

Anderson County Board of Commissioners
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Monday
August 10, 2026
6:00 p.m. Room 312

1. Call to Order

2. Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Appearance of Citizens

5. Mayor's Report

1. Flock Cameras – requesting motion to establish an opportunity for a public comment hearing on Flock Cameras, whether it is a special meeting, or incorporated into one of our regular meetings.
2. Status Update: Date set for Joint Tour of ORNL with Anderson County Commissioners and Roane County Commissioners: September 9, 2026, at 1:00 PM.
3. Requesting Motion to Approve application towards an ARC Planning Grant for the Edgemoor Road Corridor.
4. Fireworks – Stress again the need to modify the 1947 Private Act relative to fireworks.

6. Law Director's Report

A. Action Item

- Anderson County Fire Prevention & Life Safety Resolution adopting the 2024 International Fire Code by Reference and establishing administrative procedures for Anderson County Fire Marshal.

B. Contracts

C. Cases In Litigation Involving Violations of the Anderson County Zoning Resolution

D. Bankruptcies

E. Status of Pending Lawsuits

F. Information Items

7. New River Water Project Update – requested by Chairman Isbel

8. New Animal Shelter Operational and Maintenance Funding Cost– requested by Commissioner Wandell

Unfinished Business

New Business

Adjourn



ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

TERRY FRANK
COUNTY MAYOR

August 5, 2026

Commissioner Tim Isbel

Chairman, Operations Committee

RE: AGENDA

Dear Chairman Isbel and Honorable Members of Operations Committee,

I wish to add the following items to the agenda:

1. **Flock Cameras: Requesting motion to establish an opportunity for a public comment hearing on Flock Cameras, whether it is a special meeting, or incorporated into one of our regular meetings.** The License Plate Reader systems managed by the Anderson County Sheriff's Department (3 stationary, 1 mobile) provide law enforcement with tools to apprehend criminals; however, as technology has changed, capabilities have grown. Citizens rightly have concerns about the advancing technology that inadvertently may be creating a warrantless mass surveillance system, as I do. We need to ensure that as policymakers and decisionmakers we understand the technology, we understand the policies, and we share this information with the public. As has been pointed out in other jurisdictions, there appears to be little to no regulatory oversight federally or at the state level. I have spoken with Sheriff Barker and our Sheriff's Department use is limited. Sheriff Barker indicated he is willing to be a part of any discussion addressing the topic. I am hoping that after review and public comment, we could advocate for a strong regulatory framework on the use of this technology.
2. **Status Update:** Date Set for Joint Tour of ORNL with Anderson County Commissioners and Roane County Commissioners: September 9, 2026, at 1:00 PM. Logistical details to come later.
3. **Requesting Motion to Approve application towards an ARC Planning Grant for the Edgemoor Road Corridor.** The pillars of the grant application would be to

develop a cohesive land-use framework that guides growth in accordance with Tennessee's long-range planning requirements; A safer, more efficient transportation corridor that supports TDOT's planned improvements and enhances access to schools, employment centers, and recreation; A vibrant economic structure that attracts investment and strengthens Anderson County's competitive position in East Tennessee; A future-ready environment that embraces innovation, sustainability, and community-driven development. If this motion is approved, I may have to come back with a resolution and budget request, but at this point, this gives me authorization to move forward with the process.

4. **Fireworks.** I would like to stress again the need to modify the 1947 Private Act relative to Fireworks. If the county still wishes to ban both display and sale, at a minimum, we need to address the enforcement provisions and clarify the exemptions. The Private Act creates much confusion with the public, and even our own agency personnel do not understand what is allowed or not. Due to much misunderstanding around the Private Act, incorrect information was relayed to the media during our recent 4th of July celebrations. Attached.

Sincerely,



Terry Frank

OFFENSES

FIREWORKS

PRIVATE ACTS OF 1947

CHAPTER 291

SECTION 1. That from and after the effective date of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to possess, store, use, manufacture or sell pyrotechnics, as hereinafter defined, in all Counties of this State having a population of not less than 26,500 and not more than 26,510 inhabitants, according to the Federal Census of 1940 or any subsequent Federal Census.

The term "pyrotechnics" as used in this Act shall be held to mean any sparkler, squibb, rocket, firecracker, Roman candle, fire balloon, flashlight composition, fireworks or other similar device or composition used to obtain a visible or audible pyrotechnic display.

SECTION 2. That any article or articles of merchandise coming within the definition of "pyrotechnics" as defined in this Act are hereby declared to be contraband, and subject to confiscation whenever found within the boundaries of any County within this State to which this Act is applicable, and it shall be the duty of the Sheriff of any such County, and all peace officers, to seize such article or articles and destroy the same.

SECTION 3. That any person guilty of violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars and not more than Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars, or by confinement in the County jail for not less than thirty days and not more than eleven months and twenty-nine days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 4. That nothing in this Act shall be construed as applying to persons, firms and corporations conducting public displays of pyrotechnics by contract or arrangement with any State Fair, patriotic assembly or similar public functions, who acquire all articles used in such pyrotechnic displays from points outside the Counties in this State to which this Act is applicable, and keep such pyrotechnic articles in their possession at all times during the public gathering, and transport the same out of this County upon the conclusion of the arrangement or contract under which such pyrotechnics are displayed for public entertainment.

SECTION 5. That the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable, and if any of its sections, provisions, clauses, or parts be held unconstitutional or void, then the remainder of this Act shall continue in full force and effect, it being the legislative intent now hereby declared, that this Act would have been adopted even if such unconstitutional or void matter had not been included therein.

SECTION 6. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: February 13, 1947.

JAMES W. BROOKS, JR.
ANDERSON COUNTY LAW DIRECTOR

101 S. MAIN STREET, STE. 310
CLINTON, TENNESSEE 37716
jbrooks@andersoncountyttn.gov
(865) 457-6290

CASSANDRA M. POWELL, PARALEGAL
cpowell@andersoncountyttn.gov

DENISE R. JUSTICE, LEGAL ASSISTANT
djustice@andersoncountyttn.gov

August 5, 2026

Tim Isbel, Chairman
Anderson County Operations Committee

RE: Law Director's Report – AUGUST 10 OPERATIONS MEETING

Chairman Isbel and
Operations Committee Members:

A. ACTION ITEMS

1. Anderson County Fire Prevention & Life Safety Resolution adopting the 2024 International Fire Code by Reference and establishing administrative procedures for Anderson County Fire Marshal.

