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PREFACE

Citation to the Washougal Municipal Code: This code should be cited as WMC; i.e., “see WMC 3.08.010.” A WMC title should be cited WMC Title 3. A WMC chapter should be cited Chapter 3.08 WMC. A WMC section should be cited WMC 3.08.010. Through references should be made as WMC 3.08.010 through 3.08.040. Series of sections should be cited as WMC 3.08.010, 3.08.020, and 3.08.030.

Numbering system: The number of each section of this code consists of three parts, in sequence as follows: Number of title; number of chapter within the title; number of section within the chapter. Thus WMC 3.08.020 is Title 3, Chapter 8, Section 20. The section part of the number (.020) initially consists of three digits. This provides a facility for numbering new sections to be inserted between existing sections already consecutively numbered. In most chapters of the WMC, sections have been numbered by tens (.010, .020, .030, .040, etc.), leaving nine vacant numbers between original sections so that for a time new sections may be inserted without extension of the section number beyond three digits.

Legislation: The legislative source of most sections is enclosed in parentheses at the end of the section. References to ordinances are abbreviated; thus “(Ord. 922 § 1, 1992; Ord. 849 § 2, 1984)” refers to section 1 of Ordinance No. 922 and section 2 of Ordinance No. 849. “Formerly” followed by a WMC citation preserves the record of original codification. A semicolon between ordinance citations indicates an amendment of the earlier section.

Codification tables: To convert an ordinance citation to its WMC number consult the codification tables.

Index: WMC Titles 1 through 18 are indexed in the index. The index includes complete cross-referencing and is keyed to the section numbers described above.

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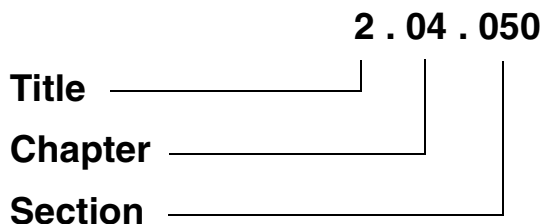
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Typically, there are 9 vacant positions between sections; 4 positions between chapters, and several title numbers are “Reserved” to allow for codification of new material whose subject matter may be related to an existing title.

Ordinances of a general or public nature, or one imposing a fine, penalty or forfeiture, are codifiable. Prior to enacting a codifiable ordinance, ascertain whether the code already contains provisions on the topic.

Additions

If the proposed ordinance will add material not contained in the code, the ordinance will specify an “addition”; that is, a new chapter (or title) will be added. For example:

Section 1. Chapter 5.20, Taxicab Licenses, is added to read as follows:

-or-

Section 1. A new title, Title 18, Zoning, is added to read as follows:

A specific subsection can also be added when appropriate:

Section 2. Subsection D is added to Section 5.05.070, to read as follows:

Amendments

If the ordinance amends existing code provisions, specify the affected section or chapter numbers in the ordinance. This kind of amendment typically adds a section to an existing chapter, or amends an existing section. For example:

Section 1. Section 5.05.030 is amended to read as follows:

-or-

Section 1. Section 5.05.035, Additional fees, is added to Chapter 5.05 to read as follows:

An ordinance can also amend a specific subsection of a code section:

Section 3. Subsection B of Section 5.05.070 is amended to read:

Repeals

Ordinances which repeal codified material should specify the code section number (or chapter number if an entire chapter is being repealed). These section or chapter numbers will be retained in the code, along with their title, as a record of ordinance activity (and as an explanation for gaps in the numbering sequence). The number of the repealed section or chapter number can be reused at a later time when desired. For example:

Section 2. Section 5.05.020, License, is repealed.

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