute serious physical harm.

(12) "Establishment" or workplace means a single physical location where business is conducted or where service or industrial operations are performed. (1977 Code, § 1-1002)

4-403. Coverage. The provisions of this program shall apply to employees of each administrative department, commission, board, division or other agency of the Town of Oakdale. (1977 Code, § 1-1003)

4-404. Employer's rights and duties. (1) Employer shall furnish to each of his employees conditions of employment and a place of employment free from known and recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious injury or harm to employees; provided, however, that employer shall have a reasonable period of time to correct any such hazards.

(2) Employer shall comply with occupational safety and health standards or regulations promulgated pursuant to the State Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1972.

(3) Employer shall assist the state commissioner of labor and state commissioner of health, upon reasonable notice from the said commissioners, in the performance of their inspection duties by supplying necessary information to the commissioners or to their respective assistants or deputies.

(4) Employer is entitled to participate in the development of standards by submission of comments on proposed standards, participation in hearings on proposed standards, or by requesting the development of standards on a given issue.

(5) Employer is entitled to protection of his trade secrets and other legally privileged communications.

(6) Employer shall inspect all installations, departments, bureaus, and offices to insure the provisions of this program are complied with and carried out as soon as reasonably possible after this chapter has been fully implemented.

(7) Employer shall notify and inform any employee, who has been or is being exposed in a biologically significant manner to harmful agents or material in excess of the applicable standard, of corrective action being taken by the town. (1977 Code, § 1-1004)

4-405. Employee's rights and duties. The rights and duties of employees shall include, but are not limited to the following provisions:

(1) Each employee shall comply with occupational safety and health standards and all rules, regulations, and orders issued pursuant to this program which are applicable to his or her own actions and conduct.

(2) Each employee shall be notified by the placing upon bulletin boards, or other places of common passage, of any application for a temporary order granting a variance from any standard or regulation.

(3) Each employee shall be given the opportunity to participate in any hearing which concerns an application for a variance from a standard.

(4) Any employee who may be adversely affected by a standard or variance issued pursuant to this program may file a petition with the director of personnel.

(5) Any employee who has been exposed or is being exposed to toxic materials or harmful physical agents in concentrations or at levels in excess of that provided for by an applicable standard shall be notified by the employer and informed of such exposure and the corrective action being taken as soon as reasonably possible after this chapter has been fully implemented.

(6) Subject to regulations issued pursuant to this program, any employee or authorized representative of employees shall be given the right to request an inspection.

(7) No employee shall be discharged or discriminated against because such employee has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceedings or inspection under or relating to this program.

(8) Any employee who believes that he or she has been discriminated against or discharged in violation of any of these sections may, within thirty (30) days after such violation occurs, file a complaint with the Director of Personnel of the Town of Oakdale.

(9) Nothing in this section or any other provisions of this program shall be deemed to authorize or require medical examinations, immunization, or treatment for those who object thereto on religious grounds, except where such is necessary for the protection of the health or safety of others, and except when such medical examination is reasonably required for performance of a specified job. (1977 Code, § 1-1005)

4-406. Standards authorized. The standards adopted by the Town of Oakdale are the applicable State of Tennessee Safety and Health Act of 1972. (1977 Code, § 1-1006)

4-407. Variations from standards authorized. The Town of Oakdale, may, upon written application to the state commissioner of labor or the state commissioner of health, request an order granting a temporary variance from any approved standards. Prior to requesting such temporary variance, the employer shall notify or serve notice to employees or interested parties and present them with an opportunity for a hearing. The posting of notice on the main bulletin board as designated by the town, shall be deemed sufficient notice to employees. (1977 Code, § 1-1007)

4-408. Imminent danger. (1) Any allegation of imminent danger received shall be handled in accordance with the following procedures:

(a) The director of personnel shall immediately ascertain whether there is a reasonable basis for the complaint.

(b) If the imminent danger complaint appears to have merit, the director of personnel shall cause an immediate inspection of the alleged imminent danger location.

(c) As soon as it is concluded from such inspection that conditions or practices exist which constitute an imminent danger, the director of personnel or the compliance inspector¹ shall attempt to have the danger corrected through voluntary compliance. If any employees appear to be in immediate danger, they should be informed of the danger, and the supervisory personnel in charge should be requested to remove them from the area of immediate danger.

(d) The administrative head of the workplace or his authorized representative is responsible for determining the manner in which he will abate the dangerous condition.

(e) The imminent danger shall be deemed abated if the imminence of the danger has been eliminated by removing the employees from the area of danger or the conditions or practices which resulted in the imminent danger have been eliminated.

(f) A written report shall be made to the director of personnel describing in detail the imminent danger and its abatement.

(2) The following procedures shall be followed in the event of a refusal to abate:

(a) If abatement is refused, the compliance inspector shall immediately notify the director of personnel for assistance in obtaining voluntary compliance.

(b) The director of personnel shall take whatever steps that are necessary to comply with the abatement procedures set forth in § 4-408(1)(e). (1977 Code, § 1-1008)

4-409. Inspection. (1) In order to carry out the purpose of this program, the director of personnel or, if one is appointed, the compliance inspector is authorized:

(a) To enter at any reasonable time any establishment, construction site, plant, or other area, work place, or environment where work is performed by an employee of the Town of Oakdale; and,

¹If a compliance inspector is not appointed, the provisions of this section relating to him will have no application.

(b) To inspect and investigate during regular working hours and at other reasonable times, and within reasonable limits and in a reasonable manner, any such place of employment and all pertinent conditions, processes, structures, machines, apparatus, devices, equipment, and materials therein, and to question privately any supervisor, operator, agent or employee working therein.

(2) If, an imminent danger situation is alleged or brought to the attention of the director of personnel or a compliance inspector during a routine inspection, he shall immediately inspect the imminent danger situation before inspecting the remaining portions of the workplace.

(3) An administrative representative of the town and a representative authorized by the employees may be given an opportunity to consult with or to accompany the compliance inspector (director of personnel) during the physical inspection of any workplace for the purpose of aiding such inspection.

(4) The right of accompaniment may be denied any person whose conduct interferes with a full and orderly inspection.

(5) The inspection shall be such as to preclude unreasonable disruptions or the operations of the workplace or establishment.

(6) Interviews of employees during the course of the inspection, when accompanied by an employee representative, may be made when such interviews are essential to the investigation techniques.

(7) Inspections shall be accomplished without advance notice, but the director of personnel may authorize the giving to any supervisor or employee advance notice of an inspection. (1977 Code, § 1-1009)

4-410. Citation and hearing. (1) If, upon an inspection, the director of personnel, or his compliance inspector(s), should one be appointed, finds that any work place is not in compliance with any standard, rule, regulation or order, and said official is unable to effect a voluntary agreement to bring the work place into compliance, he shall, with reasonable promptness, issue to the administrative officer responsible for the work place a written citation that states the nature; and location of the violation; the standard, rule, regulation or order violated; the abatement and correction requirements; and a period of time during which the work place must accomplish such abatement and correction. A copy of each citation shall immediately be posted at or near each location referred to in the citation and remain posted until the alleged violation has been corrected or vacated.

(2) At any time within ten (10) days after receipt of such violation, anyone affected may advise the director of personnel of objections to the terms and conditions of the citation. Upon receipt of such objections a hearing shall be held, and the director of personnel shall thereafter issue an order affirming, modifying, or vacating the citation and such order shall be final.

(3) The director of personnel may issue subpoenas, pursuant to his duties as set forth herein, to require the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence under oath at such hearings. (1977 Code, § 1-1010)

4-411. Penalties. (1) The Town of Oakdale shall not issue any civil or criminal penalties against any public official, employee, or any other person, administrative department, commission, board, division or other agency of the Town of Oakdale for failure to comply with the safety and health standards.

(2) Any employee who willfully and repeatedly violates or causes to be violated a safety standard, rule, regulation, or order shall be subject to disciplinary action by the appointing authority. The appointing authority has the power to administer discipline and it shall be his duty to take action in one of the following ways:

- (a) Oral reprimand
- (b) Written reprimand
- (c) Suspension
- (d) Termination

The employee being disciplined shall have the right of appeal to the director of personnel within ten days after receiving notice of the disciplinary action; and a hearing shall be held as set forth in § 4-410(2) and (3) of the immediately preceding section entitled, "Citation and hearing." (1977 Code, § 1-1011)

4-412. Record keeping and reporting. (1) The Town of Oakdale shall establish and maintain a system for collecting, maintaining and reporting safety and health data as soon as reasonably possible after implementing the provisions of § 4-401(2) of this chapter, under the subsection entitled, "Purpose."

(2) All occupational injuries and illnesses shall be reported to the director of personnel on the OSHA forms provided by the state department of labor, except that workmen's compensation Form 6A may be used in lieu of the supplementary record of occupational injury/illness, Form OSHA No. 101.

(3) The director of personnel shall maintain a continuous log of occupational injuries and illnesses compiled from the reports set forth above and recorded on Form OSHA No. 100.

(4) Such occupational safety and health records shall be maintained for a period of five (5) years following the end of the year to which they relate.

(5) After this chapter has been enacted, the Town of Oakdale shall report within forty-eight (48) hours, either orally or in writing, to the commissioner of labor any accident which is fatal to one or more employees or which results in the hospitalization of five (5) or more employees.

(6) The Town of Oakdale shall make an annual report, after this chapter has been fully implemented, to the commissioner of labor showing the statistical data required by § 50-550-106 (Annual Summary) of the state OSHA regulations for recordkeeping and reporting. (1977 Code, § 1-1012)

4-413. Administration. For the purpose of this chapter, the mayor is hereby designated as the director of personnel and is likewise designated as the chief executive officer to perform duties or to exercise powers assigned so as to plan, develop, and administer the town's occupational safety and health program.

(1) Upon authorization from the board of mayor and aldermen, the director of personnel may designate, appoint, or employ persons as he deems necessary to carry out his powers, duties and responsibilities under the program.

(2) The director of personnel, to the extent possible, shall recommend the employment of measures to coordinate the activities of all town departments to promote efficiency and to minimize inconvenience under the program.

(3) The director of personnel may delegate the power to make inspections to the compliance inspector(s), provided that the procedures employed are as effective as those employed by the director.

(4) The director of personnel shall develop a plan, pursuant to the town's occupational safety and health program, and such a plan shall be submitted for approval and adopted by the mayor and the board of aldermen. Any subsequent changes or modifications in the plan shall also be submitted to the mayor and the board of aldermen for approval and adoption.

(5) The city judge shall upon adoption of this chapter, immediately register the town's occupational safety and health program with the state commissioner of labor, by sending to the commissioner of labor by certified mail a written statement which includes:

(a) A statement that the Town of Oakdale has elected to develop its own program of compliance;

(b) A statement that such program has been developed and has been reduced to writing;

(c) A statement of where such writing may be inspected;

(d) A statement that town employees have been informed of the program and have access to such writing;

(e) An assurance that the town's program incorporates standards developed pursuant to the state occupational safety and health act;

(f) A description of the methods of inspection provided for herein and an assurance that such program includes provisions for inspection and recordkeeping as effective as the provisions of the

Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1972. (1977 Code, § 1-1013)

4-414. Compliance with other regulations and laws.

(1) Compliance with any other law, statute or ordinance which regulates safety and health in employment and places of employment shall not excuse the Town of Oakdale, or any town employee, or any other person from compliance with the provisions of this program.

(2) Compliance with any provisions of this program or any standard or regulation promulgated pursuant to this program shall not excuse the Town of Oakdale or any town employee, or any other person from compliance with any state law or town ordinance regulating and promoting safety and health unless such law or resolution is specifically repealed. (1977 Code, § 1-1014)

TITLE 5

MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND TAXATION

CHAPTER

1. MISCELLANEOUS.
2. REAL PROPERTY TAXES.
3. MUNICIPAL PURCHASES.

CHAPTER 1

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION

5-101. Official depository for town funds.

5-101. Official depository for town funds. The Citizen's Bank and Trust Company of Wartburg, Tennessee, is hereby designated as the official depository for all town funds. (1977 Code, § 6-101)

CHAPTER 2

REAL PROPERTY TAXES

SECTION

5-201. When due and payable.

5-202. When delinquent--penalty and interest.

5-201. When due and payable.¹ Taxes levied by the town against real property shall become due and payable annually on the first day of November of the year for which levied. (1977 Code, § 6-201, modified)

5-202. When delinquent--penalty and interest.² All real property taxes shall become delinquent on and after the first day of February 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.³ (1977 Code, § 6-202, modified)

¹State law references

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

²Charter and state law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 67-5-2010(b) provides that if the county trustee collects the municipality's property taxes, a penalty of 1/2 of 1% and interest of 1% shall be added on the first day of March, following the tax due date and on the first day of each succeeding month.

³Charter and state law references

A municipality has the option of collecting delinquent property taxes any one of three ways:

- (1) Under the provisions of its charter for the collection of delinquent property taxes.
- (2) Under Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-55-201--6-55-206.

(continued...)

CHAPTER 3**MUNICIPAL PURCHASES****SECTION**

5-301. Public advertisement and competitive bidding.

5-301. Public advertisement and competitive bidding. Public advertisement and competitive bidding shall be required for the purchase of all goods and services exceeding an amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) except for those purchases specifically exempted from advertisement and bidding by the Municipal Purchasing Act of 1983. (Ord. #92-43, June 1992)

(...continued)

(3) By the county trustee under Tennessee Code Annotated,
§ 67-5-2005.

TITLE 6**LAW ENFORCEMENT****CHAPTER**

1. POLICE AND ARREST.
2. WORKHOUSE.

CHAPTER 1**POLICE AND ARREST¹****SECTION**

- 6-101. Policemen subject to chief's orders.
- 6-102. Policemen to preserve law and order, etc.
- 6-103. Policemen to wear uniforms and be armed.
- 6-104. When policemen to make arrests.
- 6-105. Policemen may require assistance.
- 6-106. Disposition of persons arrested.
- 6-107. Police department records.

6-101. 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. (1977 Code, § 1-401)

6-102. Policemen to preserve law and order, etc. Policemen shall preserve law and order within the town. They shall patrol the town and shall assist the city court during the trial of cases. Policemen shall also promptly serve any legal process issued by the city court. (1977 Code, § 1-402)

6-103. Policemen to wear uniforms and be armed. All policemen shall wear such uniform and badge as the board of mayor and aldermen shall authorize and shall carry a service pistol and billy club at all times while on duty unless otherwise expressly directed by the chief for a special assignment. (1977 Code, § 1-403)

¹Municipal code reference

Issuance of traffic citations, etc.: title 15, chapter 6.

6-104. When policemen to make arrests.¹ Unless otherwise authorized or directed in this code or other applicable law, an arrest of the person shall be made by a policeman in the following cases:

(1) Whenever he is in possession of a warrant for the arrest of the person.

(2) Whenever an offense is committed or a breach of the peace is threatened in the officer's presence by the person.

(3) Whenever a felony has in fact been committed and the officer has reasonable cause to believe the person has committed it. (1977 Code, § 1-404)

6-105. 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. (1977 Code, § 1-405)

6-106. Disposition of persons arrested. Unless otherwise authorized by law, when a person is arrested he shall be brought before the city court for immediate trial or allowed to post bond. When the city judge is not immediately available or the alleged offender does not post the required bond, he shall be confined. (1977 Code, § 1-406)

6-107. Police department records. The police department shall keep a comprehensive and detailed daily record, in permanent form, showing:

(1) All known or reported offenses and/or crimes committed within the corporate limits.

