

ELEMENTARY STATEMENT

This edition of the Municipal Code of the City of Monett is a recodification of the 2012 Revised Municipal Code. In preparing this Code the editors used as source material portions of the 2012 Revised Code, ordinances passed subsequent to that date and modifications agreed upon during the editorial conferences and incorporated herein by the adopting ordinance. In order to trace the evolution of each Section, the reader's attention is directed to the history note appearing in parentheses at the end of that Section. The absence of such a note indicates that the section is new and was agreed upon at the editorial conference and adopted for the first time with the adoption of the Code. Three further sources of reference are to be found at the end of this Code. The first is a cross reference of the old Code Section numbers to the new Code Section numbers. The second is a cross reference of the ordinances of a general and permanent nature that have been retained in this volume. The third is a cross reference of the State Statutes that are of a similar nature or enable the corresponding Section of this Code.

Format

The Code is divided into seven Titles with Chapters of a like nature grouped therein. Each Chapter is given a three digit location number corresponding to the Title in which it resides. Each Section is given number corresponding to the Chapter in which it resides. This number is separated by a decimal point. The digits ahead of the decimal point represent the Chapter location and the digits behind the decimal point represent the Section within that Chapter. By allowing intervals between Chapter and Section designations, future additions to the Code have been facilitated. In operating under this format, the City maintains great flexibility in the placement of new material.

Table of Contents and Alphabetical Index

For those frequent users who become very familiar with the Code, the editors have placed a Table of Contents in the front of the text. Those less familiar with the Code and infrequent users will find an alphabetical index at the end of the Code. Much care is taken to ensure ease of access with this index while maintaining a reasonable size.

Update Service

As those who use this book are well aware, there is a need for constant revision. The use of a looseleaf binder is meant to facilitate this need. As new ordinances affecting this Code are passed, they should be forwarded to the publisher from time to time for adaptation to the Code. Update pages can then be forwarded to the City for insertion in the Code. It is the ultimate responsibility of the holder of the volume to make sure that his or her book is brought up to date in this manner.

In Appreciation

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