

ORDINANCE 15-O-48 amending the Murfreesboro City Code, Chapter 2—Administration, Section 2-17, Budget, authorizing the City Manager to amend a budget by transferring funds without City Council approval provided that total expenditures of a Fund are not increased.

WHEREAS, the City is required by State law to adopt an annual budget and to pass an appropriations ordinance and does so routinely; and,

WHEREAS, said appropriations ordinance usually provides that the budget shall be revised as needed to be consistent with the actions of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the State Comptroller has directed cities to make budget amendments during the course of the fiscal year as they occur; and,

WHEREAS, T.C.A. §6-56-209 specifically authorizes cities to make intra Fund transfers without individualized legislative approval; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to clarify and to establish certain budget operating procedures which will be compliant with State law and which will facilitate accounting and auditing practice in its use of its new ERP software while being consistent with its longstanding operating practices; and,

WHEREAS, the new ERP software has budget controls which allow the City to manage cost categories to avoid payments being made in excess of the cost categories as defined in the detailed budget document; and,

WHEREAS, adjustments to line items during a fiscal year that do not affect fund balances frequently occur as a result of shifts in priorities and differences between actual costs and the estimates used to develop the budget; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to explicitly authorize the City Manager to change the Council-approved budget by making changes to line items within a Fund as needed without Council approval, provided that the Council is periodically given written information regarding such adjustments; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Murfreesboro's finances are currently structured with ten (10) different Funds (General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Airport Improvement Fund, Drug Fund, Insurance Fund, Risk Management Fund, Capital Improvement Projects Fund, Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund/Bond Fund, Stormwater Utility Management Fund and Water and Sewer Fund); and,

WHEREAS, in adopting this Ordinance the Council expressly recognizes that it may from time to time create a Fund and states its intent that this Ordinance shall apply to any such new Fund.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2-17, Reserved, of the Murfreesboro City Code is hereby amended to read:

“SECTION 2-17 BUDGET.

(A) The budget approved as part of the annual appropriations ordinance may be amended so as to increase total expenditures for a Fund during the course of

a fiscal year only with City Council approval as expressed by an ordinance specifically amending the budget.

- (B) The budget approved as part of the annual appropriations ordinance may be amended as to individual line items within a Fund during the course of a fiscal year without City Council approval provided that no such amendment may increase total expenditures for the Fund.
- (C) The City Manager may transfer money within a Fund from and between line items, cost categories and departmental budgets without City Council approval provided that no such transfer shall increase total expenditures in a Fund over the approved budget amount and provided further that such transfers are reported to the City Council at the next regular meeting and entered into the minutes."

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage upon third and final reading as an emergency exists, and the public welfare and the welfare of the City require its adoption as an emergency ordinance.

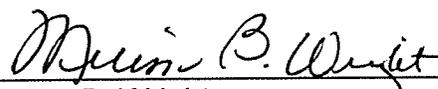
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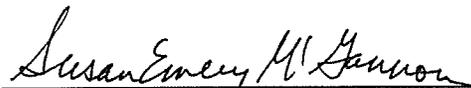
Shane McFarland, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa B. Wright
City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Susan Emery McGannon
City Attorney

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