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Board of Mayor & Aldermen Agenda

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call

Minutes:

- January 20, 2026
Roll Call

Financials:

- January 16, 2026 to February 12, 2026
Roll Call

Public Comments

Announcements

Reports:

- Board of Aldermen
- Mayor

Board Discussion:

- Copper Basin Fire & Rescue- Fire Services Agreement Request

Mayor
Greg Barker

Vice Mayor
Jake Reuse

Aldermen
Donna Martin
Tamberlyn Tanner
Jeff Thomas

Old Business:

- Ordinance- 2nd Reading: Twin Cities Market
Roll Call

New Business:

- Resolution: 2026 Copperhill Cleanup Week
Roll Call
- Resolution: Affirmation of Enforcement of Sign Ordinance
Roll Call
- Resolution: Authorization of CTI as Consultant: SR-68 Utility Project
Roll Call

Adjournment

Roll Call





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Board of Mayor & Aldermen Minutes

Monday, January 20, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call: All Present

Minutes:

- December 20, 2025
- Motion to accept made by Donna Martin, 2nd by Jeff Thomas
- Roll Call: All voted to accept

Financials:

- December 13, 2025 to January 16, 2026
- Motion made to accept by Tamberlyn Tanner, 2nd by Donna Martin
- Roll Call: All voted to accept

Public Comments

- A resident expressed concern about music from local businesses. Vehicles running red lights late in the night.
- Polk Co. IEDB Treasurer/Secretary Monica Farrow provided an update on the Miners Statue Grant. She expressed concerns about the likelihood of receiving the grant due to additional entities applying for the same funding. As an alternative, she proposed pursuing private donations to fund the project. Ms. Farrow has already begun efforts to engage the public and generate community support for fundraising.

Announcements

- The next Board of Mayor & Aldermen meeting is Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Mayor

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- **First Tuesday in the Twin Cities:** No event for February.
- City Court: The next court date is Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 3:00 PM. City Hall will now close its front desk services on the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00 PM (typically it will take 2:15-30 to get closed up).

Board of Aldermen Reports:

- None

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Barker presented analytics for the City of Copperhill website, which were displayed on the new boardroom screen that is now used to project the meeting agenda and supporting documents during Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings.
- Dangerous dog incidents were noted to be on the rise. It was advised that specific breeds may be prohibited within the city if owners do not take better care to restrain their dogs. It was further noted that City Code requires all dogs to display tags indicating current rabies vaccinations.
- AGAIN, there is no burning allowed within the City of Copperhill.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

Ordinance 2026-01-0000: 1st Reading Twin Cities Market

- Motion to consider was made by Donna Martin, 2nd by Tamberlyn Tanner
- Roll Call: All voted to accept

Resolution 2026-01-0001: Addendum to Sheriff's Dept. Contract

- Motion to consider was made by Tamberlyn Tanner, 2nd by Donna Martin
- Roll Call: All voted to accept

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was made by Tamberlyn Tanner, 2nd by Jeff Thomas
- All voted to adjourn

Mayor Greg Barker

Recorder Shannon Arthur, CMFO

2:53 PM

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Accrual Basis

City of Copperhill
Profit & Loss
January 16 through February 12, 2026

Jan 16 - Feb 12, 26

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
1989 · Tax Payment	0.00
4001 · Occupancy Tax	20.00
4010 · GF-Local Beer License	200.00
4040 · GF-Business Tax	12,768.84
4050 · GF-City Court Fines & Cost	141.00
4060 · GF-Current Yr Property Tax	10,606.94
4102 · Tax Relief Payment from State	334.64
4103 · State Sales Tax -City	0.00
4125 · Mixed Drink	0.00
4126 · Farmers Market	475.00
4130 · GF-State Beer Tax	4,733.82
4139 · Gas Improvement City	0.00
4145 · State Telecome Tax-Receivable	0.00
4147 · Petroleum Special Tax	0.00
4150 · GF-State Sales Tax	0.00
4155 · TVA Payment-City-State Taxes	0.00
4163 · GF - Telecommunications Tax	752.93
4164 · Transportation Modernization	0.00
4166 · Fuel City Tax	0.00
Total Income	30,033.17
Gross Profit	30,033.17
Expense	
5120 · GF-Ads & Legal Notices	52.00
5205.1 · GF-Fuel Streets	766.90
5210 · GF-Health Insurance	4,236.64
5240 · GF-Miscellaneous	816.56
5260 · GF-Office Supplies	1,716.08
5265 · GF-Payroll Expenses	785.96
5355 · GF - Operations	2,352.68
5360 · GF-Postage	100.27
5375 · GF - Street Repairs	119.85
5400 · GF-Wages, Admin	6,417.60
5420.1 · GF-Wages, Streets maintenance	5,910.94
5450.1 · GF-Street Supplies	266.97
5470 · GF-Taxes, Payroll	2,832.01
5480 · GF-Telephone	200.00
5510 · GF-Utilities	474.04
5520.1 · GF-Vehicle Expense Streets	2,665.56
5597 · Building Inspection	-350.00
6031 · GF - Interest Expense	595.75
6150 · WS-Salaries & Wages	12,818.14
Total Expense	42,777.95
Net Ordinary Income	-12,744.78
Net Income	-12,744.78



Greg Barker <mayor@copperhill.gov>

Copper Basin Fire & Rescue - fire services

CBFR FinanceOfficer <FinanceOfficer@copperbasinfire.org>
To: Greg Barker <mayor@copperhill.gov>, "donna@copperhill.gov" <donna@copperhill.gov>
Cc: CBFR Chief <chief@copperbasinfire.org>

Wed, Feb 4, 2026 at 3:25 PM

Good afternoon, Mayor Barker,

We are grateful for the possibility of a formal Fire Services Agreement with the City of Copperhill.

