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The provisions embraced in the following chapters and sections shall constitute and be designated the "Code of Ordinances, City of Coweta, Oklahoma," and may be so cited.

SECTION 1-102 RULES OF CONSTRUCTION

In the construction of this code and of all ordinances, the following rules are observed unless the construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the council:

1. "City" or "this city" shall be construed as if the words "of Coweta, Oklahoma," followed them;
2. "Council" or "city council" means the city council of Coweta;
3. "Computation of time." Whenever a notice is required to be given or an act to be done a certain length of time before any proceeding shall be had, the day on which the notice is given or the act is done shall be counted in computing the time but the day on which the proceeding is to be had shall not be counted;

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4. "County" or "this county" means the County of Wagoner, Oklahoma;
5. "Gender." A word importing one gender only shall extend and be applied to other genders and to firms, partnerships, and corporations as well;
6. "Joint authority." All words giving "joint authority" to three (3) or more persons or officers shall be construed as giving such authority to a majority of such persons or officers
7. "Law" includes applicable federal law, provisions of the Constitution and statutes of the State of Oklahoma, the ordinances of the city, and, when appropriate, any and all rules and regulations promulgated there under;
8. "Manager" or "city manager" means the city manager of the city;
9. "Mayor", means the mayor of the city;
10. "Month" means a calendar month;
11. "Non-technical and technical words." Words and phrases which are not specifically defined shall be construed according to the common and accepted usage of the language; but technical words and phrases and such others as may have acquired a peculiar and appropriate meaning in law shall be construed and understood according to such meaning;
12. "Number" A word importing the singular number only may extend and be applied to several persons and things as well as to one person and thing. Words used in the plural number may also include the singular unless a contrary intention plainly appears;
13. "Oath" shall be construed to include an affirmation in all cases in which, by law, an affirmation may be substituted for an oath, and in such cases, the words "swear" and "sworn" shall be equivalent to the words "affirm" and "affirmed";
14. "Or, and." "Or" may be read "and," and "and" may be read "or," if the sense requires it;
15. "Other officials or officers, etc." Whenever reference is made to officers, agencies or departments by title only, i.e. "city clerk", "city treasurer," "city attorney," "fire chief," "chief of police," etc., they shall mean the officers, agencies or departments of the city;

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16. "Person" shall extend and be applied to an actual person, any persons and to associations, clubs, societies, firms, partnerships, and bodies politic and corporate, or the manager, lessee, agent, servant, officer or employee of any of them, unless a contrary intention plainly appears;
17. "Preceding, following" means next before and next after, respectively;
18. "Property" shall include real and personal property;
19. "Signature or subscription" includes a mark when a person cannot write;
20. "State" or "this state" shall be construed to mean the State of Oklahoma; 21. "Statutory references" means references to statutes of the State of Oklahoma as they now are or as they may be amended to be;
22. "Street" shall be construed to embrace streets, avenues, boulevards, roads, alleys, lanes, viaducts, highways, courts, places, squares, curbs and all other public ways in the city which are dedicated and open to public use;
23. "Tense." Words used in the past or present tense include the future as well as the past and present;
24. "Week" means seven (7) days; and
25. "Year" means a calendar year.

SECTION 1-103 CATCHLINES OF SECTIONS, CITATIONS

The catchlines of sections in this code are printed in CAPITAL LETTERS and citations included at the end of sections are intended to indicate the contents of the section and original historical source respectively, and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles and official sources of such sections; nor as any part of the section, nor, unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of the sections, including the catchlines, or citations, are amended or re-enacted.

SECTION 1-104 EFFECT OF REPEAL OF ORDINANCES

- A. The repeal of an ordinance shall not revive any ordinances in force before or at the time the ordinance repealed took effect.

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- B. The repeal of an ordinance shall not affect any punishment or penalty incurred before the repeal took effect, nor any suit, prosecution or proceeding pending at the time of the repeal, for an offense committed under the ordinance repealed.

SECTION 1-105 SEVERABILITY OF PARTS OF CODE

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this code are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this code or of any ordinance in the code shall be declared unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid by the valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this code of ordinances.

