

**First Reading: November 18, 2025**  
**Second Reading: December 2, 2025**

ORDINANCE NO. 14293

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE,  
CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE VII, JUNK AND SECONDHAND  
DEALERS, SECTION 11-216, DEFINITIONS.

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Chattanooga wishes to amend its regulation of junk and secondhand dealers for the purpose of more accurately defining secondhand dealers; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chattanooga has a legitimate interest in regulating the business of secondhand dealers and the welfare of the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chattanooga has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to amend Chapter 11, Section 11-216 regarding Article VII, Definitions, relating to Secondhand Dealers.

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

SECTION 1. That Chattanooga City Code, Chapter 11, Article VII, Junk and Secondhand Dealers, Section 11-216, be amended by deleting the language of the subsection entirely and replacing it with the following language:

**Sec. 11-216. Definitions.**

For the purposes of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

*Junk dealer.* Any person engaged in, conducting, managing or carrying on the business of buying, selling or otherwise dealing in rags, paper, scrap iron, brass or secondhand metals of any sort or any other substance or material or article, which, from its worn condition, is rendered practically useless for the purpose for which it was made and which is commonly classed as junk.

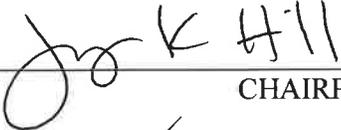
*Junkyard or junk shop.* Any building, structure, yard or place which is used for keeping, storing or piling in commercial quantities, whether temporarily or continuously, or for buying or selling, at retail or wholesale, or dealing in the articles, substances and materials enumerated in the preceding paragraph.

*Secondhand dealer.* Any person engaged in, conducting, managing or carrying on the business of buying, selling or otherwise dealing in secondhand jewelry, typewriters, adding machines and other like articles, wearing apparel and other secondhand goods, wares or merchandise. A person or business entity is not a "secondhand dealer" under this part if it operates solely as a thrift retailer that acquires secondhand goods in bulk from or as a nonprofit organization and does not purchase secondhand goods from the general public.

*Secondhand motor vehicle dealer.* Any person engaged in, conducting, managing or carrying on the business of buying, selling or otherwise dealing in secondhand motor vehicles.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect two weeks after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed on second and final reading: December 2, 2025

  
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CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED:  DISAPPROVED:

  
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