

**CITY CODE  
OF  
SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN**

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PREFACE

This volume is a republication of the 2009 edition of the Code of the City of Southfield, Michigan, as amended through Ordinance 1567, enacted February 17, 2009. The original arrangement and the original numbering system have been retained. Obvious typographical errors and misspellings have been corrected without notation. Ordinances through Ordinance No. 1624, published April 28, 2014, have been added.

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The page numbering system used in this Code is a prefix system. The letters to the left of the colon are an abbreviation which represents a certain portion of the volume. The number to the right of the colon represents the number of the page in that portion. In the case of a chapter of the Code, the number to the left of the colon indicates the number of the chapter. In the case of an appendix to the Code, the letter immediately to the left of the colon indicates the letter of the appendix. The following are typical parts of codes of ordinances, which may or may not appear in this Code at this time, and their corresponding prefixes:

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This volume, as originally published, constituted the 1976 codification of the general ordinances of the City of Southfield, Michigan. It contained such of the ordinances of a general and permanent nature passed before October 13, 1975, as were found desirable for retention, except those expressly saved from repeal by the Adopting Ordinance.

This volume, as now republished, contains ordinances passed subsequently through October 9, 1984. Future ordinances will be included in Supplements, and the date of the latest ordinance will be shown on the instruction sheet for handling supplemental pages.

The ordinances adopted prior to October 13, 1975, were originally codified, edited and indexed by the editorial staff of Municipal Codification Services, Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Cross references which tie related sections of the Code together have been included. The source of each section is indicated by the history note appearing in parentheses at the end thereof. The absence of such a note indicates that the section was derived unamended from the 1976 codification. By use of the Code Comparative Table appearing in the back of the volume, the disposition of any ordinance section can be readily found.

The general index has been prepared with the greatest of care. Each particular item has been placed under several headings, some of the headings being couched in lay phraseology, others in legal terminology and still others in language generally used by municipal officials and employees. There are numerous cross references within the index itself which stand as guideposts to direct the user to the particular item in which he is interested.

A special feature of this Code is the looseleaf system of binding and supplemental service, by which the Code will be updated periodically. Upon final passage of amendatory ordinances, they will be properly edited and the page or pages affected will be reprinted. These new pages will be distributed to the holders of the Code with instructions for the manner of inserting the new pages and deleting the obsolete pages. Each such amendment, when incorporated into the Code, may be cited as a part thereof.

The successful maintenance of this Code up-to-date at all times will depend largely upon the holder of the volume. As revised sheets are received, it will then become the responsibility of the holder to have the amendments inserted according to the attached instructions. It is strongly recommended by the publishers that all such amendments be inserted immediately upon receipt to avoid misplacing them and, in addition, that all deleted pages be saved and filed for historical references purposes.

The publication of this Code was under the direct supervision of George R. Langford, President, and Laura L. Johnson, Editor, of the Municipal Code Corporation, Tallahassee, Florida. Credit is gratefully given to the other members of the publisher's staff for their sincere interest and able assistance throughout the project.

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ORDINANCE NO. 902

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVISION AND CODIFICATION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTHFIELD ENTITLED THE SOUTHFIELD CITY CODE, 1976 EDITION, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS THEREOF.

THE CITY OF SOUTHFIELD ORDAINS:

1. Pursuant to Act No. 46, Public Acts of 1960, State of Michigan, the City of Southfield hereby adopts the Southfield City Code, 1976 Edition, and the printing of said Code is hereby ordered. Said Code contains all ordinances of the City of a general and permanent nature, as compiled, consolidated, amended, revised, rearranged, and codified in Titles I to X, inclusive of which Code at least one complete copy has been and is now filed in the office of the City Clerk, and shall there remain for public use and inspection.

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2. The provisions of the Southfield City Code, 1976 Edition, shall be effective on and after April 22, 1976, and all ordinances of a general and permanent nature of the City of Southfield adopted prior to October 13, 1975 and not contained in such Code are hereby repealed upon the effective date of said Code, except that the Southfield Zoning Ordinance (sometimes referred to as Chapter 45 of the Southfield City Code), being City Ordinance No. 678, as amended, which is not presently contained in said Code, is not repealed, but is continued and maintained in full force and effect.
3. The ordinances of the City of Southfield of a general and permanent nature contained in the Southfield City Code, 1976 Edition, are amended, repealed, revised and rearranged in the particular title of said Code set out opposite the subject pertaining to such ordinances, to which reference is hereby made, as follows:

| SUBJECT                  | TITLE OF CODE |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Administration           | I             |
| Utilities and Services   | II            |
| Parks and Public Grounds | III           |
| Streets and Sidewalks    | IV            |
| Zoning and Planning      | V             |
| Food and Health          | VI            |
| Business and Trades      | VII           |
| Building Regulations     | VIII          |
| Police Regulations       | IX            |
| Traffic                  | X             |

4. This ordinance shall be effective after publication in accordance with the Charter of the City of Southfield.
5. Whenever any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense, or the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful or an offense by the Code adopted by this ordinance or in any other ordinance of the City or in any rule, regulation or order promulgated by any officer or agency of the City under authority duly invested in him or it, and no specific penalty is provided therefor, the violation of any said provision of such Code or any other ordinance of the City or such rule, regulation or order shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
6. The repeal of any other ordinance or parts thereof by this ordinance shall not release or relinquish any penalty, forfeiture or liability incurred under such ordinance or ordinances and parts thereof, and such ordinance or ordinances and parts thereof shall be treated as still remaining in force for the purpose of instituting or sustaining any proper action or prosecution for the enforcement of such ordinances and parts thereof and of such penalty, forfeiture or liability.
7. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance which is deemed to be immediately necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Southfield, and is hereby ordered to take effect upon publication.

DONALD F. FRACASSI Mayor

PAT FLANNERY City Clerk

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Enacted: 04/19/76

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