(2) All arrests made by policemen.

(3) All police investigations made, funerals convoyed, fire calls answered, and other miscellaneous activities of the police department. (1977 Code, § 1-407)

CHAPTER 2**WORKHOUSE****SECTION**

6-201. County workhouse to be used.

6-202. Inmates to be worked.

6-203. Compensation of inmates.

6-201. County workhouse to be used. The county workhouse is hereby designated as the town workhouse, subject to such contractual arrangement as may be worked out with the County of Morgan. (1977 Code, § 1-601)

6-202. Inmates to be worked. All persons committed to the workhouse, to the extent that their physical condition shall permit, shall be required to perform such public work or labor as may be lawfully prescribed for the county prisoners. (1977 Code, § 1-602)

6-203. Compensation of inmates. Each workhouse inmate shall be allowed five dollars (\$5.00) per day as credit toward payment of the fines and costs assessed against him. (1977 Code, § 1-603)

TITLE 7

FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS¹

CHAPTER

1. FIRE DISTRICT.
2. FIRE CODE.
3. FIRE DEPARTMENT.
4. FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS.

CHAPTER 1

FIRE DISTRICT

SECTION

7-101. Fire limits described.

7-101. Fire limits described. The corporate fire limits shall be as follows: All of that area lying within the corporate limits of the Town of Oakdale. (1977 Code, § 7-101)

¹Municipal code reference

Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

CHAPTER 2

FIRE CODE¹

SECTION

- 7-201. Fire code adopted.
- 7-202. Enforcement.
- 7-203. Definition of "municipality."
- 7-204. Gasoline trucks.
- 7-205. Variances.
- 7-206. Violations.
- 7-207. Seizure of fireworks.

7-201. Fire code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, the Standard Fire Prevention Code,² 1994 edition with 1995 revisions, as recommended by the Southern Standard Building Code Congress International, Inc. is hereby adopted by reference and included as a part of this code. Pursuant to the requirement of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the fire prevention code has been filed with the town recorder and is available for public use and inspection. Said fire prevention code is adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein and shall be controlling within the corporate limits. (1977 Code, § 7-201, modified)

7-202. Enforcement. The fire prevention code herein adopted by reference shall be enforced by the chief of the fire department. He shall have the same powers as the state fire marshal. (1977 Code, § 7-202)

7-203. Definition of "municipality." Whenever the word "municipality" is used in the fire prevention code herein adopted, it shall be held to mean the Town of Oakdale, Tennessee. (1977 Code, § 7-203)

¹Municipal code reference

Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

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

7-204. Gasoline trucks. No person shall operate or park any gasoline tank truck within the central business district or within any residential area at any time except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious delivery of gasoline. (1977 Code, § 7-205)

7-205. Variances. The chief of the fire department may recommend to the board of mayor and aldermen variances from the provisions of the fire prevention code upon application in writing by any property owner or lessee, or the duly authorized agent of either, when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the code, provided that the spirit of the code shall be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done. The particulars of such variances when granted or allowed shall be contained in a resolution of the board of mayor and aldermen. (1977 Code, § 7-206)

7-206. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or the Standard Fire Prevention Code herein adopted, or fail to comply therewith, or violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder; or build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken; or fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the board of mayor and aldermen or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein. The application of a penalty under the general penalty clause for the town code shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions. (1977 Code, § 7-207)

7-207. Seizure of fireworks.¹ The chief of police shall seize, take, remove or cause to be removed at the expense of the owner all stocks of fireworks offered or exposed for sale, stored, held or used in violation of the provisions of this chapter. (1977 Code, § 7-208)

¹For a definition of the meaning of the word fireworks see § 202 of the Standard Fire Prevention Code. See also § 2002 of the Standard Fire Prevention Code, which prohibits the manufacture, sale and discharge of fireworks.

CHAPTER 3

FIRE DEPARTMENT¹

SECTION

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

7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership. There is hereby established a fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the board of mayor and aldermen of the town. All apparatus, equipment, and supplies shall be purchased by or through the town and shall be and remain the property of the town. The fire department shall be composed of a chief appointed by the board of mayor and aldermen and such number of physically-fit subordinate officers and firemen as the chief shall appoint. (1977 Code, § 7-301)

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

- (1) To prevent uncontrolled fires from starting.
- (2) To prevent the loss of life and property because of fires.
- (3) To confine fires to their places of origin.
- (4) To extinguish uncontrolled fires.
- (5) To prevent loss of life from asphyxiation or drowning.
- (6) To perform such rescue work as its equipment and/or the training of its personnel makes practicable. (1977 Code, § 7-302)

7-303. 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. (1977 Code, § 7-303)

¹Municipal code reference

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

7-304. Records and reports. The chief of the fire department shall keep adequate records of all fires, inspections, apparatus, equipment, personnel, and work of the department. He shall submit a written report on such matters to the mayor once each month, and at the end of the year a detailed annual report shall be made. (1977 Code, § 7-304)

7-305. Tenure and compensation of members. The chief shall hold office so long as his conduct and efficiency are satisfactory to the board of mayor and aldermen. However, so that adequate discipline may be maintained, the chief shall have the authority to suspend or discharge any other member of the fire department when he deems such action to be necessary for the good of the department. The chief may be suspended for 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. Firemen shall have the same powers as policemen while going to, attending, or returning from a fire. (1977 Code, § 7-305)

7-306. Chief responsible for training and maintenance. The chief of the fire department shall be fully responsible for the training of the firemen and for maintenance of all property and equipment of the fire department. The minimum training shall consist of having the personnel take the fire apparatus out for practice operation not less than once a month. (1977 Code, § 7-306)

7-307. 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. (1977 Code, § 7-308)

CHAPTER 4

FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS

SECTION

7-401. Equipment use outside town limits.

7-401. Equipment use outside town limits. Fire equipment use outside the town limits will be determined by the board of mayor and aldermen, and by mutual aid agreement with other departments. (1977 Code, § 7-307, modified)

TITLE 8**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**¹**CHAPTER****1. INTOXICATING LIQUORS.****CHAPTER 1****INTOXICATING LIQUORS****SECTION**

8-101. Prohibited generally.

8-101. Prohibited generally. Except as authorized by applicable laws², and/or ordinances it shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, receive, possess, store, transport, sell, furnish, or solicit orders for, any intoxicating liquor within this town. "Intoxicating liquor" shall be defined to include whiskey, wine, "home brew," "moonshine," and all other intoxicating, spirituous, vinous or malt liquors and beers. (1977 Code, § 2-101)

¹State law reference
Tennessee Code Annotated, title 57.

²State law reference
Tennessee Code Annotated, title 39, chapter 17.

TITLE 9**BUSINESS, PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.¹****CHAPTER**

1. MISCELLANEOUS.
2. PEDDLERS, ETC.
3. CHARITABLE SOLICITORS.
4. TAXICABS.
5. POOL ROOMS.

CHAPTER 1**MISCELLANEOUS****SECTION**

- 9-101. Certain business prohibited on Sunday.
- 9-102. "Going out of business" sales.
- 9-103. Regulation of trucks delivering coal.
- 9-104. Permit required for shows, etc., on public property.
- 9-105. Smoking prohibited on respective properties.

9-101. Certain business prohibited on Sunday.² It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or association operating a general merchandise store, department store, hardware, jewelry, furniture, or grocery store, super market, meat market, or other similar establishments in the town, to open such place or business on Sunday; or to sell or offer for sale, give away, or deliver any merchandise, groceries, hardware, jewelry, furniture, meat,

¹Municipal code references

Building, plumbing, wiring and housing regulations: title 12.

Junkyards: title 13.

Liquor and beer regulations: title 8.

Noise reductions: title 11.

Zoning: title 14.

²The constitutionality of an ordinance containing provisions identical to those in this section was upheld by the Tennessee Supreme Court in the 1957 Chattanooga case of J. W. Kirk et al. v. P. R. Olgiati et al., 203 Tenn. 1, 308, S.W. 2d 471.

produce, or other similar commodities or articles, on Sunday. (1977 Code, § 5-101)

9-102. "Going out of business" sales. It shall be unlawful for any person to falsely 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. (1977 Code, § 5-102)

9-103. Regulation of trucks delivering coal. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, or corporation to operate a coal truck within the corporate limits of the town without first having the name of the firm printed in a conspicuous place on the vehicle or vehicles.

(2) Each and every driver of the vehicles hauling coal shall have on his person a correct weight bill showing the exact amount of coal contained in the vehicle. (1977 Code, § 5-103)

9-104. Permit required for show, etc., on public property. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or conduct any show or entertainment or any public gathering upon any street of the town without first having obtained the permission of the town recorder to do so. (1977 Code, § 5-104)

9-105. Smoking prohibited on respective properties. All public or private properties shall be given the right to prohibited or restrict smoking on their respective properties. (Ord. #88-36, Nov. 1988)

CHAPTER 2

PEDDLERS, ETC.

SECTION

- 9-201. Permit required.
- 9-202. Exemptions.
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- 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 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. (1977 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. (1977 Code, § 5-202)

9-203. Application for permit. Applicants for a permit under this chapter must file with the town recorder 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 properly 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 town 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 five dollars (\$5.00) shall be paid to the municipality to cover the cost of investigating the facts stated therein. (1977 Code, § 5-203)

9-204. Issuance or refusal of permit. (1) Each application shall be referred to the chief of police for investigation. The chief shall report his findings to the town recorder 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 recorder 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 recorder shall issue a permit upon the payment of all applicable privilege taxes and the filing of the bond required by § 9-206. The town recorder shall keep a permanent record of all permits issued. (1977 Code, § 5-204)

9-205. Appeal. Any person aggrieved by the action of the chief of police and/or the town recorder 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. (1977 Code, § 5-205)

9-206. Bond. Every permittee shall file with the town recorder a surety bond running to the town 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 town 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, but the surety may, 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, be relieved without costs of all further liability. (1977 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 town 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. (1977 Code, § 5-207)

9-208. Use of streets. 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 the 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. (1977 Code, § 5-208)

9-209. Exhibition of permit. Permittees are required to exhibit their permits at the request of any policeman or citizen. (1977 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. (1977 Code, § 5-210)

9-211. Revocation or suspension of permit. (1) Permits issued under the provisions of this chapter may be revoked by the board of mayor and aldermen 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 recorder 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) When reasonably necessary in the public interest the mayor may suspend a permit pending the revocation hearing. (1977 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. (1977 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. (1977 Code, § 5-213)

CHAPTER 3

CHARITABLE SOLICITORS

SECTION

- 9-301. Permit required.
- 9-302. Prerequisites for a permit.
- 9-303. Denial of a permit.
- 9-304. Exhibition of permit.
- 9-305. Soliciting in street prohibited.

9-301. Permit required. No person shall solicit contributions or anything else of value for any real or alleged charitable or religious purpose without a permit from the town recorder authorizing such solicitation. Provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any locally established organization or church operated exclusively for charitable or religious purposes if the solicitations are conducted exclusively among the members thereof, voluntarily and without remuneration for making such solicitations, or if the solicitations are in the form of collections or contributions at the regular assemblies of any such established organization or church. (1977 Code, § 5-301)

9-302. Prerequisites for a permit. The recorder shall, upon application, issue a permit authorizing charitable or religious solicitations when, after a reasonable investigation, he finds the following facts to exist:

(1) The applicant has a good character and reputation for honesty and integrity, or if the applicant is not an individual person, that every member, managing officer or agent of the applicant has a good character or reputation for honesty and integrity.

(2) The control and supervision of the solicitation will be under responsible and reliable persons.

(3) The applicant has not engaged in any fraudulent transaction or enterprise.

(4) The solicitation will not be a fraud on the public but will be for a bona fide charitable or religious purpose.

(5) The solicitation is prompted solely by a desire to finance the charitable cause described by the applicant. (1977 Code, § 5-302)

9-303. Denial of a permit. Any applicant for a permit to make charitable or religious solicitations may appeal to the board of mayor and aldermen if he has not been granted a permit within fifteen (15) days after he makes application therefor. (1977 Code, § 5-303)

9-304. Exhibition of permit. Any solicitor required by this chapter to have a permit shall exhibit such permit at the request of any policeman or person solicited. (1977 Code, § 5-304)

9-305. Soliciting in street prohibited. No person shall stand on or in proximity to a street or roadway, neither for the purpose of slowing or stopping any vehicle to solicit or to accept contributions, charitable or otherwise, from the occupants thereof, nor for the purpose of soliciting or accepting contributions for charitable or other purposes from the occupants of any vehicle already slowed or stopped. (1977 Code, § 5-305)

CHAPTER 4

TAXICABS

SECTION

- 9-401. Taxicab franchise and privilege license required.
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- 9-414. Taxicabs not to be used for illegal purposes.
- 9-415. Miscellaneous prohibited conduct by drivers.
- 9-416. Transportation of more than one passenger at the same time.
- 9-417. Fares.

