

THE  
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MUNICIPAL  
CODE

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TOWN OF SELMER, TENNESSEE

MAYOR

David Robinson

VICE MAYOR

Paul Simpson

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

John Finlayson  
Edward Smith  
John Smith  
Chris Tull

TOWN RECORDER

Ann Henderson

TOWN ATTORNEY

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## PREFACE

The Selmer Municipal Code contains the codification and revision of the ordinances of the Town of Selmer, 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.

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ORDINANCE ADOPTION PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED BY THE TOWN  
CHARTER

Section 16. Be it further enacted, That no bill or ordinance shall become a law of the said Town of Selmer unless the same shall have passed three readings on three several days by a majority vote, and shall have been signed by the Mayor, unless he fail to veto same by the next regular meeting of the Board. The Mayor shall examine all bills passed and affix his signature at once, if the same meets his approval; if it does not meet his approval, he shall return the same to the next regular meeting of the Board, with his objections in writing, and no law so vetoed shall go into effect unless and until it is again passed by a majority of the entire Board.