B. CONTRACTS

We have reviewed, revised or approved the following contracts:

1. BCBST Information Sharing Agreement
2. DOE PILT 2025 Agreement
3. ETHRA Grant
4. Norris Health & Rehabilitation EMS Transport Agreement
5. Placer
6. My Benefits Channel Master Subscription Agreement
7. LMU Shelter Medicine Services Agreement
8. Peer Support Program Counseling Services Agreement
9. Ridgeview Behavioral Health Services-Consulting Services Contract
10. Charm-Tex
11. I3 Verticals Software Maintenance contract
12. I3 Verticals Hardware Maintenance contract

C. CASES IN LITIGATION INVOLVING VIOLATIONS OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY ZONING RESOLUTION

I. Newly Filed:

None during this reporting report

2. Status of cases filed with pending deadlines:

- 177 Scott Brogan Lane – Order on Motion for Relief entered; Hearing Date: August 17, 2026
- 301-347 Old Lake City Highway – Case was heard in Chancery Court on July 22, 2026 and by parties agreement – an Order is being entered requiring the demolition and removal of all mobile homes, salvage material, cars, and tractor trailers located on the property. 5 stick built structures located on the properties are reserved for an additional hearing to be determined subject to the entry of the courts Order.
- 3708 Lake City Highway – Case was heard in Chancery Court on July 22, 2026, and by agreement of parties, the Mobile home is to be demolished and removed within 60 days of the entry of the court's Order.
- 482 Old Lake City Highway – Pending Motion to Compel Discovery Responses and Motion to Set Trial Date.
- 606 Sulphur Springs Road – Default Judgment granted. Evidentiary hearing set for August 17, 2026

3. Motions for Default Judgment (MDJ):

- 531 W. Broad Street – Default Judgment granted. Evidentiary hearing set for August 17, 2026
- 1036 Byrams Fork Rd – Order for Default Judgment entered on June 1, 2026. Defendant Ordered to clean property – Pending compliance inspection.
- 474 Old Lake City Highway – Pending hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment on August 17, 2026.
- 343 Frost Bottom Road – Pending hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment on August 17, 2026.

4. Contempt Petitions Pending:

- 1820 Old Lake City Highway – Petition for Contempt filed on July 15, 2026, pending Show Cause Hearing on August 17, 2026.
- 2913 Hinds Creek Road - Petition for Contempt filed July 10, 2026, pending Show Cause Hearing on August 17, 2026.

5. Closed Cases: None during this reporting period.

6. Status of Recorded Liens:

Each of these properties is subject to daily fines and penalties per court order. Liens have been executed on each property, monitoring, enforcement, and collection activities are ongoing.

- 230 Haney Hollow Road - daily fine of \$100 beginning August 26, 2024
- 177 Scott Brogan Lane - daily fine of \$50 beginning December 9, 2024
- 1824 Lake City Highway - daily fine of \$20 beginning August 8, 2025
- 438 Old Fratersville Hollow Road - daily fine of \$10 beginning March 26, 2026

D. BANKRUPTCIES

My report includes only new filings and status updates for existing cases. In addition to the two (2) cases outlined below, this office is currently monitoring fifteen (15) active bankruptcy cases and has reviewed fifteen (15) additional cases in which the County has no interest.

1. Fine-Motion filed; hearing set for 08/0/26; file reopened.
2. Grubb-Partial payment on outstanding taxes by Trustee; awaiting discharge

E. STATUS OF PENDING LAWSUITS

1. *Barker v. Provision*. Pending Review of Discovery responses from Defendant.
2. *Dietlin v. Kirk, et al.* Attorney Alix Michael is defending the lawsuit filed in Anderson County Circuit Court. We will monitor and report any developments.
3. *Partin v. ACSO et al.* Attorney Reid Spaulding is defending the lawsuit filed in Federal District Court which alleges civil rights violations. A third amended Complaint has been filed naming additional Defendants. Trial date is set for March 2, 2027. We will monitor and report on any developments.
4. *Harber et al. v. Anderson Co. Gov't and Estate of Jay Yeager*. No update for this Anderson County Chancery case at this time.
5. *Williams Manor, Inc. v. Anderson Co. Gov't and the BZA*. Our office represents Anderson County Government in this matter, which is set for hearing in Anderson County Chancery Court on November 12, 2026.
6. *King v. Anderson County Detention Facility*. Pro se filing in U.S. District Court alleging civil right violations. Ried Spaulding has been assigned as Defense Counsel. Our office will monitor and report any developments.
7. *Colt Jennings v. Russell Barker and Anderson County*. Former deputy who was dismissed for violating Section 17 of the Rules of Civil Service has filed suit alleging violation of his civil rights. Our insurance company has assigned attorney Dan Pilkington to defend Russell Barker and Mary De'Camp to defend Anderson County. Answer filed on behalf of Anderson County on June 3, 2026. Conference with Defense Counsel, Dan Pilkington and Mary Decamp scheduled for July 16, 2026.

8. *Anderson County Library Alliance, et al. v. Anderson County, Tennessee and Anderson Co. Library Board* – Newly Filed in US District Court. Executive Session is needed.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

These items require no action and are for Informational Purposes.

1. Reviewed and revised Opioid Settlement Provider Agreements for grant recipients.
2. Continued review and recommendations for Library Board
3. Updating ACSO Patrol and Corrections Promotional Exams
4. Finalized Anderson County Fire Prevention and Life Safety Resolution.
5. Submitted proposed amendments to Anderson County Zoning Resolution incorporating Fire Code Definitions and cross referencing administrative procedures to Planning Commission for Review.
6. Continued review and recommendations for Animal Shelter Policy
7. Preparing Resolutions Honoring retiring Commissioners
8. Prepared Resolutions honoring Vendetta's Motorcycle Club for backpack event
9. Participated in Pre-Hearing Conference with Civil Service Board set for August 12, 2026.
10. Classroom Presentation - Jail Liability Class for newly hired corrections officers.
11. Classroom Presentation - County Sheriff's High Risk Liability for Supervisors.
12. Review BZA Special Exception Request
13. Prepared Quit-Claim Deed for Property on Mayor's Tax List
14. Indigent Person – Person Search for next of kin and process Authorization for Cremation

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Brooks, Jr.
Law Director

cc: Annette Prewitt
Denise Palmer

**ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION
AND LIFE SAFETY RESOLUTION**
Anderson County, Tennessee



Adopting the 2024 International Fire Code

Including Local Administrative Provisions, Amendments, Modifications, and Appendices

Adopted by Resolution No. _____

Effective: November 17, 2026

Prepared by:

Anderson County Fire Marshal's Office
Office of the Anderson County Law Director
Office of Planning & Development

Anderson County, Tennessee

PREFACE

The Anderson County Fire Prevention and Life Safety Resolution establishes the minimum regulations governing fire prevention, life safety, fire protection systems, hazardous materials, emergency responder access, and related matters within the unincorporated areas of Anderson County, Tennessee.