9-401. Taxicab franchise and privilege license required. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the taxicab business unless he has first obtained a taxicab franchise from the town and has a currently effective privilege license. (1977 Code, § 5-401)

9-402. Requirements as to application and hearing. No person shall be eligible to apply for a taxicab franchise if he has a bad character or has been convicted of a felony within the last ten (10) years. Applications for taxicab franchises shall be made under oath and in writing to the chief of police. The application shall state the name and address of the applicant, the name and address of the proposed place of business, the number of cabs the applicant desires to operate, the makes and models of said cabs, and such other pertinent information as the chief of police may require. The application shall be accompanied by at least two (2) affidavits of reputable local citizens attesting to the good character and reputation of the applicant. Within ten (10) days after receipt of an application the chief of police shall make a thorough investigation of the applicant; determine if there is a public need for additional taxicab service; present the application to the board of mayor and aldermen; and make a recommendation to either grant or refuse a franchise to the applicant. The

board of mayor and aldermen shall thereupon hold a public hearing at which time witnesses for and against the granting of the franchise shall be heard. In deciding whether or not to grant the franchise the board of mayor and aldermen shall consider the public need for additional service, the increased traffic congestion, parking space requirements, and whether or not the safe use of the streets by the public, both vehicular and pedestrian, will be preserved by the granting of such an additional franchise. Those persons already operating taxicabs when this code is adopted shall not be required to make applications under this section but shall be required to comply with all of the other provisions hereof. (1977 Code, § 5-402)

9-403. Liability insurance required. No taxicab franchise shall be issued or continued in operation unless there is in full force and effect a liability insurance policy for each vehicle authorized in an amount equal to that required by the state's financial responsibility law as set out in Tennessee Code Annotated, title 55, chapter 12. The insurance policy required by this section shall contain a provision that it shall not be cancelled except after at least twenty (20) days' written notice is given by the insurer to both the insured and the recorder of the town. (1977 Code, § 5-403)

9-404. Revocation or suspension of franchise. The board of mayor and aldermen, after a public hearing, may revoke or suspend any taxicab franchise for misrepresentations or false statements made in the application therefor or for traffic violations or violations of this chapter by the taxicab owner or any driver. (1977 Code, § 5-404)

9-405. Mechanical condition of vehicles. It shall be unlawful for any taxicab to operate in the town unless it is equipped with four (4) wheel brakes, front and rear lights, safe tires, horn, muffler, windshield wipers, and rear vision mirror, all of which shall conform to the requirements of the state motor vehicle law. Each taxicab shall be equipped with a handle or latch or other opening device attached to each door of the passenger compartment so that such doors may be operated by the passenger from the inside of the taxicab without the intervention or assistance of the driver. The motor and all mechanical parts shall be kept in such condition or repair as may be reasonably necessary to provide for the safety of the public and the continuous satisfactory operation of the taxicab. (1977 Code, § 5-405)

9-406. Cleanliness of vehicles. All taxicabs operated in the town shall, at all times, be kept in a reasonably clean and sanitary condition. They shall be thoroughly swept and dusted at least once each day. At least once every

week they shall be thoroughly washed and the interior cleaned with a suitable antiseptic solution. (1977 Code, § 5-406)

9-407. Inspection of vehicles. All taxicabs shall be inspected at least semiannually by the chief of police to insure that they comply with the requirements of this chapter with respect to mechanical condition, cleanliness, etc. (1977 Code, § 5-407)

9-408. License and permit required for drivers. No person shall drive a taxicab unless he is in possession of a state special chauffeur's license and a taxicab driver's permit issued by the chief of police. (1977 Code, § 5-408)

9-409. Qualifications for driver's permit. No person shall be issued a taxicab driver's permit unless he complies with the following to the satisfaction of the chief of police:

- (1) Makes written application to the chief of police.
- (2) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age and holds a state special chauffeur's license.
- (3) Undergoes an examination by a physician and is found to be of sound physique, with good eyesight and hearing and not subject to epilepsy, vertigo, heart trouble, or any other infirmity of body or mind which might render him unfit for the safe operation of a public vehicle.
- (4) Is clean in dress and person and is not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor or drugs.
- (5) Produces affidavits of good character from two (2) reputable citizens of the town who have known him personally and have observed his conduct for at least two (2) years next preceding the date of his application.
- (6) Has not been convicted of a felony, drunk driving, driving under the influence of an intoxicant or drug, or of frequent minor traffic offenses.
- (7) Is familiar with the state and local traffic laws. (1977 Code, § 5-409)

9-410. Revocation or suspension of driver's permit. The board of mayor and aldermen, after a public hearing, may revoke or suspend any taxicab driver's permit for violation of traffic regulations, for violation of this chapter, or when the driver ceases to possess the qualifications as prescribed in § 9-409. (1977 Code, § 5-410)

9-411. Drivers not to solicit business. All taxicab drivers are expressly prohibited from indiscriminately soliciting passengers or from cruising upon the streets of the town for the purpose of obtaining patronage for their cabs. (1977 Code, § 5-411)

9-412. Parking restricted. It shall be unlawful to park any taxicab on any street except in such places as have been specifically designated and marked by the town for the use of taxicabs. It is provided, however, that taxicabs may stop upon any street for the purpose of picking up or discharging passengers if such stops are made in such manner as not to interfere unreasonably with or obstruct other traffic and provided the passenger loading or discharging is promptly accomplished. (1977 Code, § 5-412)

9-413. Drivers to use direct routes. Taxicab drivers shall always deliver their passengers to their destinations by the most direct available route. (1977 Code, § 5-413)

9-414. Taxicabs not to be used for illegal purposes. No taxicab shall be used for or in the commission of any illegal act, business, or purpose. (1977 Code, § 5-414)

9-415. Miscellaneous prohibited conduct by drivers. It shall be unlawful for any taxicab driver, while on duty, to be under the influence of, or to drink any intoxicating beverage or beer; to use profane or obscene language; to shout or call to prospective passengers; to unnecessarily blow the automobile horn; or to otherwise disturb the peace, quiet, and tranquility of the town in any way. (1977 Code, § 5-415)

9-416. Transportation of more than one passenger at the same time. No person shall be admitted to a taxicab already occupied by a passenger without the consent of such other passenger. (1977 Code, § 5-416)

9-417. Fares.¹ Taxicab fares shall be fixed by the board of mayor and aldermen by ordinance from time to time as the need arises. (1977 Code, § 5-417)

¹Administrative ordinances are of record in the office of the town recorder for the Town of Oakdale.

CHAPTER 5

POOL ROOMS

SECTION

9-501. Prohibited in residential areas.

9-502. Hours of operation regulated.

9-503. Minors to be kept out; exception.

9-501. 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 in any block where fifty percent (50%) or more of the land is used or zoned for residential purposes. (1977 Code, § 5-501)

9-502. 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 at any time on Sunday or between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on other days. (1977 Code, § 5-502)

9-503. Minors to be kept out; exception. It shall be unlawful for any person engaged regularly, or otherwise, in keeping billiard, bagatelle, or pool rooms or tables, their employees, agents, servants, or other persons for them, knowingly to permit any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to play on said tables at any game of billiards, bagatelle, pool, or other games requiring the use of cue and balls, without first having obtained the written consent of the father and mother of such minor, if living; if the father is dead, then the mother, guardian, or other person having legal control of such minor; or if the minor be in attendance as a student at some literary institution, then the written consent of the principal or person in charge of such school; provided that this section shall not apply to the use of billiards, bagatelle, and pool tables in private residences. (1977 Code, § 5-503)

TITLE 10**ANIMAL CONTROL****CHAPTER**

1. IN GENERAL.
2. DOGS.

CHAPTER 1**IN GENERAL****SECTION**

- 10-101. Running at large prohibited.
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- 10-105. Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited.
- 10-106. Cruel treatment prohibited.
- 10-107. Seizure and disposition of animals.
- 10-108. Inspections of premises.

10-101. Running at large prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or being in charge of any cows, swine, sheep, horses, mules or 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. (1977 Code, § 3-101)

10-102. Keeping within the town limits prohibited. No person shall keep or allow any other animal or fowl enumerated in the preceding section within the corporate limits of the Town of Oakdale. (1977 Code, § 3-102)

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. (1977 Code, § 3-103)

10-104. Adequate food, water, and shelter, etc., to be provided. No animal or fowl shall be kept or confined in any place where the food, water, shelter, and ventilation are not adequate and sufficient for the preservation of its health and safety.

All feed shall be stored and kept in a rat-proof and fly-tight building, box, or receptacle. (1977 Code, § 3-104)

10-105. Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited. 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. (1977 Code, § 3-105)

10-106. Cruel treatment prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to unnecessarily beat or otherwise abuse or injure any dumb animal or fowl. (1977 Code, § 3-106)

10-107. 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 the health officer or by any police officer 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, or it may otherwise be disposed of as authorized by the governing body.

The pound keeper shall be entitled to 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. (1977 Code, § 3-107)

10-108. Inspections of premises. For the purpose of making inspections to insure compliance with the provisions of this title, the health officer, or his authorized representative, shall be authorized to enter, at any reasonable time, any premises where he has reasonable cause to believe an animal or fowl is being kept in violation of this chapter. (1977 Code, § 3-108)

CHAPTER 2

DOGS

SECTION

- 10-201. Rabies vaccination and registration required.
- 10-202. Dogs to wear tags.
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- 10-204. Vicious dogs to be securely restrained.
- 10-205. Noisy dogs prohibited.
- 10-206. Confinement of dogs suspected of being rabid.
- 10-207. 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" (Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 68-8-101 through 68-8-114) or other applicable law. (1977 Code, § 3-201)

10-202. Dogs to wear tags. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog which does not wear a tag evidencing the vaccination and registration required by the preceding section. (1977 Code, § 3-202)

10-203. Running at large prohibited.¹ It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to permit any dog owned by him or under his control to run at large within the corporate limits. (1977 Code, § 3-203)

10-204. Vicious dogs to be securely restrained. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog known to be vicious or dangerous unless such dog is so confined and/or otherwise securely restrained as to provide reasonably for the protection of other animals and persons. (1977 Code, § 3-204)

10-205. 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. (1977 Code, § 3-205)

10-206. Confinement of dogs suspected of being rabid. If any dog has bitten any person or is suspected of having bitten any person or is for any

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 44-8-408, 68-8-108, and 68-8-109.

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. (1977 Code, § 3-206)

10-207. Seizure and disposition of dogs. Any dog found running at large may be seized by the health officer or any police officer and placed in a pound provided or designated by the board of mayor and aldermen. If said dog is wearing a tag the owner shall be notified in person, by telephone, or by a postcard addressed to his last-known mailing address to appear within five (5) days and redeem his dog by paying a reasonable pound fee, in accordance with a schedule approved by the board of mayor and aldermen, or the dog will be 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.¹ (1977 Code, § 3-207)

¹State law reference

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

TITLE 11

MUNICIPAL OFFENSES¹

CHAPTER

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CHAPTER 1

ALCOHOL²

SECTION

11-101. Drinking beer, etc., on streets, etc.

11-101. Drinking beer, etc., on streets, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to drink or consume, or have an open can or bottle of beer in or on any public street, alley, avenue, highway, sidewalk, public park, public school ground, or other public place. (1977 Code, § 10-229)

¹Municipal code references

Animals and fowls: title 10.

Housing and utilities: title 12.

Fireworks and explosives: title 7.

Traffic offenses: title 15.

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

²Municipal code reference

Sale of alcoholic beverages, including beer: title 8.

State law reference

See Tennessee Code Annotated § 33-8-203 (Arrest for Public Intoxication, cities may not pass separate legislation).

CHAPTER 2**FORTUNE TELLING, ETC.****SECTION**

11-201. Fortune telling, etc.

11-201. Fortune telling, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct the business of, solicit for, or ply the trade of fortune teller, clairvoyant, hypnotist, spiritualist, palmist, phrenologist, or other mystic endowed with supernatural powers. (1977 Code, § 10-234, modified)

CHAPTER 3

OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON

SECTION

11-301. Assault and battery.

11-301. Assault and battery. It shall be unlawful for any person to commit an assault or an assault and battery. (1977 Code, § 10-201)

CHAPTER 4

OFFENSES AGAINST THE PEACE AND QUIET

SECTION

11-401. Disturbing the peace.

11-402. Anti-noise regulations.

11-401. Disturbing the peace. No person shall disturb, tend to disturb, or aid in disturbing the peace of others by violent, tumultuous, offensive, or obstreperous conduct, and no person shall knowingly permit such conduct upon any premises owned or possessed by him or under his control. (1977 Code, § 10-202)

11-402. Anti-noise regulations. Subject to the provisions of this section, the creating of any unreasonably loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise is prohibited. Noise of such character, intensity, or duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual, or in disturbance of the public peace and welfare is prohibited.

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

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

(b) Radios, phonographs, etc. The playing of any radio, phonograph, or any musical instrument or sound device, including but not limited to loudspeakers or other devices for reproduction or amplification of sound, either independently of or in connection with motion picture, 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, hooting, etc. Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, or singing on the public streets, particularly between the hours

of 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of any persons in any hospital, dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity.

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

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

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

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

(h) Building operations. The erection (including excavation), demolition, alteration, or repair of any building in any residential area or section or the construction or repair of streets and highways in any residential area or section, other than between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. on week days, except in case of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety, and then only with a permit from the recorder granted for a period while the emergency continues not to exceed thirty (30) days. If the recorder 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.

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

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

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

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

(c) Noncommercial and nonprofit use of loudspeakers or amplifiers. The reasonable use of amplifiers or loudspeakers in the course of public addresses which are noncommercial in character and in the course of advertising functions sponsored by nonprofit organizations. However, no such use shall be made until a permit therefor is secured from the recorder. Hours for the use of an amplified 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. (1977 Code, § 10-233)

CHAPTER 5

INTERFERENCE WITH PUBLIC OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL

SECTION

11-501. Escape from custody or confinement.

11-502. Impersonating a government officer or employee.

11-503. False emergency alarms.

11-504. Resisting or interfering with an officer.

11-505. Coercing people not to work.

11-501. Escape from custody or confinement. It shall be unlawful for any person under arrest or otherwise in custody of or confined by the town to escape or attempt to escape, or for any other person to assist or encourage such person to escape or attempt to escape from such custody or confinement. (1977 Code, § 10-209)

11-502. Impersonating a government officer or employee. 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 town. Furthermore, no person shall deceitfully impersonate or represent that he is any government officer or employee. (1977 Code, § 10-211)

11-503. False emergency alarms. It shall be unlawful for any person intentionally to make, turn in, or give a false alarm of fire, or of need for police or ambulance assistance, or to aid or abet in the commission of such act. (1977 Code, § 10-217)

11-504. Resisting or interfering with an officer. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to resist or in any way interfere with or attempt to interfere with any officer or employee of the town while such officer or employee is performing or attempting to perform his town duties. (1977 Code, § 10-210)

11-505. Coercing people not to work. It shall be unlawful for any person in association or agreement with any other person to assemble, congregate, or meet together in the vicinity of any premises where other persons are employed or reside for the purpose of inducing any such other person by threats, coercion, intimidation, or acts of violence to quit or refrain from entering a place of lawful employment. It is expressly not the purpose of this section to prohibit peaceful picketing. (1977 Code, § 10-230)

CHAPTER 6**FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND MISSILES****SECTION**

11-601. Air rifles, etc.

11-602. Throwing missiles.

11-603. Discharge of firearms.

11-601. Air rifles, etc. No person, except such as may be authorized by other laws, shall fire or discharge, or cause to be fired or discharged, within the town, any firearm, spring gun, airgun, or bow and arrow except on those areas authorized and approved by the mayor as a target range for firing or discharging the same and with the consent and under the supervision of the owner. Such designated areas must be equipped with sufficient safety facilities and their use for such designated purposes sufficiently supervised with reasonable precautions being taken to insure the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the town. For this purpose, the mayor, subject to the approval of the board of mayor and aldermen, is hereby authorized to make any reasonable regulations regarding the equipping and use of such designated areas. (1977 Code, § 10-213)

11-602. Throwing missiles. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw any stone, snowball, bottle, or any other missile maliciously upon or at any vehicle, building, tree, or other public or private property or upon or at any person. (1977 Code, § 10-214)

11-603. Discharge of firearms. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to discharge a firearm within the corporate limits. (1977 Code, § 10-212, modified)

CHAPTER 7**TRESPASSING, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF AND INTERFERENCE
WITH TRAFFIC****SECTION**

- 11-701. Trespassing.
- 11-702. Trespassing on trains.
- 11-703. Malicious mischief.
- 11-704. Interference with traffic.

11-701. Trespassing. The owner or person in charge of any lot or parcel of land or any building or other structure within the corporate limits may post the same against trespassers. It shall be unlawful for any person to go upon any such posted lot or parcel of land or into any such posted building or other structure without the consent of the owner or person in charge.