SECTION 1-106 AMENDMENT TO CODE: EFFECT OF NEW ORDINANCES: AMENDATORY LANGUAGE

- A. All ordinances passed subsequent to this code or ordinances which amend, repeal or in any way affect this code of ordinances may be numbered in accordance with the numbering system of this code and printed for inclusion therein. When subsequent ordinances repeal any chapter, section or subsection or any portion thereof, the repealed portions may be excluded from this code by omission from reprinted pages.
- B. Amendments to any of the provisions of this code may be made by amending the provisions by specific reference to the section of this code in substantially the following language: "Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, that Section _____ of the code of ordinances of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, is hereby amended to read as follows:" (Set out new provisions in full.)
- C. When the council desires to enact an ordinance of a general and permanent nature on a subject not heretofore existing in the code, which the council desires to incorporate into the code, a section in substantially the following language may be made part of the ordinance: "Section _____ Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the code of ordinances of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, and the sections of this ordinance may be re-numbered to accomplish this intention."
- D. All sections, articles, chapters or provisions of this code desired to be repealed may be specifically repealed by section or chapter number, as the case may be.

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SECTION 1-107 ALTERING CODE

It is unlawful for any person to change or amend by additions or deletions any part or portion of this code, or to insert or delete pages or portions thereof, or to alter or tamper with this code in any manner whatsoever which will cause the law of the city to be misrepresented thereby. Any person violating this section shall be punished as provided in Section 1-108 of this code.

SECTION 1-108 GENERAL PENALTY

A Except as provided by state law, whenever in this code or in any ordinance of the city an act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or whenever in the code or ordinance the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, where no specific penalty is provided therefore, the violation of any provision of this code or of any ordinance, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding the following:

1. The maximum fine for parking or traffic related offenses shall not exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and court costs as set by the city;
2. The maximum fine for all other offenses shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and court costs as set by the city.

Each day or any portion of a day during which any violation of this code or of any ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

B. Any person who shall aid, abet or assist in the violation of any provision of this code or any other ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished as provided in this section.

C Upon conviction of any provision of the city code of ordinance, or any ordinance, the municipal judge shall have the authority to order restitution in an amount not to exceed the loss sustained by the victim of the offense.

D. Any fines and costs properly assessed against any child and which remain unpaid after three (3) months may be assessed by the municipal judge against the child's parent, parents, legal guardian or legal custodian and collected and paid as provided for in Articles XXVII and XXVIII of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Provided however, prior to such latter assessment, the court clerk shall give such child's parent, parents, legal guardian or legal custodian notice by certified mail to their place of residence or personal service of such action proposed to be taken.

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SECTION 1-109 FINES RECOVERABLE BY CIVIL ACTION

All fines shall be recoverable by civil action before any court of competent jurisdiction in addition to any other method provided by law.

SECTION 1-110 ORDINANCES IN EFFECT IN OUTLYING TERRITORY OF CITY

All ordinances of the city now in effect within the city are hereby extended to all real property belonging to, or under the control of, the city outside the corporate limits of the city, and shall be in full effect therein, insofar as they are applicable. All ordinances of the city which shall go into effect in the future, shall also apply to, and be in full effect within the boundaries of all outlying real property, insofar as they may be applicable. Any words in any ordinance indicating that the effect of an ordinance provision is limited to the corporate limits of the city shall be deemed to mean and include also the outlying real property belonging to, or under the control of, the city, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

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CHAPTER 2

CORPORATE AND WARD LIMITS

Section 1-201 Map of city designated as official map

Section 1-202 Ward number and boundaries

SECTION 1-201 MAP OF CITY DESIGNATED AS OFFICIAL MAP

The map of the city showing its territorial limits is hereby designated as the official map of the city, and the corporate limits as shown thereon are declared to be the true and correct corporate limits of the city, including all annexations made to the city through and including the date of January 1, 2012.

SECTION 1-202 WARD NUMBER AND BOUNDARIES

The city shall be divided into four (4) wards with boundaries as designated on the most recently approved map on file in the City Clerk's office, in compliance with 11 O.S. § 20-102 et.al.