This Resolution incorporates by reference the 2024 International Fire Code, as published by the International Code Council, together with local administrative provisions, amendments, deletions, and modifications adopted by the Anderson County Board of Commissioners to address the operational needs of Anderson County.

The purpose of this Resolution is to provide uniform standards for the safeguarding of life and property from the hazards of fire, explosion, dangerous conditions, and other threats to public safety while establishing administrative procedures for permitting, inspections, enforcement, appeals, and coordination between the Anderson County Fire Marshal, Building Commissioner, and other County officials.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the authority granted to other County officials under applicable law or County resolution. This Resolution is intended to complement the Anderson County Zoning Resolution, adopted construction codes, and other applicable County regulations.

Future amendments to this Resolution shall be adopted by the Anderson County Board of Commissioners and recorded in the Revision Log maintained as part of this document.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Section	Page
Article 1: General Provisions	5
Section 1.1: Title	5
Section 1.2: Purpose	5
Section 1.3: Jurisdiction	5
Section 1.4: Authority	6
Section 1.5: Applicability	6
Section 1.6: Powers of the Fire Marshal	6
Section 1.7: Right of Entry	8
Section 1.8: Appeals	9
Section 1.9: Conflict of Laws	12
Section 1.10: Severability	12
Section 1.11: Enactment / Effective Date	12
Article 2: Definitions	12
Section 2.1: Adoption of Definitions	12
Section 2.2: General Rules of Interpretation	13
Section 2.3: Conflicts in Definitions	13
Section 2.4: Local Definitions	13
Article 3: Code Adoption and Amendments	14
Section 3.1: Adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code	14
Section 3.2: Local Amendments, Modifications, and Deletions	14
Article 4: Administration, Enforcement & Permits	16
Section 4.1: Administration of the Resolution	17
Section 4.2: Enforcement	17
Section 4.3: Enforcement Procedures	17
Section 4.4: Certificates of Occupancy	17
Article 5: Inspections and Procedures	17
Section 5.1: General Inspection Authority	17
Section 5.2: Types of Inspections	18
Section 5.3: Complaint Procedures	18
Section 5.4: Notice of Violation	19
Section 5.5: Correction of Violations	19
Section 5.6: Reinspection Procedures	19

Section 5.7: Stop Work Orders	19
Section 5.8: Unsafe or Hazardous Conditions	20
Section 5.9: Emergency Procedures	20
Section 5.10: Referral for Civil Enforcement	20
Section 5.11: Criminal Enforcement Referrals	20
Section 5.12: Documentation and Records	20
Section 5.13: Compliance with Court Orders	21
Article 6: Fire Prevention Operations and Standards	21
Section 6.1: Purpose	21
Section 6.2: General Applicability	21
Section 6.3: Fire Prevention & Life Safety Compliance	21
Section 6.4: Fire Protection Systems	22
Section 6.5: Fire Apparatus Access & Fire Lanes	22
Section 6.6: Water Supply and Fire Hydrants	22
Section 6.7: Open Burning and Recreational Fires	22
Section 6.8: Hazardous Materials and Operations	22
Section 6.9: Emergency Responder Communication Systems (ERCES)	23
Section 6.10: Construction and Site Development Coordination	23
Section 6.11: Operational Permits	23
Section 6.12: Existing Buildings and Conditions	23
Section 6.13: Authority to Establish Policies	23
Section 6.14: Relationship to Adopted Fire Code	23
Article 7: Enforcement, Remedies, and Abatement	24
Section 7.1: Purpose	24
Section 7.2: Violations	24
Section 7.3: Notice of Violations	24
Section 7.4: Stop Work Orders	24
Section 7.5: Unsafe Conditions and Emergency Orders	24
Section 7.6: Abatement of Violations	25
Section 7.7: Legal Remedies	25
Section 7.8: Permit Suspension or Revocation	25
Section 7.9: Unlawful Acts	25
Section 7.10: Cumulative Remedies	25
Section 7.11: Coordination with other Enforcement Authorities	26

Article 8: Penalties and Injunctions	26
Section 8.1: Purpose	26
Section 8.2: Violations Deemed Misdemeanors	26
Section 8.3: Non-Adoption of Code Penalties	26
Section 8.4: Injunctive and Equitable Relief	26
Section 8.5: Additional Remedies	27
Section 8.6: Responsibility for Violations	27
Section 8.7: Enforcement Authority	27
Article 9: Appendices Adopted	28

ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Title

This resolution shall be known as the *Anderson County Fire Prevention and Life Safety Resolution*.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this resolution is to establish minimum requirements for fire prevention and fire protection in order to safeguard life, property, and public welfare; to provide authority for the enforcement of such requirements; and to establish a framework for the administration of fire safety regulations within Anderson County.

This resolution is intended to create a consistent and enforceable system of fire code regulation where none previously existed.

1.3 Jurisdiction

This code shall apply to all areas within the unincorporated jurisdiction of Anderson County, Tennessee, and to such other areas as may be established by interlocal agreement or applicable law. The jurisdiction of the Fire Marshal shall include:

1. Commercial occupancies located within the unincorporated areas of Anderson County;
2. Multifamily residential occupancies consisting of four (4) or more dwelling units located within the unincorporated areas of Anderson County; and
3. Such other occupancies as may be placed under the jurisdiction of the Fire Marshal by law, interlocal agreement, or resolution of the Anderson County Board of Commissioners.

Nothing herein shall supersede municipal fire codes or enforcement authority within incorporated municipalities unless otherwise provided by agreement.

1.4 Authority

This resolution is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to counties under Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 5-20-101 et seq., which authorizes the adoption of standard codes by reference, and other applicable provisions of Tennessee law.

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-20-104, Anderson County is authorized to enforce the provisions of this resolution and the adopted International Fire Code through appropriate administrative and legal actions. Such enforcement authority includes, but is not limited to, the ability to issue notices of violation, orders to correct unsafe conditions, and to seek injunctive or other equitable relief through the Anderson County Law Director or other designated official.

The authority granted herein is intended to provide for the administration, implementation, and enforcement of fire prevention and life safety regulations within the jurisdiction of Anderson County in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

1.5 Creation of Agency

The Anderson County Fire Marshal's Office is hereby designated as the agency responsible for the administration and enforcement of the 2024 International Fire Code within the jurisdiction of Anderson County.

The Fire Marshal, or designee, shall have the authority to:

- Interpret and enforce the provisions of this code;
- Conduct inspections of structures and premises as authorized by law;
- Review permits to be issued by Building Commissioner;
- Issue notices of violation and orders to correct unsafe conditions;
- Coordinate with other County departments and emergency services agencies in matters of fire prevention and life safety.

The Fire Marshal shall operate under the authority of the Anderson County Mayor and in accordance with applicable state law. The Fire Marshal shall serve as the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for matters arising under this resolution and the adopted International Fire Code unless another authority is expressly designated by law, regulation, interlocal agreement, or this resolution.