It shall also be unlawful and deemed to be a trespass for any peddler, canvasser, solicitor, transient merchant, or other person to fail to leave promptly the private premises of any person who requests or directs him to leave. (1977 Code, § 10-226)

11-702. Trespassing on trains. It shall be unlawful for any person to climb, jump, step, stand upon, or cling to, or in any other way attach himself to any locomotive engine or railroad car unless he works for the railroad corporation and is acting in the scope of his employment or unless he is a lawful passenger or is otherwise lawfully entitled to be on such vehicle. (1977 Code, § 10-221)

11-703. Malicious mischief. It shall be unlawful and deemed to be malicious mischief for any person to willfully, maliciously, or wantonly to damage, deface, destroy, conceal, tamper with, remove, or withhold real or personal property which does not belong to him. (1977 Code, § 10-225)

11-704. Interference with traffic. It shall be unlawful for any person to stand, sit, or engage in any activity whatever on any public street, sidewalk, bridge, or public ground in such a manner as to prevent, obstruct, or interfere unreasonably with the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic thereon. (1977 Code, § 10-232)

CHAPTER 8**MISCELLANEOUS****SECTION**

- 11-801. Abandoned refrigerators, etc.
- 11-802. Caves, wells, cisterns, etc.
- 11-803. Posting notices, etc.
- 11-804. Curfew for minors.
- 11-805. Wearing masks.
- 11-806. Halloween activities regulated.
- 11-807. Moving personal property without consent.

11-801. Abandoned refrigerators, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave in any place accessible to children any abandoned, unattended, unused, or discarded refrigerator, icebox, or other container with any type latching or locking door without first removing therefrom the latch, lock, or door. (1977 Code, § 10-223)

11-802. Caves, wells, cisterns, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit to be maintained on property owned or occupied by him any cave, well, cistern, or other such opening in the ground which is dangerous to life and limb without an adequate cover or safeguard. (1977 Code, § 10-231)

11-803. Posting notices, etc. No person shall fasten in any way, any show-card, poster, or other advertising device or sign upon any public or private property unless legally authorized to do so. (1977 Code, § 10-227)

11-804. Curfew for minors. It shall be unlawful for any person, under the age of eighteen (18) years of age, to be abroad at night between 11:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M. unless going directly to or from a lawful activity or upon a legitimate errand for, or accompanied by, a parent, guardian, or other adult person having lawful custody of such minor.

The parent or guardian of any minor child guilty of a violation of this section shall be deemed to have aided and abetted said minor, and shall be a principal under this section, and shall upon conviction in a trial before the city judge of the Town of Oakdale, Tennessee be punished as other misdemeanor crimes. (1977 Code, § 10-224)

11-805. Wearing masks. It shall be unlawful for any person to appear on or in any public way or place while wearing any mask, device, or hood

whereby any portion of the face is so hidden or covered as to conceal the identity of the wearer. The following are exempted from the provisions of this section:

- (1) Children under the age of ten (10) years.
- (2) Workers while engaged in work wherein a face covering is necessary for health and/or safety reasons.
- (3) Persons wearing gas masks in civil defense drills and exercises or emergencies.
- (4) Any person having a special permit issued by the town recorder to wear a traditional holiday costume. (1977 Code, § 10-235)

11-806. Halloween activities regulated. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to appear on or in any public place in the Town of Oakdale for the purpose of making trick or treat visitations or to go on or in any private premises for such purposes, except as provided in the following subsection of this section of this code.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to children twelve (12) years of age and under, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on each Halloween night. (1977 Code, § 10-236)

11-807. Moving personal property without consent. No person shall remove any box or boxes, barrel or barrels, wood, lumber, stones, or any other thing not his own from any of the sidewalks, yards or buildings into any street, or other public place of the town, or upon the premises of any other person. (1977 Code, § 10-237)

TITLE 12**BUILDING, UTILITY, ETC. CODES****CHAPTER**

1. BUILDING CODE.
2. PLUMBING CODE.
3. ELECTRICAL CODE.
4. HOUSING CODE.
5. MODEL ENERGY CODE.
6. DWELLINGS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

CHAPTER 1**BUILDING CODE¹****SECTION**

- 12-101. Building code adopted.
- 12-102. Modifications.
- 12-103. Available in recorder's office.
- 12-104. Violations.
- 12-105. Building permits and fees.

12-101. Building code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of regulating the construction, alteration, repair, use, occupancy, location, maintenance, removal, and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenance connected or attached to any building or structure, the Standard Building Code², 1994 edition with 1996 revisions, as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and

¹Municipal code references

Fire protection, fireworks, and explosives: title 7.

Planning and zoning: title 14.

Streets and other public ways and places: title 16.

Utilities and services: titles 18 and 19.

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

incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the building code. (1977 Code, § 4-101, modified)

12-102. Modifications. Whenever the building code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority" or the "Chief Administrator," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the board of mayor and aldermen of the town. When the "Building Official" or "Director of Public Works" is named it shall, for the purposes of the building code, mean such person as the board of mayor and aldermen shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the building code.

The schedule of permit fees set forth in Appendix "B" is amended so that the fees to be collected shall be exactly one-half of the sums therein prescribed. Provided, however, that the minimum fee for an inspection shall be \$1.50. Section 107 of the building code is hereby deleted. (1977 Code, § 4-102)

12-103. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of the Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the building code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1977 Code, § 4-103, modified)

12-104. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the building code as herein adopted by reference and modified. (1977 Code, § 4-104)

12-105. Building permits and fees. (1) A building permit must be obtained, and the fee paid therefore, before any individual may commence:

- (a) Construction of a new residence or building;
- (b) Set up a mobile home;
- (c) Any addition to an existing structure including covered porches, open porches, or deck;
- (d) Construction of a swimming pool or tennis court;
- (e) Construction of a new driveway, sidewalk, or parking lot;
- (f) Construction, installation or set up a new sign;
- (g) Moving of a building;
- (h) Demolition of a building;
- (i) Construction of a fence or retaining wall adjoining town streets; or
- (j) Construction of a single detached building not exceeding 150 square feet.

(2) No building permit is needed for:

- (a) Any interior changes which do not require structural changes;

- (b) Any wiring changes (may need electrical permit from Harriman Utility Board);
 - (c) Any plumbing change (may need health department permit);
 - (d) Replacement of doors or windows;
 - (e) Replacement of roof or siding; or
 - (f) Septic systems.
- (3) Building permit fees shall be as follows:

<u>TOTAL VALUATION</u>	<u>FEE</u>
\$0 to \$2,000.00	\$ 4.00 fee for each inspection
\$2,001.00 to \$15,000.00	\$10.00 fee for each inspection
\$15,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$25.00 fee for each inspection
\$50,001.00 to \$75,000.00	\$35.00 fee for each inspection
\$75,001.00 and up	\$50.00 fee for each inspection

Cost may change if recommended by municipal planning commission and approved by board of mayor and aldermen of Town of Oakdale.

(4) If any construction, alterations, modifications, or other work requiring the issuance of a building permit is commenced or started before said permit is obtained, the owner of the property where a violation of this section occurs may be subjected to a fine of double the permit fee or if no permit fee is required, a minimum of \$25.00. (Ord. #91-41, July 1991)

CHAPTER 2

PLUMBING CODE¹

SECTION

- 12-201. Plumbing code adopted.
- 12-202. Modifications.
- 12-203. Available in recorder's office.
- 12-204. Violations.

12-201. Plumbing code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506 and for the purpose of regulating plumbing installations, including alterations, repairs, equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings, and the appurtenances thereto, within or without the town, when such plumbing is or is to be connected with the municipal water or sewerage system, the Standard Plumbing Code,² 1994 edition with 1995/1996 revisions, as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the plumbing code. (1977 Code, § 4-201, modified)

12-202. Modifications. Wherever the plumbing code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority," the "Administrative Authority," or the "Governing Authority," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the board of mayor and aldermen.

Wherever "Town Engineer," "Engineering Department," "Plumbing Official," or "Inspector" is named or referred to, it shall mean the person appointed or designated by the board of mayor and aldermen to administer and enforce the provisions of the plumbing code. Section 107 of the plumbing code is hereby deleted. (1977 Code, § 4-202)

¹Municipal code references

Cross connections: title 18.

Street excavations: title 16.

Wastewater treatment: title 18.

Water and sewer system administration: title 18.

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

12-203. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the plumbing code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1977 Code, § 4-203, modified)

12-204. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the plumbing code as herein adopted by reference and modified. (1977 Code, § 4-204)

CHAPTER 3

ELECTRICAL CODE¹

SECTION

- 12-301. Electrical code adopted.
- 12-302. Available in recorder's office.
- 12-303. Permit required for doing electrical work.
- 12-304. Violations.
- 12-305. Enforcement.
- 12-306. Fees.

12-301. Electrical code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506 and for the purpose of providing practical minimum standards for the safeguarding of persons and of buildings and their contents from hazards arising from the use of electricity for light, heat, power, radio, signaling, or for other purposes, the National Electrical Code,² 1996 edition, as prepared by the National Fire Protection Association, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the electrical code. (1977 Code, § 4-301, modified)

12-302. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the electrical code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1977 Code, § 4-302, modified)

12-303. Permit required for doing electrical work. No electrical work shall be done within this town until a permit therefor has been issued by the town. The term "electrical work" shall not be deemed to include minor repairs that do not involve the installation of new wire, conduits, machinery, apparatus, or other electrical devices generally requiring the services of an electrician. (1977 Code, § 4-303)

¹Municipal code references

Fire protection, fireworks and explosives: title 7.

²Copies of this code may be purchased from the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101.

12-304. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to do or authorize any electrical work or to use any electricity in such manner or under such circumstances as not to comply with this chapter and/or the requirements and standards prescribed by the electrical code. (1977 Code, § 4-304)

12-305. Enforcement. The electrical inspector shall be such person as the board of mayor and aldermen shall appoint or designate. It shall be his duty to enforce compliance with this chapter and the electrical code as herein adopted by reference. He is authorized and directed to make such inspections of electrical equipment and wiring, etc., as are necessary to insure compliance with the applicable regulations, and may enter any premises or building at any reasonable time for the purpose of discharging his duties. He is authorized to refuse or discontinue electrical service to any person or place not complying with this chapter and/or the electrical code. (1977 Code, § 4-305)

12-306. Fees. The electrical inspector shall collect the same fees as are authorized in Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-102-143 for electrical inspections by deputy inspectors of the state fire marshal. (1977 Code, § 4-306)

CHAPTER 4

HOUSING CODE

SECTION

- 12-401. Housing code adopted.
- 12-402. Modifications.
- 12-403. Available in recorder's office.
- 12-404. Violations.

12-401. Housing code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of securing the public safety, health, and general welfare through structural strength, stability, sanitation, adequate light, and ventilation in dwellings, apartment houses, rooming houses, and buildings, structures, or premises used as such, the Standard Housing Code,¹ 1994 edition, as prepared and adopted by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the housing code. (1977 Code, § 4-401, modified)

12-402. Modifications. Wherever the housing code refers to the "Building Official" it shall mean the person appointed or designated by the board of mayor and aldermen to administer and enforce the provisions of the housing code. Wherever the "Department of Law" is referred to it shall mean the city attorney. Wherever the "Chief Appointing Authority" is referred to it shall mean the board of mayor and aldermen. Section 108 of the housing code is deleted. (1977 Code, § 4-402)

12-403. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the housing code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1977 Code, § 4-403, modified)

12-404. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the housing code as herein adopted by reference and modified. (1977 Code, § 4-404)

¹Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

CHAPTER 5

MODEL ENERGY CODE¹

SECTION

- 12-501. Model energy code adopted.
- 12-502. Modifications.
- 12-503. Available in recorder's office.
- 12-504. Violation and penalty.

12-501. Model energy code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of regulating the design of buildings for adequate thermal resistance and low air leakage and the design and selection of mechanical, electrical, water-heating and illumination systems and equipment which will enable the effective use of energy in new building construction, the Model Energy Code² 1992 edition, as prepared and maintained by The Council of American Building Officials, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the energy code.

12-502. Modifications. Whenever the energy code refers to the "responsible government agency," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the Town of Oakdale. When the "building official" is named it shall, for the purposes of the energy code, mean such person as the board of mayor and aldermen shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the energy code.

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 13-19-106 requires Tennessee cities either to adopt the Model Energy Code, 1992 edition, or to adopt local standards equal to or stricter than the standards in the energy code.

Municipal code references

Fire protection, fireworks, and explosives: title 7.

Planning and zoning: title 14.

Streets and other public ways and places: title 16.

Utilities and services: titles 18 and 19.

²Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from The Council of American Building Officials, 5203 Leesburg, Pike Falls Church, Virginia 22041.

12-503. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of the Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the energy code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public.

12-504. Violation and penalty. It shall be a civil offense for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the energy code as herein adopted by reference and modified. The violation of any section of this chapter shall be punishable by a penalty of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

CHAPTER 6**DWELLINGS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION****SECTION**

- 12-601. Applicability or purpose.
- 12-602. Definitions.
- 12-603. Nonconforming habitable buildings.
- 12-604. Utilities not available to nonconforming building.
- 12-605. Existence of nonconforming buildings.
- 12-606. Building inspector.
- 12-607. Institution of action, etc. by building inspector.
- 12-608. Notice by building inspector.
- 12-609. Failure of owner to vacate, etc.
- 12-610. Failure of owner to remove, etc.
- 12-611. Creation of lien and payment into court.
- 12-612. Conditions rendering dwelling unfit.
- 12-613. Service of complaints or orders.
- 12-614. Enjoining enforcement of order.
- 12-615. Powers of building inspector.
- 12-616. Penalty.

12-601. Applicability or purpose. Every building used in whole or part as a home or residence of a single family or person and every building used in whole or in part as a home or residence of two (2) or more persons as families, living in separate apartments, or otherwise, shall conform to the requirements of this chapter irrespective of the class to which such building may otherwise belong, and irrespective of when such building may have been constructed, altered or repaired. This chapter establishes minimum standards for occupancy and does not replace or modify standards otherwise established for the construction, replacement or repair of buildings except such as are in conflict with the provisions of this chapter. (1977 Code, § 4-501)

12-602. Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings assigned to them:

- (1) "Basement" shall mean that portion of a building below the main floor, the ceiling of which is not less than three feet (3') above grade.
- (2) "Cellar" shall mean that portion of a building, the ceiling of which is less than three feet (3') above grade.
- (3) "Dwelling" shall mean any building or structure, or part thereof, used and occupied for human habitation or intended to be so used, and includes

any outhouses and appurtenances belonging thereto or usually enjoyed therewith.

(4) "Family" shall mean a group of persons, not necessarily related by blood or marriage, living together as a single housekeeping unit.

(5) "Habitable building" shall mean any structure or part thereof that shall be used as a home or place of abode by one or more persons.

(6) "Habitable room" shall mean any room in any building in which persons sleep, eat or carry on their usual domestic or social vocations or avocations, but shall not include private laundries, bathrooms, toilet rooms, pantries, storerooms corridors, rooms for mechanical equipment for service in the building, or other similar spaces not used by persons frequently or during extended periods.

(7) "Infestation" shall mean the presence of household pests, vermin or rodents.

(8) "Owner" shall mean the holder of the title in fee simple and every mortgagee of record.

(9) "Plumbing" shall include all gas, pipes, gas burning equipment, waste pipes, water pipes, water closets, sinks, lavatories, bathtubs, catch basins, drains, vents and any other fixtures connected to the water, sewer or gas lines.

(10) "Public hall" shall mean a hall, corridor or passageway not within the exclusive control of one family.

(11) "Substandard" shall be construed to include all buildings used for purposes of human habitation which do not conform to the minimum standards established by this chapter and by other provisions of this code.

