

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR
AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE,
TENNESSEE, ADOPTING A REVISED CODE OF
ETHICS; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06;
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

ORDINANCE NO.

PASSED ON FIRST

READING: January 13, 2026

PASSED ON SECOND

READING:

Public Hearing:

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Local Government Ethics Act, Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-17-101 et seq., requires municipalities to adopt a Code of Ethics governing the conduct of elected officials, appointed officials, and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Louisville previously adopted Ordinance No. 2023-06, which adopted the MTAS Code of Ethics by reference in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen find it necessary and appropriate to adopt a revised Code of Ethics tailored to the operational needs of the Town of Louisville while remaining consistent with applicable Tennessee law; and

WHEREAS, the revised Code of Ethics provides additional clarity regarding ethics complaints, investigation procedures, confidentiality, and enforcement, thereby promoting transparency, accountability, and public confidence in municipal government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Revised Code of Ethics

That the *Town of Louisville Code of Ethics*, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted as the official Code of Ethics of the Town of Louisville.

Section 2. Repeal of Prior Ordinance

That Ordinance No. 2023-06, entitled "*An Ordinance Adopting the MTAS Code of Ethics Ref# MTAS-513 and MTAS-924 Reviewed Date 02/14/2022 in Its Entirety,*" and any other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Codification

That the Code of Ethics adopted herein shall be codified in Title 1, Chapter 6 (Code of Ethics) of the Town of Louisville Municipal Code, with such editorial changes as may be necessary for proper codification, including numbering, formatting, and cross-references.

Section 4. Severability

If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Jill Pugh, Mayor

Caleb Wheeler, Recorder