1.6 Powers of Fire Marshal

The Anderson County Fire Marshal, or designee, acting as the Fire Code Official, is hereby authorized

to administer, interpret, and enforce the provisions of this resolution and the 2024 International Fire Code, as adopted by reference.

In carrying out these duties, the Fire Marshal shall have the authority to:

A. Interpretation and Enforcement

Interpret the provisions of this code and adopt policies and procedures necessary for its administration and enforcement, consistent with the intent of the code and applicable law.

B. Inspections

Conduct inspections of buildings, structures, premises, and fire protection systems as necessary to determine compliance with this code, in accordance with applicable law.

C. Permits and Approvals

Review applications, require the submission of construction documents, and grant approvals as required by this code, including the authority to impose reasonable conditions necessary to ensure compliance.

D. Notices and Orders

Issue notices of violation, correction orders, and directives necessary to ensure compliance with this code, including orders to remedy unsafe or hazardous conditions.

E. Plan Review

Review and evaluate construction documents, site plans, fire protection system plans, fire apparatus access plans, fire hydrant layouts, water supply information, and other materials submitted for approval to determine compliance with this resolution, the adopted International Fire Code, and other applicable regulations. The Fire Marshal may approve, approve with conditions, or recommend denial of plans that fail to comply with applicable fire and life safety requirements.

F. Records and Recordkeeping

Establish, maintain, and preserve records relating to permits, inspections, plans, construction document reviews, notices of violation, enforcement actions, appeals, complaints, certificates of occupancy, correspondence, and other matters necessary for the administration and enforcement of this resolution. Such records shall be maintained in accordance with applicable public records laws and County record retention requirements.

G. Stop Work Orders

Issue stop work orders where work is being performed in violation of this code or in a manner that creates a fire or life safety hazard.

H. Permit Suspension or Revocation

Suspend or revoke permits or approvals issued under this code where issued in error, based on incorrect information, or where there is a violation of any provision of this code or conditions of

approval.

I. Unsafe Conditions

Order the correction, removal, or abatement of dangerous or hazardous conditions where such conditions constitute a threat to life, property, or public safety.

J. Coordination

Coordinate enforcement activities with the Anderson County Building Commissioner, Planning Department, emergency services agencies, and other applicable entities to ensure consistent application of fire and life safety regulations.

K. Referral of Violations for Legal Action

Refer violations of this code to the Anderson County Law Director or other designated official for enforcement through legal proceedings, including injunctive or other equitable relief as authorized by Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-20-104.

L. Administrative Functions

Maintain records, issue reports, and perform such other administrative functions as are necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Fire Marshal's Office.

The powers granted herein shall be exercised in accordance with applicable state law and shall not be construed to authorize any action in conflict with constitutional protections or statutory limitations.

M. Coordination with Building Commissioner

Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to limit the authority of the Anderson County Building Commissioner. The Fire Marshal and Building Commissioner or their designee(s) shall coordinate plan review, permitting, and inspections where jurisdiction overlaps to ensure consistent enforcement of applicable codes.

In the event of conflict, matters shall be resolved in accordance with applicable law and County administrative procedures.

1.7 Right of Entry

The Fire Marshal or authorized designee may enter any property, structure, or premises within Anderson County which is subject to the provisions of this resolution, including properties believed to be in violation of the fire code, requiring inspection, or otherwise subject to regulation under this resolution, for the purpose of inspection, investigation, and enforcement. This authority is established pursuant to Section [A] 104.3 (Right of Entry) of the 2024 International Fire Code, as adopted by reference, and shall be exercised in accordance with applicable law.

Authorized representatives of Anderson County shall have the right, consistent with the provisions of the adopted International Fire Code and applicable law, to enter any property other than dwelling places at reasonable times for the purpose of conducting inspections,

monitoring compliance, and enforcing the provisions of this resolution.

Designated Anderson County personnel shall have the right-of-entry on or upon the property of any person subject to this resolution and any permit or approval issued hereunder. County personnel shall be provided reasonable access to all parts of the premises for the purposes of inspection, monitoring, records examination, and the performance of any duties necessary to determine compliance with the requirements of this resolution.

1. Where a property, site, or facility has security measures that require identification and clearance before entry, the owner or responsible party shall make necessary arrangements so that, upon presentation of proper credentials, County personnel will be permitted to enter without delay.
2. The Fire Marshal or authorized designee may establish inspection schedules and conduct periodic inspections necessary to enforce the provisions of this resolution and the adopted fire code.
3. Where consent to enter is refused, denied, or not promptly provided, the County may pursue all remedies available by law to obtain lawful entry, including application for an administrative inspection warrant.
4. Entry into dwelling units or residential structures shall be conducted only with the consent of the owner or occupant or pursuant to a lawful warrant, except in emergency situations as provided herein.
5. In emergency situations where there is reasonable cause to believe that a condition exists that poses an immediate threat to life, property, or public safety, the Fire Marshal or designee may enter any structure or premises without prior consent to the extent permitted by law for the purpose of mitigating such hazard.
6. Any person obstructing or interfering with the Fire Marshal or authorized personnel in the performance of duties under this section may be subject to enforcement action as provided in this resolution.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize entry in violation of constitutional protections against unreasonable searches and seizures.

1.8 Appeals

This appeals process is established pursuant to Section 112 of the 2024 International Fire Code, as adopted by reference.

Any order, decision, interpretation, or determination made by the Fire Marshal or Fire Code Official pursuant to this resolution or the adopted International Fire Code shall not be considered for appellate review until the matter has first been submitted for administrative review.

A. Administrative Review

1. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Fire Marshal shall submit a written request for review to the Fire Marshal or designated official within fifteen calendar (15) days following such decision.
2. Upon receipt of the written request, the Fire Marshal or designee shall review the matter and may affirm, modify, or withdraw the original decision, or may conduct an informal hearing if necessary.
3. A written decision shall be rendered within thirty calendar (30) days of receipt of the request for review.
4. If a decision is not rendered within the time provided, the applicant may proceed with an appeal to the Board of Appeals.
5. Only after the Fire Marshal has had an opportunity to review the matter, or a timely review has not occurred, may an appeal be filed.

B. Appeal to the Board of Appeals

1. In order to initiate an appeal, the applicant shall submit a written request to the Board of Appeals.
2. The appeal shall include a copy of the original request for administrative review, all supporting documentation, and the decision rendered by the Fire Marshal, if any.
3. The Board of Appeals shall have the authority to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the Fire Marshal relative to the application and interpretation of this resolution and the adopted fire code.
4. The Board of Appeals may grant relief where it is determined that the intent of this resolution and the fire code has been met and that public safety is not compromised.
5. The Board of Appeals shall not have the authority to waive requirements of this code based solely on convenience, financial hardship, or lack of proper planning.

