

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 4, § 17-98 OF THE KNOXVILLE CITY CODE GIVING AUTHORITY TO MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY TO TOW AND IMPOUND ANY VEHICLE IN VIOLATION OF CITY CODE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

ORDINANCE NO: O-144-2024

REQUESTED BY: Administration

PREPARED BY: Law

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WHEREAS, TENN. CODE ANN. § 55-16-104 empowers a municipality to adopt ordinances relating to taking into custody any motor vehicle found abandoned, immobile, or unattended on public or private property;

WHEREAS, § 2-647 of the Knoxville City Code empowers municipal enforcement officers for the City to enforce the codes and ordinances of the City; and

WHEREAS, a municipal enforcement officer (“MEO”) employed by the Public Building Authority already has the authority to enforce the parking ordinances of the City but not to tow and impound vehicles parked in violation of those ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the administration desires to amend §17-98 of the Knoxville City Code to give MEOs employed by the Public Building Authority and commissioned by the Chief of Police the authority to tow and consequently impound vehicles on public property which are in violation of City Code; and

WHEREAS, this change would allow KPD to focus on more pressing matters within law enforcement while giving Public Building Authority MEOs expanded authority to enforce the parking ordinances of the City; and


WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Knoxville has determined that it is in the public interest, safety, and welfare of the City of Knoxville that Chapter 17, Article II, Division 4, § 17-98 of the Knoxville City Code be amended to give authority to municipal enforcement officers commissioned by the Chief of Police employed by the Public Building Authority to tow and impound vehicles on public property which are in violation of City Code.

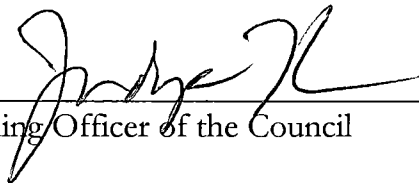
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE:

SECTION 1: Chapter 17, Article II, Division 4 of the Knoxville City Code is hereby amended by deleting the first sentence of § 17-98 and substituting in its place the following:

Members of the police department and municipal enforcement officers employed by the Public Building Authority or authorized by the director of public service and commissioned by the chief of police shall have the authority to impound any vehicle, by towing such vehicle to the impoundment lot, under the following circumstances:

SECTION 2: The Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.



City Recorder

Presiding Officer of the Council