(12) "Parties in interest" shall mean all individuals, associations, corporations and others who have interest of record in a dwelling and any who are in possession thereof. (1977 Code, § 4-502)

12-603. Nonconforming habitable buildings. Any habitable building which shall fail to conform to the requirements set forth in this chapter shall be deemed a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the habitants of this town. (1977 Code, § 4-503)

12-604. Utilities not available to nonconforming building. No electric power or water from the town's electrical or water distribution systems shall be made available to any habitable building within the town or within a radius of five (5) miles of the corporate limits of the town, which shall fail to conform to this housing code. (1977 Code, § 4-504)

12-605. Existence of nonconforming buildings. There exist in the Town of Oakdale dwellings which are unfit for human habitation, due to dilapidation, defects increasing the hazards of fire, accident or other calamities;

lack of ventilation, light for sanitary facilities or due to other conditions rendering such dwellings unsafe or unsanitary or dangerous or detrimental to the health, safety or morals, or otherwise inimical to the welfare of the residents of the Town of Oakdale. (1977 Code, § 4-505)

12-606. Building inspector. The building inspector is designated is the public officer of the Town of Oakdale who is to exercise the powers herein prescribed. (1977 Code, § 4-506)

12-607. Institution of action, etc. by building inspector. When a petition is filed with the building inspector by a public authority or by at least five (5) residents of the Town of Oakdale charging that any dwelling is unfit for human habitation, or whenever it appears to the building inspector (on his own motion) that any dwelling is unfit for human habitation, the building inspector shall, if, after making a preliminary investigation, such investigation discloses a basis for charges, issue and cause to be served upon the owner of and parties in interest of such dwelling, a complaint stating the charges in that respect and containing a notice that a hearing will be held before the building inspector (or his designated agent) at a time and place therein fixed not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days after the serving of said complaint; that the owners 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 of law or equity shall not be controlling in the hearing before the building inspector or his designated agent. As contained herein, public authority shall mean any housing authority, or any officer who is in charge of any department or branch of the government of the Town of Oakdale or the State of Tennessee relating to health, fire, building regulations, or other activities concerning dwellings in the Town of Oakdale. (1977 Code, § 4-507)

12-608. Notice by building inspector. If, after such notice and hearing as above prescribed, the building inspector determines that the dwelling under consideration is unfit for human habitation, 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:

(1) If the repair, alteration, or improvement of the said dwelling can be made at a reasonable cost in relation to the value of the dwelling requiring the owner within the time specified in the order to repair, alter, or improve such dwelling to render it fit for human habitation or if not adequately repaired, altered or improved within the time specified in the order to vacate and close the dwelling as a human habitation; or

(2) If the repair, alteration or improvement of the said dwelling cannot be made at a reasonable cost in relation to the value of the dwelling requiring the owner within the time specified in the order to remove or demolish such dwelling.

It shall be unlawful to rebuild any building which does not conform to the provisions of the zoning ordinance.

The building inspector shall determine the value of the dwelling in question existing on the land, the value of the land itself not to be considered, and if the dwelling can be made to conform to such standards as will make it properly habitable by an expenditure of not more than fifty per cent (50%) of said value, the order referred to in the preceding paragraph shall contain the first alternative. If an expenditure of more than fifty per cent (50%) of the value just referred to would be necessary to make the dwelling properly habitable, the order in the preceding paragraph shall contain the second alternative. (1977 Code, § 4-508)

12-609. Failure of owner to vacate, etc. If the owner fails to comply with § 12-608(1), the building inspector may cause such dwelling to be repaired, altered or improved or be vacated and closed; and in such event the building inspector may cause to be posted on the main entrance of any dwelling so closed a placard with the following words: "This building is unfit for human habitation; the use of occupation of this building for human habitation is prohibited and unlawful." (1977 Code, § 4-509)

12-610. Failure of owner to remove, etc. If the owner fails to comply with the provisions of § 12-608(2), the building inspector may cause such dwelling to be removed or demolished. (1977 Code, § 4-510)

12-611. Creation of lien and payment into court. The amount of the cost of such repairs, alterations or improvements or vacating and closing or removal or demolition by the building inspector shall be a lien against the real property on which such cost was incurred. If the dwelling is removed or demolished by the building inspector, he shall sell the materials of such dwelling and shall credit the proceeds of such sale against the cost of the removal or demolition and any balance remaining shall be deposited in the chancery court by the building inspector, 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, provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to impair or limit in any way the power of the Town of Oakdale to define and declare nuisances and to cause their removal or abatement by summary proceedings or otherwise. (1977 Code, § 4-511)

12-612. Conditions rendering dwelling unfit. In addition to the other standards set forth in this chapter the building inspector may determine that a dwelling is unfit for human habitation if he finds that conditions exist in such dwelling which are dangerous or injurious to the health, safety, or morals of the occupants of such dwelling, the occupants of neighboring dwellings or other residents of the town; such conditions may include the following (but without limiting the generality of the foregoing): Defects increasing the hazard of fire, accident or other calamities, lack of adequate ventilation, light or sanitary facilities; dilapidation; disrepair; structural defects; and uncleanliness. (1977 Code, § 4-512)

12-613. Service of complaints or orders. Complaints or orders issued by the building inspector pursuant to the requirements of 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 building inspector in the exercise of reasonable diligence and the said building inspector shall make affidavit to the effect, then 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 a newspaper printed and published in the town. A copy of such complaint or order shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises affected and a copy shall also be filed of record in the register's office of the county in which the dwelling is located and such filing shall have the same force and effect as other lis pendens notices provided by law. (1977 Code, § 4-513)

12-614. Enjoining enforcement of order. Any person affected by an order issued by the building inspector may file a bill in the chancery court for an injunction restraining the said inspector from carrying out the provisions of the order and the court may, upon the filing of such bill, issue a temporary injunction restraining the said inspector pending the final disposition of the cause; provided, however, that within sixty (60) days after the posting and service of the order of the building inspector, such persons shall file such bill in the court. Hearings shall be had by the court on such bills within twenty (20) days or as soon thereafter as possible, and shall be given preference over other matters on the court's calendar. The court shall hear and determine the issue raised and shall enter such final order or decree as law and justice may require. In all such proceedings, the finding of the building inspector as to facts, if supported by evidence, shall be conclusion. Costs shall be in the discretion of the court. The remedy as herein provided shall be exclusive remedies and no person affected by an order of the building inspector shall be entitled to recover any damages for action taken pursuant to an order of the building

inspector, or because of non-compliance by such person with any order of the building inspector. (1977 Code, § 4-514)

12-615. Powers of building inspector. The building inspector is authorized 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 the dwelling conditions in the town in order to determine which dwellings herein are unfit for human habitation.

(2) To administer oaths, affirmations, examine witnesses and receive evidence.

(3) To enter upon premises for the purpose 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. (1977 Code, § 4-515)

12-616. Penalty. Any person, firm, corporation, association or others violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall upon conviction, be fined in accordance with the provisions of the general penalty clause in this code of ordinances. (1977 Code, § 4-516)

TITLE 13

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS¹

CHAPTER

1. MISCELLANEOUS.
2. JUNKYARDS.
3. CLEARANCE REGULATIONS.

CHAPTER 1

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION

- 13-101. Health officer.
- 13-102. Smoke, soot, cinders, etc.
- 13-103. Stagnant water.
- 13-104. Weeds.
- 13-105. Dead animals.
- 13-106. Health and sanitation nuisances.
- 13-107. House trailers.

13-101. Health officer. The "health officer" shall be such town, county, or state officer as the board of mayor and aldermen shall appoint or designate to administer and enforce health and sanitation regulations within the town. (1977 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 so as to cause or have a tendency to cause injury or damage to property or business. (1977 Code, § 8-105)

13-103. Stagnant water. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to allow any pool of stagnant water to accumulate and stand on his property without treating it so as effectively to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes. (1977 Code, § 8-106)

¹Municipal code references
 Animal control: title 10.
 Littering streets, etc.: § 16-107.

13-104. Weeds. Every owner and/or tenant of property shall periodically cut the grass and other vegetation commonly recognized as weeds on his property, and it shall be unlawful for any owner to fail to comply with an order by the city recorder to cut such vegetation when it has reached a height of over one (1) foot. (1977 Code, § 8-107, modified)

13-105. Dead animals. Any person owning or having possession of any dead animal not intended for use as food shall promptly bury the same or notify the health officer and dispose of such animal in such manner as the health officer shall direct. (1977 Code, § 8-108)

13-106. Health and sanitation nuisances. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any premises owned, occupied, or controlled by him to become or remain in a filthy condition, or permit the use or occupation of same in such a manner as to create noxious or offensive smells and odors in connection therewith, or to allow the accumulation or creation of unwholesome and offensive matter or the breeding of flies, rodents, or other vermin on the premises to the menace of the public health or the annoyance of people residing within the vicinity. (1977 Code, § 8-109)

13-107. House trailers. It shall be unlawful for any person to park, locate, or occupy any house trailer or portable building unless it complies with all plumbing, electrical, sanitary, and building provisions applicable to stationary structures and the proposed location conforms to the zoning provisions of the town and unless a permit therefor shall have been first duly issued by the building official, as provided for in the building code. (1977 Code, § 8-104)

CHAPTER 2**JUNKYARDS****SECTION**

13-201. Junkyards.

13-201. Junkyards.¹ All junkyards within the corporate limits shall be operated and maintained subject to the following regulations:

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

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

(3) Such yards shall be so maintained as to be in a sanitary condition and so as not to be a menace to the public health or safety. (1977 Code, § 8-111)

¹State law reference

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

CHAPTER 3

CLEARANCE REGULATIONS

SECTION

- 13-301. Prohibition.
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- 13-305. Collection of costs incurred by town.
- 13-306. Attorney fee for collection costs.
- 13-307. Appeal.
- 13-308. Judicial review.
- 13-309. Supplemental nature of chapter.

13-301. Prohibition. (1) Pursuant to the authority granted to municipalities under Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-113, it shall be unlawful for any owner of record of real property to create, maintain, or permit to be maintained on such property the growth of trees, vines, grass, weeds, underbrush and/or the accumulations of junk cars, abandoned appliances, trash, litter, or other debris, garbage or any combination of the preceding elements so as to endanger the health, safety, or welfare of other citizens or to encourage the infestation of rats and other harmful animals.

(2) The owners of all lots of property within the corporate limits of the Town of Oakdale are hereby required to cut, trim or remove all weeds, grass, tree branches and offensive or hazardous materials from the site. It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to allow junk cars, abandoned appliances and other debris to accumulate on property under control of the person or entity.

(3) **Limitation on application.** The provisions of this section shall not apply to any parcel of property upon which an owner-occupied residence is located.

(4) **Designation of public officer or department.** The board of mayor and aldermen shall designate an appropriate department or person to enforce the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. #94-46, Jan. 1995)

13-302. Definitions. The purpose of this section is to eliminate ambiguity by providing full definition of certain words which are used in this chapter.

(1) "Weeds" shall mean any of various usually common or abundantly growing plants measured to be a minimal of one foot in height, measuring from the base of the plant at ground-surface level.

(2) "Grass" shall mean any of numerous plants of the family Graminea measured to be a minimal of one foot in height measuring from the base of the plant at ground-surface level.

(3) "Offensive or hazardous materials" shall mean any tangible or intangible material which is disagreeable to the senses and/or a material which may be dangerous to the environment or the people.

(4) "Junk cars" shall mean any automobile or any motor vehicle manufactured for transportation which is incapable of being selfpropelled upon the public streets or which does not meet the requirements for operation upon the public streets including current license and registration also, if the vehicle is not functional within 60 days of the notice and registered within 60 days is considered a junk car.

(5) "Abandoned appliances" shall mean any manufactured appliance not functional and not presently being used for its manufactured purpose. (Ord. #94-46, Jan. 1995)

13-303. Notice to property owner to clean-up premises. It shall be the duty of the department or person designated by the board of mayor and aldermen to enforce this chapter to serve notice upon the owner of record in violation of § 13-301(1) and/or (2) above, a notice in plain language to remedy the condition within ten (10) days (or twenty (20) days if the owner of record is a carrier engaged in the transportation of property or is a utility transmitting communications, electricity, gas, liquids, steam, sewage, or other materials), excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. The notice shall be sent by registered or certified United States Mail, addressed to the last known address of the owner of record or such notice may be served personally on the owner of the property or may be posted on the property in which the violation exists. Service of notice shall consist of any of the above methods and the notice shall state that the owner of the property is entitled to a hearing, and shall, at the minimum, contain the following additional information:

(1) A brief statement that the owner is in violation of § 13-301(1) and/or (2) of the Clearance Regulations Chapter of the Oakdale Municipal Code, which has been enacted under the authority of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-113, and that the property of such owner may be cleaned-up at the expense of the owner and a lien placed against the property to secure the cost of the cleanup;

(2) The person, office, address, and telephone number of the department or person giving the notice;

(3) A cost estimate for remedying the noted condition, which shall be in conformity with the standards of cost in the town; and

(4) A place wherein the notified party may return a copy of the notice, indicating the desire for a hearing. (Ord. #94-46, Jan. 1995)

13-304. Cleaning-up the premises at property owner's expense.

If the property owner of record fails or refuses to remedy the condition within ten (10) days after receiving the notice (twenty (20) days if the owner is a carrier engaged in the transportation of property or is a utility transmitting communications, electricity, gas, liquids, steam, sewage, or other materials), the department or persons designated by the board of mayor and aldermen to enforce the provisions of this chapter shall immediately cause the condition to be remedied or removed at a cost in conformity with reasonable standards, and the cost thereof shall be assessed against the owner of the property. Upon the filing of the notice with the Office of the Register of Deeds in Morgan County, the costs shall be a lien on the property in favor of the municipality, second only to liens of the state, county, and municipality for taxes, any lien of the municipality for special assessments, and any valid lien, right, or interest in such property duly recorded or duly perfected by filing, prior to the filing of such notice. These costs shall be placed on the tax rolls of the municipality as a lien and shall be added to property tax bills to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as property taxes are collected. If the owner fails to pay the costs, they may be collected at the same time and in the same manner as delinquent property taxes are collected and shall be subject to the same penalty and interest as delinquent property taxes. (Ord. #94-46, Jan. 1995)

13-305. Collection of costs incurred by town. Upon receipt of such statement of costs, the city recorder shall bill the property owner, by certified mail, in a manner similar to that followed in mailing monthly utility bills for the amount of the costs incurred by the town for such cutting, or clearing of the property and all such bills or charges shall bear interest at the rate of 15% per annum, during the period of time commencing thirty (30) days after the date of mailing such bills or statements of charges and ending on the date of payment. At the same time unpaid real estate taxes are certified or turned over to the city attorney for collection, the city recorder may also certify or turn over to him for collection all unpaid and uncollected bills of charges for the cutting, trimming, or removal of the accumulated debris specified in the chapter, and the city attorney shall file suit or take other steps as may be necessary to enforce the lien for same on such property. (Ord. #94-46, Jan. 1995)

13-306. Attorney fee for collection costs. All uncollected sums for the cutting, trimming, and removal of the accumulated debris, as specified in the chapter, for each year, including interests and all costs incurred by the town for removing the specified violations, after notice to the property owner as herein provided, are hereby declared to be a special tax to be collected as other general taxes levied by the town, including real estate taxes and special assessments. When placed in the hands of the city attorney for collection 10% of the unpaid

charges for such costs incurred by the town shall be added to the principal and interest for the attorney's services in making such collections and retained by the attorney. (Ord. #94-46, Jan. 1995)

13-307. Appeal. The owner of record who is aggrieved by the determination and order of the public officer may appeal the determination and order to the board of mayor and aldermen. The appeal shall be filed with the city recorder within ten (10) days following the receipt of the notice issued pursuant to §§ 13-301 and 13-303 above. The failure to appeal within this time shall, without exception, constitute a waiver of the right to a hearing. (Ord. #94-46, Jan. 1995)

13-308. Judicial review. Any person aggrieved by an order or act of board of mayor and aldermen under § 13-304 above may seek judicial review of the order or act. The time period established in § 13-303 above shall be stayed during the pendency of judicial review. (Ord. #94-46, Jan. 1995)

13-309. Supplemental nature of this chapter. The provisions of this section are in addition and supplemental to, and not in substitution for, any other provision in the Municipal Charter, this Municipal Code of Ordinances or other applicable law which permits the town to proceed against an owner, tenant or occupant of property who has created, maintained, or permitted to be maintained on such property the growth of trees, vines, grass, weeds, underbrush and/or the accumulation of the debris, trash, litter, or garbage or any combination of the preceding elements, under its charter, any other provisions of this Municipal Code of Ordinances or any other applicable law. (Ord. #94-46, Jan. 1995)

TITLE 14**ZONING AND LAND USE CONTROL****CHAPTER**

1. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION.
2. ZONING ORDINANCE.
3. PREVENTION OF FLOOD DAMAGE.