C. Hearing Procedures

1. Fire code appeals shall be heard by the Board of Zoning Appeals in accordance with the procedures, rules, notice requirements, voting requirements, and recordkeeping requirements applicable to the Board of Zoning Appeals under Tennessee law, the Anderson County Zoning Resolution, and any duly adopted rules of procedure of the Board.
2. The Board shall render its decision in writing and shall provide a copy of the decision to the appellant, the Fire Marshal, and the Building Commissioner.
3. All proceedings of the Board concerning fire code appeals shall be conducted in accordance with applicable law governing public meetings and public records.

D. Finality of Decision

Decisions of the Board of Appeals shall be final and binding, subject to review by a court of competent jurisdiction as provided by law.

E. Establishment of Board of Appeals

Pursuant to Section 112 of the 2024 International Fire Code and Tennessee Code Annotated § 13-7-106, the Anderson County Board of Zoning Appeals is hereby designated as the Board of Appeals for purposes of hearing and deciding appeals arising under this resolution and the adopted International Fire Code.

The Board of Zoning Appeals shall consist of seven (7) members and (1) associate member as provided by T.C.A. § 13-7-106(a).

Three (3) members of the Board shall possess technical qualifications or relevant experience in at least one of the following disciplines:

1. Construction
2. Fire protection
3. Code administration
4. Engineering
5. Architecture
6. Surveying
7. Emergency services
8. A discipline related to one on this list

At a minimum:

1. One member shall be a licensed or experienced architect, engineer, contractor, building official, or similar construction professional;
2. One member shall be a current or former certified firefighter or fire service professional; and
3. One member shall possess experience in surveying, site development, code administration, planning, construction, emergency management, or another related technical field.

All members of the Board shall satisfy the continuing education requirements applicable to members of a board of zoning appeals under Tennessee Code Annotated § 13-7-106.

The technical members shall serve five-year terms. Initial appointments shall be staggered such that one member serves an initial term of two (2) years, one member serves an initial term of three (3) years, and one member serves an initial term of five (5) years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for five-year terms.

Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum. For appeals arising under this resolution, at least two technical members shall be present and participate.

The Fire Marshal and Building Commissioner, or their designees, shall serve as non-voting ex officio advisors to the Board. Ex officio members shall not be counted for purposes of quorum and shall not

vote.

The Board shall hear and decide appeals concerning the application and interpretation of this resolution and the adopted International Fire Code and shall exercise such authority as is provided herein.

1.9 Conflict of Laws

If any provisions of this resolution and any other provisions of law impose overlapping or contradictory regulations or contain any restrictions covering any of the same subject matter, that provision which is more restrictive or imposes higher standards or requirements shall govern.

1.10 Severability

If any provision of this resolution or its application to any person, entity, or property is held invalid, the remainder of the resolution or the application of the provision to other persons or property shall not be affected. Should any section, subsection, clause or provision of this resolution be declared by court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the resolution as a whole or any part thereof other than the part declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, each section, clause, and provision being declared severable.

1.11 Enactment/ Effective Date

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 5-20-102 and 5-20-106, a copy of the 2024 International Fire Code, as adopted herein by reference, together with all amendments thereto, has been filed in the office of the Anderson County Clerk and has been made available for public use, inspection, and examination for a period of not less than ninety (90) days prior to adoption of this resolution.

Notice of such filing and the intent to adopt the 2024 International Fire Code by reference has been published in a newspaper of general circulation within Anderson County in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-1-116.

Following adoption, the code shall remain on file in the office of the County Clerk as a public record available for inspection.

This resolution shall take effect upon final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

ARTICLE 2 DEFINITIONS

2.1 Adoption of Definitions

The definitions contained in the 2024 International Fire Code, as adopted by reference, are hereby adopted and shall apply to the interpretation and enforcement of this resolution.

2.2 General Rules of Interpretation

Unless specifically defined herein, words and phrases used in this resolution shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the 2024 International Fire Code.

Where terms are not defined in the 2024 International Fire Code or this Resolution, such terms shall be interpreted so as to give them their meanings in common usage and to give this resolution its most reasonable application.

Words used in the present tense shall include the future; words in the singular shall include the plural, and the plural the singular; and words of one gender shall include all genders, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

2.3 Conflicts in Definitions

Where a definition set forth in this resolution conflicts with a definition contained in the 2024 International Fire Code, the definition contained in this resolution shall govern.

2.4 Local Definitions

The following terms and phrases, when used in this resolution, shall have the meanings ascribed to them below:

FIRE CODE OFFICIAL: The designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of the code.

FIRE MARSHAL: The fire code official appointed by the County Mayor pursuant to TCA § 5-6-121 and charged with the administration and enforcement of the Anderson County Fire Prevention and Life Safety Resolution and the adopted International Fire Code.

COMMERCIAL OCCUPANCY: building, structure, or portion thereof with a primary use defined by an occupancy classification in Chapter 3 of the 2024 International Building Code.

MULTI-FAMILY UNIT: Any building or portion thereof containing four (4) or more dwelling units intended for residential occupancy, including apartment buildings, condominiums, townhome developments, and similar residential occupancies.

BUILDING: Any structure which is designed and suitable for the habitation or shelter of human beings or animals, or the shelter or storage of property, or for use and occupation for some purpose of trade or manufacture.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: The Zoning and Codes Officer appointed by the Anderson County Board of Commissioners (Board of Commissioners) pursuant to TCA § 13-7-110, or his/her authorized representative.

DWELLING: A building, or portion thereof, used for residential purposes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: An independent volunteer organization recognized by Anderson County and the State of Tennessee as authorized to provide emergency services.

The Anderson County Fire Marshal is authorized to recommend additional definitions as necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of this resolution, subject to approval by the Anderson County Board of Commissioners.

AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION (AHJ): The governmental agency, department, official, or individual responsible for administering and enforcing the requirements of an adopted code, standard, regulation, or ordinance.

ARTICLE 3 – CODE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

3.1 Adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code

The 2024 International Fire Code, as published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted by reference as the *Anderson County Fire Prevention and Life Safety Resolution*.

3.2 Local Amendments

The following sections of the 2024 International Fire Code are hereby amended:

3.2.1 [A] 101.1 Title

These regulations shall be known as the *Anderson County Fire Prevention and Life Safety Resolution* hereinafter referred to as “this code.”

3.2.2 [A] 102.3 Change of Use or Occupancy

A change of occupancy shall not be made unless the use or occupancy is made to comply with the requirements of this code and the *International Building Code*.

