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Building Inspector

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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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SECTION 1. That the office of Building Inspector be and is hereby created for Hamilton County, Tennessee, whose jurisdiction shall extend to all territory in said County outside the corporate limits of Chattanooga. Said Inspector shall be employed by the County Council of Hamilton County, Tennessee and his compensation shall be fixed by said Council and he shall serve at the pleasure of the Council.

SECTION 2. That the County Council of Hamilton County, Tennessee is hereby authorized by resolution to adopt rules and regulations governing said office, defining its powers, duties and any other matters essential to the operation of said office.

SECTION 3. That from and after the establishment of such position and the filling of same by the Council, it shall be unlawful to erect, reconstruct or alter any building or other structure without obtaining a building permit from such County Building Inspector and such Building Inspector shall not issue any permit unless the plans of and for the proposed erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration fully conforms to the rules and regulations adopted by the Council, governing said office.

SECTION 4. That the amount of fees charged for permits shall be fixed by the Council and said Fee shall be paid directly to the Building Inspector and he shall turn over same to the County Trustee; and that all fees shall be certified monthly to the County Judge by said Inspector; and, he shall use a book of vouchers or certificates furnished by the County Council and regularly numbered and the certificates shall correspond by number with the number of certificates furnished to the County Judge.

SECTION 5. That the Building Inspector shall execute a solvent indemnity bond conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties and proper accounting of all fees coming into his hands as such Building Inspector in the amount of One Thousand and No/100 (\$1,000) Dollars to be paid for by the County.

SECTION 6. That the said Building Inspector is hereby empowered to inspect all buildings and structures in pursuance of the duties of his office.

SECTION 7. That any person or persons who shall violate any provisions of this Act or who shall fail to comply with its provisions or requirements, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor [sic] and on conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not less than Five Dollars or more than Fifty Dollars for each offense. Each and every day's continuance of any violation of a provision of this Act shall be deemed as a separate offense.

SECTION 8. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: February 13, 1945.

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