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## PREFACE

This Code constitutes a complete recodification of the general and permanent ordinances of the City of Covington, Virginia.

Source materials used in the preparation of the Code were the 1975 Code, as supplemented through September 19, 1989, and ordinances subsequently adopted by the council. The source of each section is included in the history note appearing in parentheses at the end thereof. The absence of such a note indicates that the section is new and was adopted for the first time with the adoption of the Code. By use of the comparative tables appearing in the back of this Code, the reader can locate any section of the 1975 Code, as supplemented, and any subsequent ordinances included herein.

The chapters of the Code have been conveniently arranged in alphabetical order, and the various sections within each chapter have been catchlined to facilitate usage. Notes which tie related sections of the Code together and which refer to relevant state law have been included. A table listing the state law citations and setting forth their location within the Code is included at the back of this Code.

### *Chapter and Section Numbering System*

The chapter and section numbering system used in this Code is the same system used in many state and local government codes. Each section number consists of two parts separated by a dash. The figure before the dash refers to the chapter number, and the figure after the dash refers to the position of the section within the chapter. Thus, the second section of chapter 1 is numbered 1-2, and the first section of chapter 4 is 4-1. Under this system, each section is identified with its chapter, and at the same time new sections or even whole chapters can be inserted in their proper place by using the decimal system for amendments. For example, if new material consisting of one section that would logically come between sections 3-1 and 3-2 is desired to be added, such new section would be numbered 3-1.5. New chapters may be included in the same manner. If the new material is to be included between chapters 12 and 13, it will be designated as chapter 12.5. Care should be taken that the alphabetical arrangement of chapter is maintained when including new chapters. New articles and new divisions may be included in the same way, or in the case of articles, may be placed at the end of the chapter embracing the subject, and, in the case of divisions, may be placed at the end of the article embracing the subject. The next successive number shall be assigned to the new article or division.

### *Page Numbering System*

The page numbering system used in this Code is a prefix system. The letters to the left of the colon are an abbreviation which represents a certain portion of the volume. The number to the right of the colon represents the number of the page in that portion. In the case of a chapter of the Code, the number to the left of the colon indicates the number of the chapter. In the case of an appendix to the Code, the letter immediately to the left of the colon indicates the letter of the appendix.

CHARTER - CHT:1

CHARTER COMPARATIVE TABLE - CHTCT:1

CODE - CD1:1

CODE APPENDIX - CDA:1; CDB:1; CDC:1

CODE COMPARATIVE TABLES - CCT:1

STATE LAW REFERENCE TABLE - SLT:1

CHARTER INDEX - CHTi:1

CODE INDEX - CDi:1

### *Indexes*

The indexes have been prepared with the greatest of care. Each particular item has been placed under several headings, some of which are couched in lay phraseology, others in legal terminology, and still others in language generally used by local government officials and employees. These are numerous cross references within the indexes themselves which stand as guideposts to direct the user to the particular item in which the user is interested.

### *Acknowledgments*

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MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION  
Tallahassee, Florida

ADOPTING ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. O-92-24

*An Ordinance Adopting and Enacting a New Code for the City of Covington, Virginia; Providing for the Repeal of Certain Ordinances Not Included Therein; Providing a Penalty for the Violation Thereof; Providing for the Manner of Amending Such Code; and Providing When Such Code and This Ordinance Shall Become Effective.*

*Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Covington, Virginia:*

*Section 1.* The Code entitled "Code of the City of Covington, Virginia" published by Municipal Code Corporation consisting of Chapters 1 through 35 and Appendixes A through C each inclusive, is adopted.

*Section 2.* All ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted on or before January 17, 1991, and not included in the Code or recognized and continued in force by reference therein are repealed.

*Section 3.* The repeal provided for in Section 2 hereof shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part thereof that has been repealed by a subsequent ordinance that is repealed by this ordinance.

*Section 4.* Unless another penalty is expressly provided, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of the Code or any ordinance, rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty provided by this section, unless another penalty is expressly provided, shall apply to the amendment of any Code section whether or not such penalty is reenacted in the amendatory ordinance. In addition to the penalty prescribed above, the City of Covington, Virginia may pursue other remedies such as abatement of nuisances, injunctive relief, and revocation of license or permits.

*Section 5.* Additions or amendments to the Code when passed in the form as to indicate the intention of the City Council to make the same a part of the Code shall be deemed to be incorporated in the Code, so that reference to the Code includes the additions and amendments.

*Section 6.* Ordinances adopted after January 17, 1991, that amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code, shall be construed as if they amend or refer to like provisions of the Code.

*Section 7.* This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

/s/ James L. Jamison, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Edith S. Wood, City Clerk