Exception: Where *approved* by the *fire code official*, a change of occupancy shall be permitted without complying with the requirements of this code and the *International Building Code*, provided that the new or proposed use or occupancy is less hazardous, based on life and fire risk, than the existing use or occupancy.

3.2.3 [A] 103.1 Creation of Agency

The Anderson County Fire Marshal's Office is hereby created and the official in charge thereof shall be known as the *fire code official or fire marshal*. The function of the agency shall be the implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of this code.

3.2.4 [A] 112.1 Means of Appeals

Amended to provide that appeals shall be heard by the Anderson County Board of Zoning Appeals as established in Article 1, Section 1.8 of this resolution.

3.2.5 [A] 113.4 Violation Penalties

Deleted in its entirety.

3.2.6 501.3 Construction Documents

Construction documents for proposed fire apparatus access, location of *fire lanes*, security gates across fire apparatus access roads and *construction documents* and hydraulic calculations for fire hydrant systems shall be submitted to the Anderson County Fire Marshal's Office for review and approval prior to construction.

3.2.7 510.1 Emergency Responder Communications Enhancement Systems (ERCES) in new buildings

Approved in-building emergency responder communications enhancement system (ERCES) for emergency responders shall be provided in all new buildings. In-building ERCES within the building shall be based on the existing coverage levels of the public safety communications systems utilized by the jurisdiction, measured at the exterior of the building. The ERCES, where required, shall be of a type determined by the *fire code official* and the *frequency license holder(s)*. This section shall not require improvement of the existing public safety communications systems.

Exceptions:

1. Where *approved* by the building official and the *fire code official*, a wired communications system in accordance with Section 907.2.13.2 shall be permitted to be installed or maintained instead of an *approved* communications coverage system.

2. Where it is determined by the *fire code official* in coordination with the local fire chief, the Anderson County Sheriff's Office, and Anderson County EMS that the communications coverage system is not needed.

3. In facilities where emergency responder communications coverage is required and such systems, components or equipment required could have a negative impact on the normal operations of that facility, the *fire code official* shall have the authority to accept an automatically activated emergency responder communications coverage system.

4. One-story buildings not exceeding 12,000 square feet (1115m²) with no below-ground area(s).

3.2.8 903.3.1.2 NFPA 13R sprinkler systems

Automatic sprinkler systems in Group R occupancies may be permitted to be installed throughout in accordance with NFPA 13R where the Group R occupancy meets all of the following conditions:

1. Four stories or less above grade plane.
2. For other than Group R-2 occupancies, the floor level of the highest story is 30 feet (9144 mm) or less above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.

For Group R-2 occupancies, the roof assembly is less than 45 feet (13 716 mm) above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access. The height of the roof assembly shall be determined by measuring the distance from the lowest required fire vehicle access road surface adjacent to the building to the eave of the highest pitched roof, the intersection of the highest roof to the *exterior wall* or the top of the highest parapet, whichever yields the greatest distance.

3. The floor level of the lowest story is 30 feet (9144 mm) or less below the lowest level of fire department vehicle access. The number of stories of Group R occupancies constructed in accordance with Sections 510.2 and 510.4 of the *International Building Code* shall be measured from *grade plane*.

ARTICLE 4 – ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, AND PERMITS

4.1 Administration of the Resolution

The provisions of this resolution shall be administered by the Anderson County Fire Marshal or designee

The Fire Marshal shall have the authority to interpret, administer, and enforce the provisions of this resolution and the adopted 2024 International Fire Code. In the interpretation and application of this resolution, its provisions shall be considered minimum requirements adopted for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare.

Where conflicts exist between this resolution and other applicable regulations, the more restrictive provision shall govern.

4.2 Enforcement

The Fire Marshal or designee shall enforce the provisions of this resolution within the Fire Marshal's jurisdiction.

Enforcement may include inspections, review of permits and construction documents, notices of violation, orders to correct, stop work orders, emergency orders, referral of complaints outside the Fire Marshal's jurisdiction to the appropriate authority, and coordination with the Anderson County Law Director or other designated officials for legal enforcement.

4.3 Enforcement Procedures

1. A complaint may be initiated by any person or by the Fire Marshal upon observation of a potential violation. A record of such complaint shall be maintained.
2. Where the Fire Marshal receives a complaint involving zoning, building, or land use matters outside the Fire Marshal's jurisdiction, the matter shall be referred to the Building Commissioner for appropriate action.
3. Where a violation is identified, a notice of violation may be issued to the property owner or responsible party, identifying the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time for correction.
4. If the violation is not corrected within the time specified, additional enforcement actions may be taken, including issuance of further notices, stop work orders, or referral for legal action.
5. Where necessary to protect public safety, the Fire Marshal may issue immediate orders to correct hazardous conditions.
6. Cases not brought into compliance may be referred to the Anderson County Law Director for appropriate legal proceedings.
7. The disposition of enforcement action shall be documented and maintained as part of the official record.

4.4 Certificates of Occupancy

No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued for any structure, building, or occupancy subject to the jurisdiction of the Anderson County Fire Marshal until all applicable requirements of this resolution, the adopted 2024 International Fire Code, and all approved fire protection and life safety systems have been inspected and approved by the Fire Marshal.

For structures subject to the jurisdiction of both the Building Commissioner and Fire Marshal, issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy shall require approval by both officials.

The Building Commissioner shall not issue a Certificate of Occupancy until the Fire Marshal has approved the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy in writing confirming that all applicable fire code requirements have been satisfied.

ARTICLE 5 INSPECTIONS AND PROCEDURES

5.1 General Inspection Authority

The inspection and enforcement procedures set forth in this Article are established pursuant to the authority granted under Sections 104, 107, 110, 111, and 113 of the 2024 International Fire Code, as adopted by reference, and shall be implemented in accordance with applicable law.

The Fire Marshal or authorized designee shall conduct inspections of buildings, structures, premises, and fire protection systems as necessary to determine compliance with this resolution and the adopted 2024 International Fire Code.

Inspections may be conducted:

- In response to complaints
- As part of permit review and approval
- As periodic or routine inspections
- Upon identification of potential fire or life safety hazards

5.2 Types of Inspections (*IFC 104.1 & 107 (Maintenance)*)

Inspections conducted under this resolution may include, but are not limited to:

- A. Initial Inspections** – conducted prior to issuance of permits or approvals;
- B. Progress Inspections** – conducted during construction or installation;
- C. Final Inspections** – conducted upon completion of permitted work;
- D. Operational Inspections** – conducted to verify compliance with ongoing operational requirements;
- E. Complaint-Based Inspections** – initiated in response to reported violations;
- F. Re-inspections** – conducted to verify correction of previously identified violations.

5.3 Complaint Procedures

Complaints alleging violations of this resolution may be submitted to the Fire Marshal's Office.

