

First Reading: March 10, 2026
Second Reading: March 17, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 14338

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 14137 ON JULY 23, 2024, ARTICLE IX, USES, TABLE 38-41.1, USE MATRIX TO ADD DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITIES AS AN ACCESSORY USE IN THE INST INSTITUTIONAL ZONE.

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga adopted a new zoning ordinance, Ordinance No. 14137, on July 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 38 of the Chattanooga City Code establishes an Institutional (INST) zoning district intended to accommodate public, quasi-public, medical, educational, and similar institutional uses that serve the community; and

WHEREAS, many institutional uses, including medical offices, hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies, commonly incorporate drive-through facilities as a functional and operational component of service delivery; and

WHEREAS, drive-through facilities associated with pharmacies and medical-related services are typically accessory in nature and are designed to support patient convenience, accessibility, and public health needs; and

WHEREAS, the current zoning ordinance uses table does not permit drive-through facilities as an accessory use for institutional land uses; and

WHEREAS, allowing drive-through facilities as an accessory use in the Institutional (INST) zoning district is consistent with contemporary development practices and does not alter the primary intent or character of the district.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 38, Zoning Ordinance, be amended as follows:

Amend Chapter 38, Article IX. USES, Section 38-41.1: Use Matrix by adding a "P" in the Accessory Uses – Drive-Through Facility in the INST Institutional Zone.

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

Passed on second and final reading: March 17, 2026



CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED: DISAPPROVED:



MAYOR

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