

ORDINANCE 14-O-54 amending the Murfreesboro City Code, Chapter 25—Schools.

WHEREAS, the City Council has heretofore created the position of Council Liaison to the City School Board and changed the timing of elections to the Board; and,

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has changed state laws impacting the City schools; and,

WHEREAS, the City School Board has changed the number of its regular meetings; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned changes and other changes in terminology should be reflected by an updating of the relevant City Code provisions; and,

WHEREAS, the Murfreesboro City School Board voted to recommend these changes at their October 28, 2014 meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 25, Schools, of the Murfreesboro City Code, is hereby amended by deleting the chapter in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Chapter 25

SCHOOLS

ARTICLE I. MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOL BOARD

SECTION 25-1 CREATED; COMPOSITION.

As specifically authorized by Charter §92, the seven member Murfreesboro City School Board exists to administer, manage and control all the public schools of the City.

The City Council may appoint a member of the City Council to serve as a liaison to the Murfreesboro City School Board. Any Councilmember liaison may attend and speak at Board meetings, but shall not be considered in determining a quorum and shall not have a right to vote.

SECTION 25-2 QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS; COMPENSATION.

The members of the Murfreesboro City School Board shall be qualified voters of the City, who shall have been residents in the City for at least one year prior to election and who shall be at least twenty-five years of age at the time of such election. Members of the Board shall be compensated two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for attendance at the first meeting of the month and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for attendance at the second meeting of the month, with the monthly compensation not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300) per month.

SECTION 25-3 ELECTION OF MEMBERS; TERM.

Commencing in 2016 and every two years thereafter, there shall be an election in the City for the purpose of electing members of the Murfreesboro City School Board. This election shall be held to coincide with the August general election with the term of office commencing on the following September 1st. Such election shall be held in conjunction with the elections for members of the City Council. Members of the Murfreesboro City

to serve and hold office until September 1, 2016. All seven members of the Board shall be elected at large to serve staggered four-year terms.

SECTION 25-4 FILLING OF VACANCIES.

A vacancy on the Murfreesboro City School Board, whether caused by death, resignation, removal beyond the corporate limits of the City or ouster from office, may be filled by appointment by the City Council. Any person so appointed shall hold office on an interim basis until a qualified candidate is elected to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

SECTION 25-5 OATH OF MEMBERS.

Before entering upon the duties of the office, every member of the Murfreesboro City School Board shall qualify as such member by taking and subscribing, and filing with the City Recorder, the following oath:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the State of Tennessee and of the United States and the Acts constituting the charter of the City of Murfreesboro, and that I will faithfully, zealously and impartially discharge the duties of a member of the Murfreesboro City School Board of the City of Murfreesboro without fear or favor, and for the public welfare."

SECTION 25-6 OFFICERS.

The Murfreesboro City School Board shall elect its officers from its members. A chair and a vice-chair shall be elected annually. In the event of a vacancy in either office, a successor shall be elected to fill the office for the remainder of the term. The Director of Schools shall act as secretary and keep a record of all proceedings of the Board.

SECTION 25-7 REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS; RULES OF PROCEEDING.

The Murfreesboro City School Board shall: hold two regular meetings each month on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month; fix the time and place of holding its meetings; and, establish its own rules of procedure. Unless said Board otherwise provides by rules of procedure adopted by it, special meetings of said Board may be called and held upon the giving of adequate public notice of the time, place and purpose of each such meeting by the chair or secretary of the Board to the members and the public.

A majority of the Murfreesboro City School Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business in regular or special meetings.

SECTION 25-8 POWERS AND DUTIES GENERALLY.

The Murfreesboro City School Board shall have the powers, and perform the duties, of local boards of education as established by state statutes including but not limited to Chapter 2 of Title 49 of Tennessee Code Annotated within the limits of the funds available for all public schools of the City.

SECTION 25-9 PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BUDGET AND AN ESTIMATE OF FUNDS TO BE RECEIVED.

The Murfreesboro City School Board shall prepare a budget showing the proposed expenditures for the schools under its jurisdiction for the ensuing fiscal year, and shall submit the same to the City Manager on or before the 15th day of May of each year, so that the City Manager may include the same in the annual estimate of expenditures and revenues of the City for the next ensuing year, as provided in Charter §§74 and 75. At the same time, said Board shall prepare and submit to the City Manager an estimate of the amount of funds to be received from the state and county for school purposes and

of the amount estimated as required to be raised by taxation in order to meet and pay the estimated expenditures for the schools of the City for the ensuing year.

SECTION 25-10 DEPOSIT OF SCHOOL FUNDS; METHOD OF PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF OPERATION OF SCHOOL SYSTEM.

The Murfreesboro City School Board is hereby authorized to obtain its own employer's identification number and to establish its own bank accounts and to pay expenses of operation of the City's school system, including teachers' and other salaries, from the accounts established by the City school system.

SECTION 25-11 AGREEMENTS WITH RUTHERFORD COUNTY RELATIVE TO ATTENDANCE OF PUPILS.

The Murfreesboro City School Board is authorized and empowered to make such appropriate agreements or arrangements with the Rutherford County Board of Education and/or Rutherford County, as may be equitable and advisable, with respect to the attendance of pupils residing in the City in schools operated by the County Board of Education and/or Rutherford County and with respect to the attendance by pupils residing outside of the City in schools operated by the City and/or said Board.

SECTION 25-12 RESERVED.

SECTIONS 25-13—25-22 RESERVED.

ARTICLE II. IN GENERAL

SECTION 25-23 RESERVED.


SECTION 25-24 RESERVED.

SECTION 25-25 RESERVED.

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its passage upon third and final reading, the public welfare and the welfare of the City requiring it.

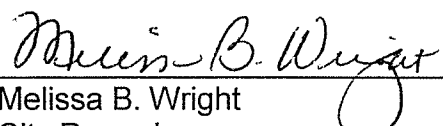
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Shane McFarland, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa B. Wright
City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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