

First Reading: December 9, 2025
Second Reading: December 16, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 14301

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE,
CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE XV, WHISTLE BLOWER
PROTECTION, BY REVISING SECTIONS 2-782, 2-783(e), AND
2-784(e) RELATIVE TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 2, Article XV, Section 2-782 of the Chattanooga City Code entitled “Audit Committee” is hereby amended by deleting the words, “appointed by the City Council”.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 2, Article XV, Section 2-783(c) of the Chattanooga City Code entitled “Confidential Reports” is hereby amended by inserting “(a)” between “504” and “(22)”.

SECTION 3. That Chapter 2, Article XV, Section 2-783(e) of the Chattanooga City Code entitled “Confidential Reports” is hereby amended by deleting the words, “Internal Audit Division” and substituting in lieu thereof “Office of Internal Audit”.

SECTION 4. That Chapter 2, Article XV, Section 2-784(e) of the Chattanooga City Code entitled “Employee Protection” is hereby amended by deleting the words, “Director of Internal Audit” and substituting in lieu thereof “City Auditor”.

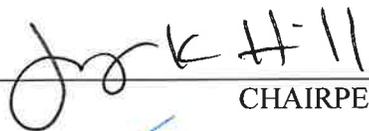
SECTION 5. That Chapter 2, Article XV, Section 2-784(e) of the Chattanooga City Code entitled “Employee Protection” is hereby amended by deleting the words, “Administrator of Personnel” and substituting in lieu thereof “Chief Human Resources Officer”.

SECTION 6. That Chapter 2, Article XV, Section 2-784(f) be deleted in its entirety and replacing it with a new Article XV, Section 2-784(f) as follows:

(f) All complaints by City employees who report illegal, improper, wasteful, or fraudulent activity in good faith under this Article shall be promptly investigated by the Human Resources Department. In the event that the City Council Chair or the City Auditor determines that an investigation conducted by the Human Resources Department would present a conflict of interest, the investigation may be conducted by the Office of Internal Audit or an independent investigator may be appointed by the Audit Committee. Nothing herein shall prevent the City Auditor from conducting an investigation in any case.

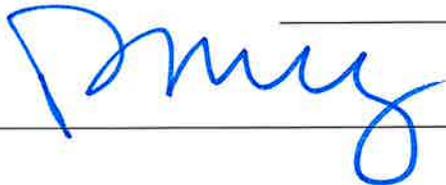
SECTION 7. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect two (2) weeks from and after its passage.

Passed on second and final reading: December 16, 2025



CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED: DISAPPROVED:



MAYOR

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