TITLE 12

BUILDING, UTILITY, ETC. CODES

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CHAPTER 1

BUILDING CODE

SECTION
12-102. Modifications.
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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 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 building code. (1978 Code, § 4-101, modified)

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\(^1\)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: title 18.

\(^2\)Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
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 city manager or board of commissioners, whichever the context requires. 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 city manager shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the building code. The recommended schedule of permit fees set forth in Appendix "B" of the building code is amended so that the fee to be collected shall be one dollar ($1.00) for any building permit. Provided, however, that the minimum fee for an inspection shall be $1.50. Section 107 of the building code is hereby deleted. (1978 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. (1978 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. (1978 Code, § 4-104)
CHAPTER 2

PLUMBING CODE

SECTION
12-201. Plumbing code adopted.
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 city, when such plumbing is or is to be connected with the city water or sewerage system, the Standard Plumbing Code, 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 plumbing code. (1978 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 city manager or board of commissioners, whichever the context requires.

Wherever "City Engineer," "Engineering Department," "Plumbing Official," or "Inspector" is named or referred to, it shall mean the person appointed or designated by the city manager to administer and enforce the provisions of the plumbing code. Section 107 of the plumbing code is hereby deleted. (1978 Code, § 4-202)

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. (1978 Code, § 4-203, modified)

1Municipal code references
   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 Montclaire Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
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. (1978 Code, § 4-204)
CHAPTER 3

HOUSING CODE

SECTION
12-301. Housing code adopted.
12-302. Modifications.
12-303. Available in recorder's office.
12-304. Violations.

12-301. 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 1991 edition with 1992/1994 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 housing code. (1978 Code, § 4-501, modified)

12-302. Modifications. Wherever the housing code refers to the "Building Official" it shall mean the person appointed or designated by the city manager 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 city manager. Section 108 of the housing code is deleted. (1978 Code, § 4-502)

12-303. 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. (1978 Code, § 4-503, modified)

12-304. 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. (1978 Code, § 4-504)

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 4

MODEL ENERGY CODE

SECTION
12-401. Model energy code adopted.
12-402. Modifications.
12-403. Available in recorder's office.
12-404. Violations and penalty.

12-401. 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 Code 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.

12-402. Modifications. Whenever the energy code refers to the "responsible government agency," it shall be deemed to be a reference to the City of Charleston. When the "building official" is named it shall, for the purposes of the energy code, mean such person as the city manager shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the energy code.

12-403. 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

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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: title 18.

2Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from The Council of American Building Officials, 5203 Leesburg, Pike Falls Church, Virginia 22041.
been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public.

**12-404. 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.