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AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, REVISING AND CODIFYING ALL ORDINANCES, ENACTING ORDINANCES NOT PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED, AND REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT AND OBSOLETE ORDINANCES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS ORDAINS:

**ARTICLE I**  
**TITLE, INTERPRETATION, ENACTMENT.**

**SECTION 1-101. ADOPTION.** This code containing Chapters inclusive is a complete and comprehensive revision and compilation of the ordinances not previously published, and shall be known and may be cited as “The Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbus.” All previously passed ordinances not included herein are hereby repealed.

*[§ 1-101 amended by Ord. No. 07-02, effective March 1, 2007.]*

**SECTION 1-102. AMENDMENTS.** Any additions or amendments to this code are incorporated herein so that a reference to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbus includes such additions and amendments.

*[§ 1-102 amended by Ord. No. 07-03, effective March 1, 2007.]*

**SECTION 1-103. NUMBERING.** Each section of this code shall be designated by a chapter number and the section number within the chapter.

**SECTION 1-104. ORDINANCES.** All general ordinances and amendments to ordinances hereafter enacted shall contain before the enacting clause a designation of the chapter and section numbers added, repealed, or amended, and each paragraph thereof shall be numbered in conformity with this code. A new or amended ordinance is enacted by a majority vote of the City Council unless a larger number is required by law, and properly signed, published, posted and recorded pursuant to Minnesota Law. An amendment affecting zoning shall be enacted pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 462.357. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, no new or amended ordinance requires a first or second reading prior to enactment by the City Council.

*[§ 1-104, amended by Ord. No. 04-01, effective January 14, 2004, amended by Ord. No. 07-02, effective March 1, 2007, amended by Ord. No. 09-02, effective March 5, 2009.]*

**SECTION 1-105. REVISION.** The City Council shall provide for the preparation of revised sheets of every page of this code in need of revision by reason of amendment or repeal at intervals not exceeding two years.

*[§ 1-105 amended by Ord. No. 07-02, effective March 1, 2007.]*

**SECTION 1-106. SEPARABILITY.** Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this code is separable and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this code.

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**SECTION 1-107. PENDING SUITS.** The repeal of any ordinance by this chapter shall not affect or impair any act done or right vested or accrued or any proceeding, suit of prosecution had or commenced in any cause before such repeal shall take effect.

**SECTION 1-108. INTERPRETATION.** Provisions of this code shall be liberally construed to effect the well-being of the City and to promote good government at a minimum of expense.

*[§ 1-108 amended by Ord. No. 07-02, effective March 1, 2007.]*

**SECTION 1-109. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTY.** Any person violating any provision of the City Code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both, and shall reimburse the City for the costs of prosecution therefor. "Misdemeanor as used herein and throughout the Columbus City Code, shall have the meaning given to it by Minn. Stat. § 609.02, Subd. 3, as amended. Each day such violation continues after receipt of a notice of violation shall be considered a separate offense.

*[§ 1-109 amended by Ord. No. 86-3, effective February 21, 1986, § 1-109 amended by Ord. No. 92-2, effective April 17, 1992, amended by Ord. No. 07-02, effective March 1, 2007, amended by Ord. No. 09-02, effective March 5, 2009.]*

**SECTION 1-110. PUBLICATION OF CODE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Code of Ordinances and any amendments thereto shall take effect upon its adoption and publication in the official newspaper.

Adopted by the Board this 26th day of August, 1981. Approved: /s/Gerald J. Dupre, Chairman

Attest: /s/Rosalie Groshens, Clerk



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*History of ordinances affecting the text of Chapter 1 (since codification on August 26, 1981):*

*Ord. No. 86-3, effective February 21, 1986.*

*Ord. No. 92-2, effective April 17, 1992.*

*Ord. No. 04-01, effective January 22, 2004.*

*Ord. No. 07-02, effective March 1, 2007.*

*Ord. No. 09-02, effective March 5, 2009.*

*This Chapter has been updated through the date of the latest ordinance listed above.*

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