CHAPTER 1**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION****SECTION**

- 14-101. Creation and membership.
- 14-102. Organization, powers, duties, etc.
- 14-103. Additional powers.

14-101. Creation and membership. Pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 13-4-101 there is hereby created a municipal planning commission, hereinafter referred to as the planning commission. The planning commission shall consist of five (5) members; two (2) of these shall be the mayor and another member of the board of mayor and aldermen selected by the board of mayor and aldermen; the other three (3) members shall be appointed by the mayor. All members of the planning commission shall serve as such without compensation. Except for the initial appointments, the terms of the three (3) members appointed by the mayor shall be for three (3) years each. The three (3) members first appointed shall be appointed for terms of one (1), two (2), and three (3) years respectively so that the term of one (1) member expires each year. The terms of the mayor and the member selected by the board of mayor and aldermen shall run concurrently their terms of office. Any vacancy in an appointive membership shall be filled for the unexpired term by the mayor. (1977 Code, § 11-101)

14-102. Organization, powers, duties, etc. The planning commission shall be organized and shall carry out its powers, functions, and duties in accordance with all applicable provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, title 13. (1977 Code, § 11-102)

14-103. Additional powers.¹ Having been designated as a regional planning commission, the municipal planning commission shall have the additional powers granted by, and shall otherwise be governed by the provisions of the state law relating to regional planning commissions. (1977 Code, § 11-103)

¹To make this section effective the municipality should request the State Planning Office, under authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 13-3-102, to designate the municipal planning commission as a regional planning commission.

CHAPTER 2

ZONING ORDINANCE

SECTION

14-201. Land use to be governed by zoning ordinance.

14-201. Land use to be governed by zoning ordinance. Land use within the Town of Oakdale shall be governed by Ordinance Number 90-39, titled "Oakdale Zoning Ordinance" and any amendments thereto.¹

¹Ordinance No. 90-39, and any amendments thereto, are published as separate documents and are of record in the office of the town recorder.

CHAPTER 3

PREVENTION OF FLOOD DAMAGE

SECTION

- 14-301. Definitions.
- 14-302. Floodway.
- 14-303. Floodway fringe area.
- 14-304. Development permit--building permit.
- 14-305. Administration, development permit.
- 14-306. Designation of local administrator.
- 14-307. Use of other base flood data.
- 14-308. Information to be obtained and maintained.
- 14-309. Alteration of watercourses.
- 14-310. Interpretation of FIRM boundaries.
- 14-311. Reducing damages to mobile homes.
- 14-312. Subdivision proposals.

14-301. Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter, certain terms used herein are defined as follows:

(1) "Base flood" "(100-year flood):" The 100-year flood is a flood having an average frequency of occurrence of once in 100 years, although the flood may occur in any year. It is based on statistical analyses of streamflow records available for the watershed and analyses of rainfall and runoff characteristics in the general region of the watershed.

(2) "Development:" Means any manmade change to improve or unimprove real estate, including but not limited to, buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation, or drilling operations.

(3) "Floodway:" The stream channel and adjacent overbank needed to safely pass the 100-year flood without an undue increase in height. The boundaries of the floodway are shown on the map entitled "Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) - 1986, Oakdale, Tennessee."

(4) "Land subject to flood:" Land subject to flood include Zones A and AE (the 100-year or base flood areas) shown on the "Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Town of Oakdale, Tennessee, Community Panel Number 470140 0001 B" dated on or after September 1 1986." Land subject to flood is further identified in the Oakdale Flood Insurance Study.

(5) "Mobile home:" Means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis, and designed to be used with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. It does not include recreational vehicles or travel trailers.

(6) "Start of construction:" The first placement of permanent construction intended to result in the construction or placement of a structure, any part of which will be used as a dwelling.

(7) "Structure:" Any combination of materials in including buildings constructed or erected, the use of which requires location on the ground or attachment to anything having location on the ground and including among other things signs, billboards, fences, and landfill.

(8) "Substantial improvement:" Means any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure either:

(a) Before the improvement or repair is started, or

(b) If the structure has been damaged and is being restored, as before the damage occurred. For the purpose of this definition, "Substantial Improvement" is considered to occur when the first alteration on any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of the building commences, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the structure. The term does not, however, include either:

(i) Any project or improvement of a structure to comply with the existing state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which are solely necessary to assure safe living conditions, or

(ii) Any alteration of the structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or a State Inventory of Historic Places. (1977 Code, § 8-501, as amended by Ord. #86-33, May 1986)

14-302. Floodway. A floodway as shown on the Flood Insurance Rate map and referenced in § 14-301 is established to facilitate the needs of Emory River to carry the abnormal flows in time of flood; to prevent encroachment into the floodplain which will increase flood heights and flood damage; and to prevent insofar as possible the loss of life and damage to property in the area of greatest flood hazard. Within the floodway, buildings or structures which will restrict the flow of floodwater or otherwise create conditions hazardous to life and property are prohibited.

The building inspector shall not issue a building permit for any building or structure that does not comply with the intent of this chapter. In his review of requests for building permits, the building inspector may utilize the services of a competent engineer and shall be guided in his decision by the following standards, keeping in mind that the purpose of the floodway is to prevent encroachment into the floodplain which will unduly increase flood heights and endanger life and property.

(1) Any building or structure permitted shall be of a type not appreciably damaged by floodwaters, provided no structures for human

habitation shall be permitted. No new mobile homes shall be permitted in the floodway except in an existing mobile home park.

(2) No filling of land shall be permitted.

(3) Any building or structure permitted shall be designed to have a minimum effect upon the flow of water.

(4) Any building or structure permitted shall be firmly anchored to prevent the building or structure from floating away and thus threatening to block bridge openings and restricted sections of the river. Any construction approved within a floodway shall be certified by a registered engineer that such construction and/or resulting development or structure will not cause an increase in the base flood elevation. Certification shall be at the developer's expense.

(5) Where in the opinion of the building inspector topographic data, engineering, and other studies are needed to determine the effects of flooding on a proposed structure, and/or the effect of the structure on the flow of water, the building inspector may require the applicant to submit such data and/or studies prepared by competent engineers or other technical people.

(6) Any building or structure proposed to be located within 100 feet of any other main drainage channel or stream (hereafter referred to as stream) within the Town of Oakdale, Tennessee must be approved by the building inspector. The building inspector shall determine on the basis of the area of the watershed and the probable runoff, the openings needed for the stream or how close a structure may be built to the stream in order to assure adequate space for the flow of floodwater, provided, however, no building shall be permitted within ten (10) feet of the top of bank of any stream.

(7) The granting of approval of any building or structure shall not constitute a representation, guarantee, or warranty of any kind or nature by the Town of Oakdale, Tennessee, or by any officer or employee thereof of the practicability or safety of any building or structure or other plan proposed and shall create no liability upon or a cause of action against such public body, officer or employee for any damage that may result pursuant thereto. (1977 Code, § 8-502, as amended by Ord. #86-33, May 1986)

14-303. Floodway fringe area. The construction, alteration, and moving of any building or structure in any area outside the floodway but on land subject to flood, as defined by § 14-301 of this chapter, shall be subject to the following regulations.

(1) No building or structure shall be erected, and no existing building or structure shall be moved unless the main floor of said building or structure is at a higher elevation than the 100-year flood, as defined under § 14-301(1).

(2) No basement or other floor shall be constructed below or at a lower elevation than the base flood.

(3) Land may be filled provided such fill does not encroach into the floodway and provided such fill extends twenty-five (25) feet beyond the limits of any structures erected thereon. (1977 Code, § 8-503, as amended by Ord. #86-33, May 1986)

14-304. Development permit -- building permit. A permit shall be required for all new construction or substantial improvement (including prefabricated or mobile homes) to be located within the corporate limits of the Town of Oakdale, Tennessee.

(1) The mayor shall review all building permit applications for new construction or substantial improvements to determine whether proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. If a proposed building site is in a location that has a flood hazard, any proposed new construction or substantial improvement (including prefabricated and mobile homes) must:

- (a) be designed (or modified) and anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure;
- (b) use construction materials and utility equipment that are resistant to flood damage; and
- (c) use construction methods and practices that will minimize flood damage; and

(2) The mayor shall review subdivision proposals and other proposed new developments to assure that:

- (a) all such proposals are consistent with the need to minimize flood damage;
- (b) all public utilities and facilities, such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems are located, elevated, and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage;
- (c) adequate drainage is provided so as to reduce exposure to flood hazards; and

(3) The mayor shall require new or replacement water supply systems and/or sanitary sewage systems to be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters, and require on-site waste disposal systems to be located so as to avoid impairment of them or contamination from them during flooding; and

(4) For failure to apply for and obtain a permit as required by this section the person, firm or corporation determined to be in violation may be fined in accordance with the provisions of the general penalty clause in this code of ordinances.

(5) The mayor shall require positive proof that all state, federal, and local government permits have been obtained before issuing a permit for any development proposal. (1977 Code, § 8-504, as amended by Ord. #86-33, May 1986)

14-305. Administration, development permit. A development permit shall be required in conformance with the provisions of this chapter.

(1) Application for a development permit shall be made with the mayor on forms furnished by him, and may include, but not be limited to the following: Plans in duplicate drawn to scale showing the nature, location, dimensions and elevations of the area in question; existing or proposed structures, fill, storage of materials, drainage facilities, and the location of the foregoing. Specifically the following information is required:

(a) Elevation in relation to mean sea level (MSL) of the lowest floor (including basement) of all proposed structures.

(b) Elevation in relation to mean sea level to which any nonresidential structure will be floodproofed.

(c) Certification by a registered professional engineer or architect that the nonresidential floodproofed structure meets the floodproofing criteria in this chapter.

(d) Description to the extent to which any watercourse will be altered or relocated as a result of proposed development. (1977 Code, § 8-505)

14-306. Designation of local administrator. (1) The mayor of the Town of Oakdale is hereby appointed to administer and implement this chapter by granting or denying development and permanent applications in accordance with its provisions. Duties of the mayor shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Permit review:

(i) Review all development permits to determine that the permit requirements have been satisfied.

(ii) Review all development permits to require that all necessary permits have been obtained from those federal, state, and local government agencies from which prior approval is required.

(iii) Review all development permits to determine if proposed development adversely affects the flood-carrying capacity of the floodplains. For the purpose of the chapter (adversely affects) means damage to adjacent properties because of rises and flood stages attributed to physical changes of the channel in the adjacent overbank areas.

(2) If it is determined that there is no adverse effect, and the development is not a building, then the permit shall be granted without further consideration.

(3) If it is determined that there is an adverse effect, then technical justification (i.e., a registered professional engineering analysis) for the proposed development shall be required.

(4) If the proposed development is a building, then the provisions of this chapter shall apply. (1977 Code, § 8-506)

14-307. Use of other base flood data. When base flood elevation data has not been provided, the mayor shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation data available from a federal, state or other source. (1977 Code, § 8-507)

14-308. Information to be obtained and maintained. Verify and record on or with the development (building permit) the actual elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new or substantially improved structures.

(1) Verify and record the actual elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which the new or substantially improved structures have been floodproofed.

(2) All records pertaining to the provisions of this chapter shall be maintained in the office of the mayor and shall be open for public inspection. (1977 Code, § 8-508, as amended by Ord. #86-33, May 1986)

14-309. Alteration of watercourses. (1) Notify adjacent communities and the director of the Local Planning Office, prior to any alteration or relocation of watercourse, and shall submit evidence of such notification to the federal insurance administration.

(2) Require that maintenance is provided within the altered or relocate portion of said watercourse so that the flood-carrying capacity is not diminished. (1977 Code, § 8-509, as amended by Ord. #86-33, May 1986)

14-310. Interpretation of FIRM boundaries. Where interpretation is needed as to the exact location of the boundaries of the areas of special flood hazard (for example, where there appears to be a conflict between a mapped boundary and actual physical conditions), the mayor shall make the necessary interpretation. (1977 Code, § 8-510)

14-311. Reducing damages to mobile homes. New and substantially improved mobile home parks and subdivisions and mobile homes placed outside an existing mobile home park or subdivision shall be elevated to or above the base flood elevation. They shall be designed so that adequate access and drainage is provided, such design shall include safe egress during times of flooding. Approved and proven methods of construction and construction standards shall be used if pilings are used to elevate mobile homes.

Generally, mobile homes shall be installed using methods and practices which will minimize flood damage. Mobile homes in A and AE Zones shall be

elevated and anchored to resist flotation, collapse, and movement. (1977 Code, § 8-511, as amended by Ord. #86-33, May 1986)

14-312. Subdivision proposals. Base flood elevation data shall be provided for subdivision proposals and other proposed development which is greater than the lesser of 50 lots or 5 acres. (1977 Code, § 8-512)

TITLE 15

MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING¹

CHAPTER

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CHAPTER 1

MISCELLANEOUS²

SECTION

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¹Municipal code reference

Excavations and obstructions in streets, etc.: title 16.

²State law references

Under Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-307, the following offenses are exclusively state offenses and must be tried in a state court or a court having state jurisdiction: driving while intoxicated or drugged, as prohibited by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-401; failing to stop after a traffic accident, as prohibited by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-101, et seq.; driving while license is suspended or revoked, as prohibited by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-7-116; and drag racing, as prohibited by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-10-501.