1. A record of the complaint shall be created and maintained.
2. The Fire Marshal may investigate such complaints and determine whether an inspection is warranted.

3. The Fire Marshal may refer out any complaint to the authority having jurisdiction that does not fall within the Fire Marshals enforcement jurisdiction.

5.4 Notice of Violation

1. Where a violation is identified, the Fire Marshal may issue a written Notice of Violation to the property owner or responsible party.
2. The Notice shall include:
 - a. A description of the violation;
 - b. Reference to applicable code provisions;
 - c. Required corrective actions;
 - d. A reasonable timeframe for compliance.
3. The Notice may be posted at the property, Hand Delivered and/or sent via Certified Mail.

5.5 Correction of Violations

The responsible party shall correct the violation within the time specified in the Notice of Violation. The Fire Marshal may approve reasonable extensions where progress toward compliance is demonstrated. Failure to comply within the specified timeframe may result in further enforcement action, including misdemeanor citations and civil enforcement.

5.6 Reinspection Procedures

Upon notification that corrective actions have been completed, the Fire Marshal may conduct a reinspection. If compliance is achieved, the violation shall be closed. If violations remain, additional notices or enforcement actions may be issued.

5.7 Stop Work Orders

1. Where work is being performed in violation of this resolution or in a manner that creates a fire or life safety hazard, the Fire Marshal may issue a stop work order.
2. The stop work order shall:
 - a. Identify the violation;
 - b. Specify required corrective actions;
 - c. Require cessation of work until compliance is achieved.

- d. Work shall not resume until authorized by the Fire Marshal.

5.8 Unsafe or Hazardous Conditions

Where conditions exist that pose a danger to life, property, or public safety, the Fire Marshal may issue orders requiring immediate correction, removal, or abatement of such conditions. Such orders may require evacuation, discontinuance of use, or other actions necessary to mitigate the hazard.

5.9 Emergency Procedures

In emergency situations where immediate action is necessary to protect life or property, the Fire Marshal shall take such actions as are reasonably necessary to mitigate the hazard, including entry, securing of premises, or coordination with emergency services.

5.10 Referral for Legal Action

Where violations are not corrected through administrative procedures, the matter may be referred to the Anderson County Law Director for enforcement through legal proceedings, including injunction, abatement, or other remedies provided by law or as authorized by Article 7, Section 7.8.

5.11 Criminal Enforcement Referrals

Where the Fire Marshal determines that a violation of this resolution or the adopted International Fire Code has occurred and administrative enforcement efforts have failed to achieve compliance, the Fire Marshal may refer the matter for criminal enforcement as provided by Tennessee law.

Such referral may include the issuance of citations, complaints, affidavits of complaint, requests for warrants, or other lawful process through the appropriate court having jurisdiction over misdemeanor offenses.

Nothing in this section shall require the Fire Marshal to exhaust administrative remedies prior to initiating criminal enforcement where the violation constitutes an immediate threat to life, property, or public safety.

Criminal enforcement may proceed simultaneously with administrative enforcement, civil enforcement, injunctive relief, abatement proceedings, or any other remedy authorized by this resolution or applicable law.

5.12 Documentation and Records

1. The Fire Marshal shall maintain records of all inspections, notices, orders, and enforcement actions.
2. Records shall include:
 - a. Inspection reports;
 - b. Notices of violation;
 - c. Correspondence;
 - d. Compliance status.
3. Such records shall be maintained as public records in accordance with applicable law.

5.13 Compliance with Court Orders

Where enforcement actions result in court proceedings, the Fire Marshal shall monitor compliance with court orders and maintain records of case disposition.

If violations are not corrected in accordance with court directives, additional enforcement actions may be pursued as authorized by law.

ARTICLE 6 – FIRE PREVENTION OPERATIONS AND STANDARDS

6.1 Purpose

This Article is adopted to provide for the regulation of fire prevention, fire protection systems, hazardous conditions and life safety requirements for commercial properties within unincorporated areas of Anderson County. It establishes the authority of the Fire Marshal to administer and enforce such provisions and defines the operational application of the 2024 International Fire Code as adopted by reference.

The provisions of this Article are intended to ensure the protection of life, property, and public welfare through the consistent application of fire prevention and safety standards.

6.2 General Applicability

The provisions of this Article shall apply to all commercial buildings, structures, premises, and operations regulated by this resolution and the adopted 2024 International Fire Code, falling within the Fire Marshals jurisdiction.

All fire prevention, protection, and life safety requirements shall be in accordance with the adopted fire code and any applicable amendments set forth in this resolution.

6.3 Fire Prevention and Life Safety Compliance

All buildings, structures, and premises shall be maintained in compliance with the requirements of this resolution and the adopted fire code.

The owner or responsible party shall be responsible for maintaining fire protection systems, means of egress, fire access, and other life safety features in proper working condition at all times.

6.4 Fire Protection Systems

Fire protection systems, including but not limited to fire alarm systems, automatic sprinkler systems, standpipe systems, and other fire suppression systems, shall be installed, maintained, tested, and inspected in accordance with the adopted fire code.

The Fire Marshal shall have authority to review and approve plans, require system upgrades where necessary, and verify compliance through inspection.

6.5 Fire Apparatus Access and Fire Lanes

Fire apparatus access roads, fire lanes, and access points shall be provided and maintained in accordance with the adopted fire code in coordination with local fire department.

The Fire Marshal shall have authority to:

- a. Approve the location and design of fire access routes;
- b. Require marking, signage, and maintenance of fire lanes;
- c. Order removal of obstructions that impede emergency access.

6.6 Water Supply and Fire Hydrants

An approved water supply for fire protection, including fire hydrants and related infrastructure, shall be provided and maintained in accordance with the adopted fire code.

The Fire Marshal shall have authority to review and approve the location, spacing, and adequacy of fire hydrants and water supply systems.

6.7 Open Burning and Recreational Fires

Open burning, recreational fires, and similar activities shall be regulated in accordance with the adopted fire code and any applicable local amendments.

Permits may be required as determined by the Fire Marshal.

6.8 Hazardous Materials and Operations

The storage, handling, and use of hazardous materials shall comply with the adopted fire code and the applicable regulatory board.

6.9 Emergency Responder Communications Systems (ERCES)

Where required by the Fire Marshal, emergency responder communications enhancement systems shall be installed in accordance with the adopted fire code and local amendments.

The Fire Marshal shall determine when such systems are necessary and approve system design and installation.

6.10 Construction and Site Development Coordination

Construction projects and site development activities shall comply with fire access, water supply, and fire protection requirements as established by this resolution and the adopted fire code.

The Fire Marshal shall review construction documents and site plans to ensure compliance prior to and during development.

6.11 Operational Permits

Operational permits may be required for activities regulated by the adopted fire code.

