

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 6, TITLED "LAW ENFORCEMENT," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, BY CREATING CHAPTER 1, TITLED "COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM," TO ESTABLISH A NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE FACILITIES THAT A SEXUAL OFFENDER OR VIOLENT SEXUAL OFFENDER IS RESIDING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, AND TO ESTABLISH A NOTIFICATION FEE TO DEFRAY NOTIFICATION COSTS, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED §40-39-217.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated §40-39-217 was recently created by 2014 Public Chapter 751, which public chapter authorizes municipalities to establish a community notification system for certain residences, schools, and child care facilities that a sexual offender or violent sexual offender is residing within a certain distance of said places, and to establish a notification fee of up to \$50.00 per offender to defray the costs of notification; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend the City Code to include a community notification system for schools and child care facilities and a \$50.00 notification fee as authorized by state law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law, this ordinance has been adopted by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

Section 1. Title 6, titled "Law Enforcement," of the Code of Ordinances, City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, is hereby amended by creating a Chapter 1, titled "Community Notification System," which chapter shall read as follows:

Chapter 1
Community Notification System

Section 6-101. Community notification system created.

As authorized by Tennessee Code Annotated §40-39-217(a)(1), a community notification system is hereby established. Schools and child care facilities within the city limits will be notified by the police department when a person required to register as a sexual offender or violent sexual offender resides, intends to reside, or, upon registration, declares to reside within the city limits. Schools and child care facilities within the city limits will also be notified when a registered sexual offender or violent sexual offender changes residences within the city limits.

Section 6-102. Method of notification.

The police department will notify schools and child care facilities in writing sent by regular mail or delivered by hand.

Section 6-103. Notification fee.

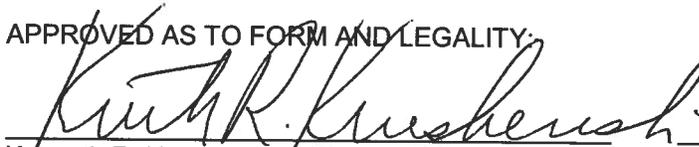
As authorized by Tennessee Code Annotated §40-39-217(a)(2), a notification fee of \$50.00 per year per offender in the city limits is hereby enacted for the purpose of defraying the costs of the community notification. The notification fee shall be collected at the same time as the administrative fee collected pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §40-39-204(b).

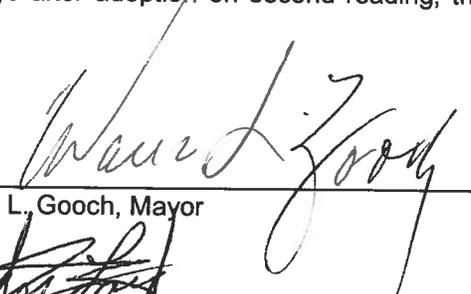
Section 6-104. Maintenance of website.

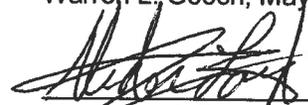
The City will maintain information on its website to educate the public on sex related crimes and will provide linked access to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's Sex Offender Registry.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after adoption on second reading, the welfare of the City of Oak Ridge requiring it.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney


Warren L. Gooch, Mayor


Alexander J. Ford, Acting City Clerk

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