- 15-111. School safety patrols.
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15-101. Motor vehicle requirements. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle within the corporate limits unless such vehicle is equipped with properly operating muffler, lights, brakes, horn, and such other equipment as is prescribed and required by Tennessee Code Annotated, title 55, chapter 9. (1977 Code, § 9-101)

15-102. Driving on streets closed for repairs, etc. Except for necessary access to property abutting thereon, no motor vehicle shall be driven upon any street that is barricaded or closed for repairs or other lawful purpose. (1977 Code, § 9-106)

15-103. One-way streets. On any street for one-way traffic with posted signs indicating the authorized direction of travel at all intersections offering access thereto, no person shall operate any vehicle except in the indicated direction. (1977 Code, § 9-109)

15-104. Unlaned streets. (1) Upon all unlaned streets of sufficient width a vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the street except:

(a) When lawfully overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction.

(b) When the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair.

(c) Upon a roadway designated and signposted by the town for one-way traffic.

(2) All vehicles proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall be driven as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn. (1977 Code, § 9-110)

15-105. Laned streets. On streets marked with traffic lanes, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to fail or refuse to keep his vehicle within the boundaries of the proper lane for his direction of travel except when lawfully passing another vehicle or preparatory to making a lawful turning movement.

On two (2) lane and three (3) lane streets the proper lane for travel shall be the right hand lane unless otherwise clearly marked. On streets with four (4) or more lanes, either of the right hand lanes shall be available for use except that traffic moving at less than the normal rate of speed shall use the extreme right hand lane. On one-way streets either lane may be lawfully used in the absence of markings to the contrary. (1977 Code, § 9-111)

15-106. Yellow lines. On streets with a yellow line placed to the right of any lane line or center line such yellow line shall designate a no-passing zone, and no operator shall drive his vehicle or any part thereof across or to the left of such yellow line except when necessary to make a lawful left turn from such street. (1977 Code, § 9-112)

15-107. Miscellaneous traffic-control signs, etc.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 town 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. (1977 Code, § 9-113)

15-108. General requirements for traffic-control signs, etc. All traffic-control signs, signals, markings, and devices shall conform to the latest revision of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways,² published by the U. S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and shall, so far as practicable, be uniform as to type and location throughout the town. This section shall not be construed as being mandatory but is merely directive. (1977 Code, § 9-114)

¹Municipal code references

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

²This manual may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

15-109. Unauthorized traffic-control signs, etc. 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. (1977 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. (1977 Code, § 9-116)

15-111. School safety patrols. 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 shall at the time be wearing some insignia and/or using authorized flags for giving signals. (1977 Code, § 9-117)

15-112. Driving through funerals or other processions. Except when otherwise directed by a police officer no driver of a vehicle shall drive between the vehicles comprising a funeral or other authorized procession while they are in motion and when such vehicles are conspicuously designated. (1977 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. (1977 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. (1977 Code, § 9-121)

15-115. Backing vehicles. The driver of a vehicle shall not back the same unless such movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with other traffic. (1977 Code, § 9-122)

15-116. Projections from the rear of vehicles. Whenever the load or any projecting portion of any vehicle shall extend beyond the rear of the bed or body thereof the operator shall display at the end of such load or projection, in such position as to be clearly visible from the rear of such vehicle, a red flag being not less than twelve (12) inches square. Between one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour after sunset and one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) 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. (1977 Code, § 9-123)

15-117. Causing unnecessary noise. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause unnecessary noise by unnecessarily sounding the horn, "racing" the motor, or causing the "screeching" or "squealing" of the tires on any motor vehicle. (1977 Code, § 9-124)

15-118. Vehicles and operators to be licensed. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in violation of the "Tennessee Motor Vehicle Title and Registration Law" or the "Uniform Motor Vehicle Operators' and Chauffeurs' License Law." (1977 Code, § 9-125)

15-119. Passing. Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the driver of a vehicle passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the right side of the street until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle. The driver of the overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on audible signal and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

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

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

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

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

No vehicle operator shall attempt to pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless he can see that the way ahead is sufficiently clear and unobstructed to enable him to make the movement in safety. (1977 Code, § 9-126)

15-120. Damaging pavements. No person shall operate upon any street of the town any vehicle, motor propelled or otherwise, which by reason of its weight or the character of its wheels, tires, or track is likely to damage the surface or foundation of the street. (1977 Code, § 9-119)

15-121. Bicycle riders, etc. 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 handlebars.

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. (1977 Code, § 9-127)

CHAPTER 2

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

SECTION

- 15-201. Authorized emergency vehicles defined.
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15-201. Authorized emergency vehicles defined. Authorized emergency vehicles shall be fire department vehicles, police vehicles, and such ambulances and other emergency vehicles as are designated by the chief of police. (1977 Code, § 9-102)

15-202. Operation of authorized emergency vehicles.¹ (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 directions so long as he does not endanger life or property.

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

(4) The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the

¹Municipal code reference

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

consequences of his reckless disregard for the safety of others. (1977 Code, § 9-103)

15-203. Following emergency vehicles. No driver of any vehicle shall follow any authorized emergency vehicle apparently travelling 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. (1977 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. (1977 Code, § 9-105)

CHAPTER 3

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15-301. In general. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle upon any highway or street at a rate of speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour except where official signs have been posted indicating other speed limits in which cases the posted speed limit shall apply. (1977 Code, § 9-201)

15-302. At intersections. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle through any intersection at a rate of speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour unless such person is driving on a street regulated by traffic-control signals or signs which require traffic to stop or yield on the intersecting streets. (1977 Code, § 9-202)

15-303. In school zones. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle at a rate of speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour when passing a school during recess or while children are going to or leaving school during its opening or closing hours. (1977 Code, § 9-203)

15-304. In congested areas. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle through any congested area at a rate of speed in excess of any posted speed limit when such speed limit has been posted by authority of the town. (1977 Code, § 9-204)

CHAPTER 4

TURNING MOVEMENTS

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15-401. Generally. No person operating a motor vehicle shall make any turning movement which might affect any pedestrian or the operation of any other vehicle without first ascertaining that such movement can be made in safety and signaling his intention in accordance with the requirements of the state law.¹ (1977 Code, § 9-301)

15-402. Right turns. Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway. (1977 Code, § 9-302)

15-403. Left turns on two-way roadways. At any intersection where traffic is permitted to move in both directions on each roadway entering the intersection, an approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the center line thereof and by passing to the right of the intersection of the center line of the two roadways. (1977 Code, § 9-303)

15-404. Left turns on other than two-way roadways. At any intersection where traffic is restricted to one direction on one or more of the roadways, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn left at any such intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection, as nearly as practicable, in the left hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in such direction upon the roadway being entered. (1977 Code, § 9-304)

15-405. U-turns. U-turns are prohibited. (1977 Code, § 9-305)

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-143.

CHAPTER 5

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15-501. Upon approach of authorized emergency vehicles.¹ Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible and/or visual signals meeting the requirements of the laws of this state, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer. (1977 Code, § 9-401)

15-502. When emerging from alleys, etc. The drivers of all vehicles emerging from alleys, parking lots, driveways, or buildings shall stop such vehicles immediately prior to driving onto any sidewalk or street. They shall not proceed to drive onto the sidewalk or street until they can safely do so without colliding or interfering with approaching pedestrians or vehicles. (1977 Code, § 9-402)

15-503. To prevent obstructing an intersection. No driver shall enter any intersection or marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of such intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle he is operating without obstructing the passage of traffic in or on the intersecting street or crosswalk. This provision shall be effective notwithstanding any traffic-control signal indication to proceed. (1977 Code, § 9-403)

¹Municipal code reference

Special privileges of emergency vehicles: title 15, chapter 2.

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

- (1) A clearly visible electrical or mechanical signal device gives warning of the approach of a railroad train.
- (2) A crossing gate is lowered or a human flagman signals the approach of a railroad train.
- (3) A railroad train is approaching within approximately fifteen hundred (1500) feet of the highway crossing and is emitting an audible signal indicating its approach.
- (4) An approaching railroad train is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to the crossing. (1977 Code, § 9-404)

15-505. At "stop" signs. The driver of a vehicle facing a "stop" sign shall bring his vehicle to a complete stop immediately before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if there is no crosswalk, then immediately before entering the intersection, and shall remain standing until he can proceed through the intersection in safety. (1977 Code, § 9-405)

15-506. At "yield" signs. The drivers of all vehicles shall yield the right of way to approaching vehicles before proceeding at all places where "yield" signs have been posted. (1977 Code, § 9-406)

15-507. At traffic-control signals generally. Traffic-control signals exhibiting the words "Go," "Caution," or "Stop," or exhibiting different colored lights successively one at a time, or with arrows, shall show the following colors only and shall apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

- (1) Green alone, or "Go":
 - (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits such turn. But vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited.
 - (b) Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- (2) Steady yellow alone, or "Caution":
 - (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal is thereby warned that the red or "Stop" signal will be exhibited immediately thereafter and such vehicular traffic shall not enter or be crossing the intersection when the red or "Stop" signal is exhibited.

- (b) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway.
- (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.
- (b) Pedestrians facing such signal shall not enter the roadway.
- (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.
- (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. (1977 Code, § 9-407)

15-508. At flashing traffic-control signals. (1) Whenever an illuminated flashing red or yellow signal is used in a traffic sign or signal placed or erected by the municipality it shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:

- (a) Flashing red (stop signal). When a red lens is illuminated with intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a limit line when marked, or if none, then before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.
- (b) Flashing yellow (caution signal). When a yellow lens is illuminated with intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the 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. (1977 Code, § 9-408)

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,¹ except in an emergency. (1977 Code, § 9-409)

¹State law reference
Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-8-143.

CHAPTER 6

PARKING

SECTION

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15-601. Generally. No person shall leave any motor vehicle unattended on any street without first setting the brakes thereon, stopping the motor, removing the ignition key, and turning the front wheels of such vehicle toward the nearest curb or gutter of the street.

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

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. (1977 Code, § 9-501)

15-602. Angle parking. On those streets which have been signed or marked by the town for angle parking, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle indicated by such signs or markings. No person shall angle park any vehicle which has a trailer attached thereto or which has a length in excess of twenty-four (24) feet. (1977 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. (1977 Code, § 9-503)

15-604. Where prohibited. No person shall park a vehicle in violation of any sign placed or erected by the 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.
- (1977 Code, § 9-504)

15-605. Loading and unloading zones. No person shall park a vehicle for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or merchandise in any place marked by the town as a loading and unloading zone. (1977 Code, § 9-505)

15-606. Presumption with respect to illegal parking. 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. (1977 Code, § 9-506)

CHAPTER 7

ENFORCEMENT

SECTION

- 15-701. Issuance of traffic citations.
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15-701. Issuance of traffic citations.¹ When a police officer halts a traffic violator other than for the purpose of giving a warning, and does not take such person into custody under arrest, he shall take the name, address, and operator's license number of said person, the license number of the motor vehicle involved, and such other pertinent information as may be necessary, and shall issue to him a written traffic citation containing a notice to answer to the charge against him in the city court at a specified time. The officer, upon receiving the written promise of the alleged violator to answer as specified in the citation, shall release such person from custody. It shall be unlawful for any alleged violator to give false or misleading information as to his name or address. (1977 Code, § 9-601)

15-702. Failure to obey citation. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his written promise to appear in court after giving said promise to an officer upon the issuance of a traffic citation, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which the citation was originally issued. (1977 Code, § 9-602)

15-703. Illegal parking. Whenever any motor vehicle without a driver is found parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by this code, the officer finding such vehicle shall take its license number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user, and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a citation for the driver and/or owner to answer for the violation within ten (10) days during the hours and at a place specified in the citation. (1977 Code, § 9-603, modified)

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 7-63-101, et seq.

15-704. Impoundment of vehicles. Members of the police department are hereby authorized, when reasonably necessary for the security of the vehicle or to prevent obstruction of traffic, to remove from the streets and impound any vehicle whose operator is arrested, or any unattended vehicle which is parked so as to constitute an obstruction or hazard to normal traffic. Any impounded vehicle shall be stored until the owner claims it, gives satisfactory evidence of ownership, or right to possession, and pays all applicable fees and costs, or until it is otherwise lawfully disposed of. The fee for impounding a vehicle shall be five dollars (\$5.00) and a storage costs shall be one dollar (\$1.00) for each twenty-four (24) hour period or fraction thereof that the vehicle is stored. (1977 Code, § 9-604)

15-705. Disposal of "abandoned motor vehicles." "Abandoned motor vehicles," as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-16-103, shall be impounded and disposed of by the police department in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 55-16-103 through 55-16-109. (1977 Code, § 9-605)

15-706. Deposit of license in lieu of bail. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 55-50-801 through 55-50-805 whenever any person lawfully possessed of a chauffeur's or operator's license theretofore issued to him by the Department of Safety, State of Tennessee, or under the driver licensing laws of any other state or the District of Columbia, is issued a citation or arrested and charged with a violation of any municipal ordinance regulating traffic, except those ordinances which call for the mandatory revocation of an operator's or chauffeur's license for any period of time, the person so cited shall have the option of depositing the chauffeur's or operator's license issued under Tennessee Code Annotated, title 55, chapter 50, with the officer or court demanding bail in lieu of any other security required for his appearance in the cite court for the Town of Oakdale, Tennessee in answer to any such charge before the court except those herein expressly excluded.

Whenever any person hereof deposits his chauffeur's or operator's license as herein provided, either the officer or the court demanding bail as hereinabove described shall issued said person a receipt for said license upon a form approved or provided by the Department of Safety, and thereafter said person shall be permitted to operate motor vehicles upon the public highways of this community during the pendency of the case in which the license was deposited.

The clerk or judge of a court accepting the license shall thereafter forward to the Department of Safety the license of a driver deposited in lieu of bail if the driver fails to appear in answer to the charge filed against him, and the license shall not be released by the Department of Safety until the charge for which

such license was so deposited has been disposed of by the court in which pending. (1977 Code, § 9-606)

15-707. Violation and penalty. Any violation of this title shall be a civil offense punishable as follows: (1) Traffic citations. Traffic citations shall be punishable by a civil penalty up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each separate offense.

(2) Parking citations. (a) Other parking violations excluding handicapped parking. For parking violations, excluding handicapped parking violations, the offender may, within ten (10) days, have the charge against him disposed of by paying to the town recorder a fine of one dollar (\$1.00) provided he waives his right to a judicial hearing. If he appears and waives his right to a judicial hearing after ten (10) days but before a warrant is issued for his arrest, his civil penalty shall be three dollars (\$3.00).

(b) Handicapped parking. Parking in a handicapped parking space shall be punished by a civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

TITLE 16

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, ETC¹

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.
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- 16-104. Projecting signs and awnings, etc., restricted.
- 16-105. Banners and signs across streets and alleys restricted.
- 16-106. Gates or doors opening over streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.
- 16-107. Littering streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited.
- 16-108. Obstruction of drainage ditches.
- 16-109. Abutting occupants to keep sidewalks clean, etc.
- 16-110. Parades, etc., regulated.
- 16-111. Operation of trains at crossings regulated.
- 16-112. Animals and vehicles on sidewalks.
- 16-113. Fires in streets, etc.
- 16-114. Regulation of recreational park.

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. (1977 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 or alley at a height of less than fourteen (14) feet or over any sidewalk at a height of less than eight (8) feet. (1977 Code, § 12-102)

¹Municipal code reference

Related motor vehicle and traffic regulations: title 15.