The Fire Marshal shall determine which operations require permits and shall establish procedures for issuance, renewal, and enforcement of such permits.

6.12 Existing Buildings and Conditions

Existing buildings and structures shall be maintained in compliance with the adopted fire code.

Where conditions exist that constitute a hazard to life or property, the Fire Marshal shall require corrective action consistent with the provisions of this resolution.

6.13 Authority to Establish Policies

The Fire Marshal is authorized to establish administrative policies, procedures, and guidelines necessary to implement and enforce the provisions of this Article, provided such policies are consistent with this resolution, 2024 International Fire Code, and applicable law.

6.14 Relationship to Adopted Fire Code

This Article is intended to supplement and support the administration of the 2024 International Fire Code and shall not be construed to limit or replace any applicable provisions of the adopted fire code.

Where conflicts exist, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

ARTICLE 7- ENFORCEMENT, REMEDIES, AND ABATEMENT

7.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to establish the enforcement mechanisms, remedies, and legal authority necessary to ensure compliance with this resolution and the adopted 2024 International Fire Code, and to provide for the correction of violations and abatement of hazardous conditions. Enforcement may proceed through criminal prosecution, civil action, or both.

7.2 Violations

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of this resolution, the adopted International Fire Code, or any lawful order, notice, directive, permit condition, stop work order, or other enforcement action issued by the Fire Marshal pursuant to this resolution.

Each day that a violation continues after notice has been provided shall constitute a separate offense.

7.3 Notice of Violation

Where a violation is identified, the Fire Marshal may issue a Notice of Violation to the responsible party. The Notice shall include a description of the violation, reference to applicable provisions, required corrective action, and timeframe for compliance. Failure to comply with the Notice of Violation may result in further enforcement action.

7.4 Stop Work Orders

The Fire Marshal may issue a stop work order where work is being performed in violation of this resolution or work creates a fire or life safety hazard. The stop work order shall be in writing and shall

contain the name(s) of the owner(s), lessee(s), occupant(s) or any other pertinent individual to the case, as well as identify the violation, require cessation of work, and specify conditions under which work may resume. It shall be unlawful to continue work in violation of a stop work order.

7.5 Unsafe Conditions and Emergency Orders

1. Where the Fire Marshal determines that a condition exists that poses a threat to life, property, or public safety, the Fire Marshal may issue orders requiring immediate correction, removal, or abatement of such condition.
2. Such orders may include, evacuation of occupants, closure of buildings or portions thereof, discontinuance of hazardous operations, removal of dangerous materials or conditions.
3. In emergency situations, the Fire Marshal may take such actions that are reasonably necessary to protect life and property.

7.6 Abatement of Violations

1. Where a violation is not corrected within the time specified, the County may take action to abate the violation.
2. Abatement actions may include, removal of hazardous conditions, securing of unsafe structures, correction of violations by the County or its agents.
3. Costs incurred by the County in abating violations may be assessed against the property owner or responsible party as permitted by law.

7.7 Legal Remedies

In addition to administrative enforcement, the County may pursue all remedies available by law to enforce this resolution. The Anderson County Law Director may institute injunction, abatement, or other appropriate legal proceedings to prevent, restrain, correct, or abate violations of this resolution or the adopted fire code.

7.8 Permit Suspension or Revocation

The Fire Marshal may suspend or revoke any permit issued under this resolution where, the permit was issued in error false or misleading information was provided the permit holder violates any provision of this resolution, or conditions of the permit are not met.

7.9 Unlawful Acts

It shall be unlawful for any person to, interfere with or obstruct the Fire Marshal in the performance of duties, fail to comply with lawful orders issued under this resolution or continue operations or work after a stop work order has been issued.

7.10 Cumulative Remedies

The remedies provided in this Article are cumulative and not exclusive. The County may pursue any combination of administrative, civil, or legal remedies necessary to enforce compliance.

7.11 Coordination with Other Enforcement Authorities

The Fire Marshal may coordinate enforcement actions with other County departments, law enforcement agencies, and emergency services as necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

ARTICLE 8 – PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIONS

8.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to establish penalties and legal remedies for violations of this resolution and the adopted 2024 International Fire Code, in accordance with Tennessee law.

8.2 Violations Deemed Misdemeanor

In accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-20-105, any person violating any provision of this resolution or the adopted fire code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day that a violation continues after notice has been provided may be considered a separate offense.

8.3 Non-Adoption of Code Penalties

Section [A] 113.4 (Violation Penalties) of the 2024 International Fire Code is specifically excluded from adoption and shall not apply within Anderson County.

Penalties for violations of this resolution and the adopted fire code shall be governed exclusively by Tennessee law, including Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-20-105.

8.4 Injunctive and Equitable Relief

Violations of this resolution shall be enforced in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-20-105 and other applicable provisions of law.

Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to establish independent penalty amounts or sentencing provisions. All penalties for violations shall be as provided by Tennessee law.

The Fire Marshal is authorized to identify violations and initiate enforcement actions, including referral to the Anderson County Sheriff's Office and/or the Anderson County Law Director or other appropriate authority for prosecution or legal action.

8.5 Additional Remedies

The County may pursue all remedies available under applicable law to enforce the provisions of this resolution, including civil actions, equitable relief, and other lawful enforcement mechanisms. The remedies provided in this Article are cumulative and not exclusive. The use of any one remedy shall not prevent the use of any other remedy provided by law.

8.6 Responsibility for Violations

The owner, occupant, operator, or any person responsible for a violation of this resolution may be held accountable for such violation.

8.7 Enforcement Authority

The Fire Marshal shall be authorized to identify violations and initiate enforcement actions, including referral to the Anderson County Law Director or other appropriate authority for prosecution or legal action. The penalties and remedies set forth in this Article are in addition to the administrative enforcement provisions contained in Article 7 of this resolution.

ARTICLE 9 – APPENDICES ADOPTED BY REFERENCE

The following appendices of the 2024 International Fire Code are hereby adopted:

- Appendix B – Fire-Flow Requirements for Buildings
- Appendix C – Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution
- Appendix D – Fire Apparatus Access Roads

- Appendix F – Hazard Ranking
- Appendix H – Hazardous Materials Management Plan (HMMP) and Hazardous Materials Inventory Statement (HMIS) Instructions
- Appendix I – Fire Protection Systems – Noncompliant Conditions
- Appendix N – Indoor Trade Shows and Exhibitions

All other appendices are excluded unless specifically adopted.

REVISION LOG

Revision	Date of Revision	Affected Section(s)	Description
0	November 17, 2026	All	Original adoption of the Anderson County Fire Prevention and Life Safety Resolution; adoption by reference of the 2024 International Fire Code with local administrative provisions, amendments, modifications, deletions, and adopted appendices.
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			