

**First Reading: October 8, 2024**  
**Second Reading: October 15, 2024**

ORDINANCE NO. 14160

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE,  
PART II, CHAPTER 23, RELATIVE TO THE METROPOLITAN  
TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA,  
TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 23, Section 23-2, be amended  
by deleting same in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

**Sec. 23-2. Composition; appointment, tenure of members; vacancies.**

- (a) The authority created by this chapter shall consist of members and such subordinate officers and employees as may be selected by the authority as hereinafter provided.
- (b) The board of the authority shall consist of: one (1) member appointed by each governmental entity that participates in such authority, other than the City of Chattanooga, plus additional members appointed by the City equal to no less than seven (7) total. Each member's term shall be for a period of three (3) years, or until the member's successor is duly appointed and qualified. Members may serve up to two (2) consecutive terms, but may be reappointed after a minimum three (3) year break.
- (c) In case of the death, disability, removal or resignation of any member, or for any reason a member's position becomes vacant, such position shall be filled for the remainder of the member's term by appointment of the body which appointed that member.
- (d) Each appointment of a member to the board of the authority by the City shall be made by the Mayor as Chief Executive Officer of the City, with subsequent confirmation of such appointment to be given by the City Council.

SECTION 2. That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 23, Section 23-3, be amended

by deleting same in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

**Sec. 23-3. Election and tenure of officers; meetings; quorum; compensation of members; general powers and duties of members; duties of vice-chair in absence of chair.**

- (a) Immediately upon the qualification of the members of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, the members shall elect one (1) of the members of such authority as Chair, and one (1) of its members as Vice-Chair, one (1) of its members as Secretary, and one (1) of its members as Treasurer; and the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office as such during the terms for which they are elected as members of the authority.
- (b) The authority shall hold regular meetings at least six (6) times per calendar year, at a definite time to be fixed by resolution of the authority, and such special meetings as may be necessary for the transaction of the business of the authority. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting. Notice of any special meeting may be waived, either before or after the holding thereof; personal attendance at any special meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice by the members present; and absence of any member from this county shall dispense with the necessity of giving such member any notice of any special meeting.
- (c) The Chair and the other members of such authority shall devote a substantial amount of their time and attention to their office and shall have general supervision in accordance with sound business management principles over the operation of the transit system and of all executives and employees of such system. The members of the authority shall keep themselves advised as to the general operating and financial condition of such system and shall cause to be furnished a monthly report to the local member governments with regard to the operation, maintenance, and financial condition of such system, and from time to time shall furnish such other information as the member governments may request.
- (d) In the event of the death, resignation, removal, disability, or absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall perform all the duties of the Chair, and may perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of the authority.

SECTION 3. That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 23, Section 23-9, be amended

by deleting same in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

**Sec. 23-9. Contracts for insurance and indemnity against loss.**

The Metropolitan Transit Authority shall have power to procure and enter into contracts for any type of insurance and indemnity against loss or damage to property from any cause, including loss of use and occupancy, against death or injury of any person or persons, against employer's liability, against any act of any member, officer, or employee of the authority, or of a member of the authority in the performance of the duties of their office or employment, or any other insurable risk.

SECTION 4. That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 23, Section 23-18, be amended by deleting same in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

**Sec. 23-18. Duty to license and regulate all public transportation and fix rates.**

The Metropolitan Transit Authority shall license and regulate all forms of public transportation including local carriers of passengers for hire; provided, however, the foregoing shall not include Passenger Vehicles for Hire under Chapter 35 nor any other transportation service separately regulated under the City Code or state authority. Such authority shall fix rates of fares for persons and baggage, routes, and all other services, and shall have the final authority to issue or deny licenses, and to revoke or suspend for cause licenses previously issued.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect two (2) weeks from and after its passage.

Passed on second and final reading: October 15, 2024

  
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CHAIRPERSON

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