16-103. Trees, etc., obstructing view at intersections prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant to have or maintain on his property any tree, shrub, sign, or other obstruction which prevents persons driving vehicles on public streets or alleys from obtaining a clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection. (1977 Code, § 12-103)

16-104. Projecting signs and awnings, etc., restricted.

Signs, awnings, or other structures which project over any street or other public way shall be erected subject to the requirements of the building code.¹ (1977 Code, § 12-104)

16-105. Banners and signs across streets and alleys restricted.

It shall be unlawful for any person to place or have placed any banner or sign across 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. (1977 Code, § 12-105)

16-106. Gates or doors opening over streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or occupying property to allow any gate or door to swing open upon or over any street, alley, or sidewalk except when required by statute. (1977 Code, § 12-106)

16-107. Littering streets, alleys, or sidewalks prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to litter, place, throw, track, or allow to fall on any street, alley, or sidewalk any refuse, glass, tacks, mud, or other objects or materials which are unsightly or which obstruct or tend to limit or interfere with the use of such public ways and places for their intended purposes. (1977 Code, § 12-107)

16-108. 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. (1977 Code, § 12-108)

16-109. Abutting occupants to keep sidewalks clean, etc. The occupants of property abutting on a sidewalk are required to keep the sidewalk clean. Also, immediately after a snow or sleet, such occupants are required to remove all accumulated snow and ice from the abutting sidewalk. (1977 Code, § 12-109)

¹Municipal code reference

Building code: title 12, chapter 1.

16-110. Parades, etc., regulated. It shall be unlawful for any club, organization, or similar group to hold any meeting, parade, demonstration, or exhibition on the public streets without some responsible representative first securing a permit from the recorder. No permit shall be issued by the recorder unless such activity will not unreasonably interfere with traffic and unless such representative shall agree to see to the immediate cleaning up of all litter which shall be left on the streets as a result of the activity. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful for any person obtaining such a permit to fail to carry out his agreement to immediately clean up the resulting litter. (1977 Code, § 12-110)

16-111. Operation of trains at crossings regulated. No person shall operate any railroad train across any street or alley without giving a warning of its approach as required by state law. It shall be unlawful to stop a railroad train or to operate such train in conjunction with another train or trains so as to block or obstruct any street or alley within the corporate limits for more than fifteen (15) consecutive minutes. (1977 Code, § 12-111, modified)

16-112. 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 to knowingly allow any minor under his control to violate this section. (1977 Code, § 12-112)

16-113. 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. (1977 Code, § 12-113)

16-114. Regulation of recreational park. (1) The hours of operation of the recreational park shall be from nine (9:00) a.m. o'clock to eleven (11:00) p.m. o'clock daily. No one is to be within the park or use its facilities at any unauthorized time or when it is closed to the public except with the express consent of the mayor.

(2) It shall be unlawful to leave any motor vehicle within the boundaries of the recreational park between the hours of eleven (11:00) p.m. and seven (7:00) a.m., and any such vehicle left as aforesaid shall be removed by the town at the expense of the owner.

(3) Minors under twelve (12) years of age who are not accompanied by their parent, parents or other person legally responsible for them will be denied the use of the recreational park's facilities. (1977 Code, § 12-114)

CHAPTER 2

EXCAVATIONS AND CUTS¹

SECTION

- 16-201. Permit required.
- 16-202. Applications.
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- 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. (1977 Code, § 12-201)

16-202. Applications. Applications for such permits shall be made to the recorder or such person as he may designate to receive such applications, and shall state thereon the location of the intended excavation or tunnel, the size thereof, the purpose thereof, the person, firm, corporation, association, or others doing the actual excavating, the name of the person, firm, corporation,

¹State law reference

This chapter was patterned substantially after the ordinance upheld by the Tennessee Supreme Court in the case of Town of Paris, Tennessee v. Paris-Henry County Public Utility District, 207 Tenn. 388, 340 S.W.2d 885 (1960).

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. (1977 Code, § 12-202)

16-203. Fee. The fee for such permits shall be two dollars (\$2.00) for excavations which do not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet in area or tunnels not exceeding twenty-five (25) feet in length; and twenty-five cents (\$.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. (1977 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 recorder 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 town of relaying the surface of the ground or pavement, and of making the refill if this is done by the town or at its expense. The balance shall be returned to the applicant without interest after the tunnel or excavation is completely refilled and the surface or pavement is restored.

In lieu of a deposit the applicant may deposit with the recorder a surety bond in such form and amount as the recorder shall deem adequate to cover the costs to the town if the applicant fails to make proper restoration. (1977 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. (1977 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 town shall restore said street, alley, or public place to its original condition except for the surfacing, which shall be done by the

town, but shall be paid for 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 town will do the work and charge the expense of doing the same to such person, firm, corporation, association, or others. If within the specified time the conditions of the above notice have not been complied with, the work shall be done by the 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. (1977 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 for bodily injury shall not be less than \$100,000 for each person and \$300,000 for each accident, and for property damages not less than \$25,000 for any one (1) accident, and a \$75,000 aggregate. (1977 Code, § 12-207)

16-208. Time limits. Each application for a permit shall state the length of time it is estimated will elapse from the commencement of the work until the restoration of the surface of the ground or pavement, or until the refill is made ready for the pavement to be put on by the town if the town restores such surface pavement. It shall be unlawful to fail to comply with this time limitation unless permission for an extension of time is granted by the recorder. (1977 Code, § 12-208)

16-209. Supervision. The recorder shall from time to time inspect all excavations and tunnels being made in or under any public street, alley, or other public place in the town and see to the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. Notice shall be given to him at least ten (10) hours before the work of refilling any such excavation or tunnel commences. (1977 Code, § 12-209)

16-210. Driveway curb cuts. No one shall cut, build, or maintain a driveway across a curb or sidewalk without first obtaining a permit from the recorder. Such a permit will not be issued when the contemplated driveway is to be so located or constructed as to create an unreasonable hazard to pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic. No driveway shall exceed thirty-five (35) feet in width at its outer or street edge and when two (2) or more adjoining driveways are provided for the same property a safety island of not less than ten (10) feet in width at its outer or street edge shall be provided. Driveway aprons shall not extend out into the street. (1977 Code, § 12-210)

TITLE 17

REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL¹

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.

17-101. Refuse defined. Refuse shall mean and include garbage, rubbish, leaves, brush, and refuse as those terms are generally defined except that dead animals and fowls, body wastes, hot ashes, rocks, concrete, bricks, and similar materials are expressly excluded therefrom and shall not be stored therewith. (1977 Code, § 8-201)

17-102. Premises to be kept clean. All persons within the town 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. (1977 Code, § 8-202)

17-103. Storage. Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within this town where refuse accumulates or is likely to accumulate, shall provide and keep covered an adequate number of refuse containers. The refuse containers shall be strong, durable, and rodent and insect proof. They shall each have a capacity of not less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty-two (32) gallons. Furthermore, the combined weight of any refuse container and its contents shall not exceed

¹Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

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. (1977 Code, § 8-203)

17-104. Location of containers. Where alleys are used by the town refuse collectors, containers shall be placed on or within six (6) feet of the alley line in such a position as not to intrude upon the traveled portion of the alley. Where streets are used by the municipal refuse collectors, containers shall be placed adjacent to and back of the curb, or adjacent to and back of the ditch or street line if there is no curb, at such times as shall be scheduled by the town 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. (1977 Code, § 8-204)

17-105. Disturbing containers. No unauthorized person shall uncover, rifle, pilfer, dig into, turn over, or in any other manner disturb or use any refuse container belonging to another. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the use of public refuse containers for their intended purpose. (1977 Code, § 8-205)

17-106. Collection. All refuse accumulated within the corporate limits shall be collected, conveyed, and disposed of under the supervision of such officer as the board of mayor and aldermen shall designate. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule. (1977 Code, § 8-206)

17-107. Collection vehicles. The collection of refuse shall be by means of vehicles with beds constructed of impervious materials which are easily cleanable and so constructed that there will be no leakage of liquids draining from the refuse onto the streets and alleys. Furthermore, all refuse collection vehicles shall utilize closed beds or such coverings as will effectively prevent the scattering of refuse over the streets or alleys. (1977 Code, § 8-207)

17-108. Disposal. The disposal of refuse in any quantity by any person in any place, public or private, other than at the site or sites designated for refuse disposal by the board of mayor and aldermen is expressly prohibited. (1977 Code, § 8-208)

TITLE 18

WATER AND SEWERS¹

CHAPTER

1. SEWAGE AND HUMAN EXCRETA DISPOSAL.
2. CROSS CONNECTIONS, AUXILIARY INTAKES, ETC.

CHAPTER 1

SEWAGE AND HUMAN EXCRETA DISPOSAL²

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- 18-103. When a connection to the public sewer is required.
- 18-104. When a septic tank shall be used.
- 18-105. Registration and records of septic tank cleaners, etc.
- 18-106. Use of pit privy or other method of disposal.
- 18-107. Approval and permit required for septic tanks, privies, etc.
- 18-108. Owner to provide disposal facilities.
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- 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

¹Municipal code references

Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

Refuse disposal: title 17.

²Municipal code reference

Plumbing code: title 12, chapter 2.

(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.

(4) "Sewage." All water-carried human and household wastes from residences, buildings, or industrial establishments.

(5) "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 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 Health 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. (1977 Code, § 8-301)

18-102. Places required to have sanitary disposal methods. 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. (1977 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. (1977 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. (1977 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. (1977 Code, § 8-305)

18-106. Use of pit privy or other method of disposal. 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. (1977 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. (1977 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. (1977 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. (1977 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. (1977 Code, § 8-310)

18-111. Discharge into watercourses restricted. 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. (1977 Code, § 8-311)

18-112. Pollution of ground water prohibited. No sewage, effluent from a septic tank, sewage treatment plant, or discharges from any plumbing facility shall empty into any well, either abandoned or constructed for this purpose, cistern, sinkhole, crevice, ditch, or other opening either natural or artificial, in any formation which may permit the pollution of ground water. (1977 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. (1977 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. (1977 Code, § 8-314)

18-115. Violations. 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. (1977 Code, § 8-315)

CHAPTER 2

CROSS CONNECTIONS, AUXILIARY INTAKES, ETC.¹

SECTION

- 18-201. Definitions.
- 18-202. Regulated.
- 18-203. Statement required.
- 18-204. Violations.

18-201. Definitions. The following definitions and terms shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter:

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

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

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

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

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

(6) "Person." Any and all persons, natural or artificial, including any individual, firm, or association, and any municipal or private corporation organized or existing under the laws of this or any other state or country. (1977 Code, § 8-401)

¹Municipal code references

Plumbing code: title 12.

Water and sewer system administration: title 18.

Wastewater treatment: title 18.

18-202. Regulated. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause a cross-connection, auxiliary intake, by-pass, or interconnection 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 Health, and the operation of such cross-connection, auxiliary intake, by-pass or interconnection is at all times under the direct supervision of the superintendent of the waterworks of this town. (1977 Code, § 8-402)

18-203. Statement required. Any person whose premises are supplied with water from the public water supply, and who also has on the same premises a separate source of water supply, or stores water in an uncovered or unsanitary storage reservoir from which the water stored therein is circulated through a piping system, shall file with the superintendent of waterworks, a statement of the non-existence of unapproved or unauthorized cross-connections, auxiliary intakes, by-passes, or interconnections. Such statement shall also contain an agreement that no cross-connection, auxiliary intake, by-pass, or inter-connection will be permitted upon the premises until the construction and operation of same have received approval of the Tennessee Department of Health, and the operation and maintenance of same have been placed under the direct supervision of the superintendent of waterworks. (1977 Code, § 8-403)

18-204. Violations. Any person who now has cross-connections, auxiliary intakes, by-passes, or interconnections in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be allowed a reasonable time within which to comply with such provisions. After a thorough investigation of existing conditions and an appraisal of the time required to complete the work, the amount of time to be allowed shall be designated by the superintendent of the waterworks. In addition to, or in lieu of any fines and penalties that may be judicially assessed for violations of this chapter, the superintendent of the waterworks shall discontinue the public water supply service at any premises upon which there is found to be a cross-connection, auxiliary intake, by-pass, or interconnection, and service shall not be restored until such cross-connection, auxiliary intake, by-pass, or interconnection has been discontinued. (1977 Code, § 8-404)

TITLE 19

ELECTRICITY AND GAS

[RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE]

TITLE 20

MISCELLANEOUS

CHAPTER

1. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION FRANCHISE.

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SECTION

20-101. Exclusive franchise to Highland Telephone Cooperative.

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The Town of Oakdale grants an exclusive franchise to the Highland Telephone Cooperative, its successors and assigns for the erection, maintenance, and operation of telephone communication facilities at any place within the corporate limits of the said town for a period of fifty (50) years from August 10, 1955. (1977 Code, § 13-101)

¹For more details relating to this franchise see ordinance passed on second reading August 9, 1955 or record in the office of the town recorder.

ORDINANCE NO. 97-50**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF OAKDALE TENNESSEE.**

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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF OAKDALE, 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 "Oakdale Municipal Code," hereinafter referred to as the "municipal code."

Section 2. Ordinances repealed. All ordinances of a general, continuing, and permanent application or of a penal nature not contained in the municipal code are hereby repealed from and after the effective date of said code, except as hereinafter provided in Section 3 below.

Section 3. Ordinances saved from repeal. The repeal provided for in Section 2 of this ordinance shall not affect: Any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any contract or right established or accruing before the effective date of the municipal code; any ordinance or resolution promising or requiring the payment of money by or to the 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, whenever in the municipal code any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be a civil offense, or whenever in the municipal code the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be a civil offense, the violation of any such provision of the municipal code shall be punished by a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and costs for each separate violation; provided, however, that the imposition of a civil penalty under the provisions of this municipal code shall not prevent the revocation of any permit or license or the taking of other punitive or remedial action where called for or permitted under the provisions of the municipal code or other applicable law. In any place in the municipal code the term "it shall be a misdemeanor" or "it shall be an offense" or "it shall be unlawful" or similar terms appears in the context of a penalty provision of this municipal code, it shall mean "it shall be a civil offense." Anytime the word "fine" or similar term appears in the context of a penalty provision of this municipal code, it shall mean "a civil penalty."¹

When a civil penalty is imposed on any person for violating any provision of the municipal code and such person defaults on payment of such penalty, he may be required to perform hard labor, within or without the

¹State law reference

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

workhouse, to the extent that his physical condition shall permit, until such civil penalty is discharged by payment, or until such person, being credited with such sum as may be prescribed for each day's hard labor, has fully discharged said penalty.

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

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 amending, adding, or deleting, by numbers, specific chapters or sections of said code. Periodically thereafter all affected pages of the municipal code shall be revised to reflect such amended, added, or deleted material and shall be distributed to 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.

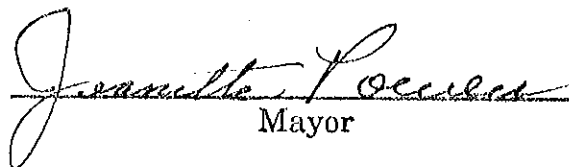
Section 9. Code available for public use. A copy of the municipal code shall be kept available in the recorder's office for public use and inspection at all reasonable times.

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, January 7, _____, 1997.

Passed 2nd reading, February 4, _____, 1997.

Passed 3rd reading, _____, 19 .



Mayor



Recorder