We've included a copy of our agreement with Ducktown for Fire Services, along with our final 2025 financial report. While fire services are partially supported by Polk County, we rely on donations, event revenue and services agreements to buy protective gear and miscellaneous supplies to sustain our volunteer department as effectively and safely as possible. Our current membership of approximately 80 volunteers includes 30 trained firefighters, as well as water and technical rescue personnel. Volunteers are our neighbors, standing ready to respond to emergencies when necessary – neighbors helping neighbors, which strengthens our community bonds.

We understand the challenges that face all of us in regard to balancing budgets against personal safety. We look forward to additional feedback and discussion on formally arranging an agreement. A Volunteer Member will attend Copperhill's next meeting on February 17 at 5:30pm to see how to best move forward.

Regards,

Eve Wilmot

Finance Officer/Board Secretary

Cell: 860-970-7514

Copper Basin Fire and Rescue, Inc.

P. O. Box 697

Copperhill, TN 37317

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2 attachments

 [DucktownAgreement-2023-03-FireServices.pdf](#)
488K

 [FinancialStatement-2025-1231-YearEnd.pdf](#)
625K

Copper Basin Fire and Rescue, Inc.

Summary Income Statement

Year End Statement

2025

As Of:

12/31/2025



Income

Donations - unrestricted - individual	4,643.00
Donations - restricted - individual	4,429.54
Revenues - Governmental funding	6,000.00
Revenues - other	100.00
Revenues - services	1,100.00
Donated building maint	197.90
Donated event supplies	5,231.88
Donated maint products	13.17
Donated office supplies	258.56
Donated paint supplies	15.92
Donated small tools	148.00
Donated vehicle repairs	116.76
Donated Prizes	1,687.43
Event Revenue	23,685.50
Tshirt sales	1,050.00
Total Income (Cash Basis)	<u>48,677.66</u>

Expenses

Training	730.00
Maintenance equipment	794.79
Maintenance vehicles	183.02
Office supplies	468.15
Other	5,323.78
Other equipment	9,806.30
Decals	391.00
Golf tourney	5,551.99
Credit Card fees	65.26
Signage	1,268.82
Community outreach	315.07
Uniforms	3,032.60
Donated building maint	197.90
Donated event supplies	5,231.88
Donated maint products	13.17
Donated office supplies	258.56
Donated paint supplies	15.92
Donated small tools	148.00
Donated vehicle repairs	116.76
Donated Prizes	1,687.43
	<u>35,600.40</u>

Net Income for the Department

Cash Report:	Beginning Balance, January 1	20,080.33
	Deposits which have cleared bank	88,534.77
	Cash outlays including items in transit	(78,096.39)
	subtotal - balance per bank	<u>30,518.71</u>
	Items in transit - payments not yet cleared	(337.97)
	Items in transit - Receipts not yet deposited	<u>2,517.59</u>
	Available Cash Balance	<u>32,698.33</u>

Net income for department	\$	13,077.26
Income reserved for Grants		-

Events:	Rev	Exp	Net
<u>20250531Event</u>	6,558.50	2,968.83	3,589.67
<u>2025AEDProgram</u>	4,265.00	4,162.90	102.10
<u>202509Golf</u>	22,488.88	10,329.42	12,159.46
20251020Bingo	503.00	2.27	500.73
20251025Chili	1,129.00	313.71	815.29
			1,316.02

Copper Basin Fire and Rescue, Inc.

Summary Income Statement

Year End Statement

2025

As Of:

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Polk Support - including Commitments and pending receipts

** fiscal period June 30

2026

2025-2026	2025-B	2026-A	Total Spent - County Budget	Yearly Budget	Available After Commitments and Open Pos
In-Service Training	101-54410-196	40.00	40.00	3,200.00	2,200.00
Maintenance Equip	101-54410-336	6,514.92	6,514.92	8,000.00	725.30
Maintenance Veh	101-54410-338	14,386.59	14,386.59	20,000.00	350.99
Medical/Dental	101-54410-340	-	-	-	-
Office Supplies	101-54410-435	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Other	101-54410-499	4,678.72	4,678.72	6,000.00	2.63
Communications	101-54410-708	-	-	1,800.00	1,800.00
Other Equipment	101-54410-790	4,566.88	4,566.88	23,500.00	9,177.02
Communication/ETC	101-54410-307	912.94	912.94	2,500.00	304.00
Pest Control	101-54410-347	180.00	180.00	540.00	45.00
Fuel	101-54410-425	1,878.43	1,878.43	8,697.00	727.00
Utilities	101-54410-452	1,820.16	1,820.16	4,500.00	-
Insurance-Building Contents	101-54410-502	8,250.00	8,250.00	8,250.00	-
Insurance-Veh/Equip	101-54410-511	9,350.00	9,350.00	9,350.00	-
Totals	\$ 52,578.64	\$ -	\$ 52,578.64	\$ 97,337.00	\$ 16,331.94

Total open Purchase orders:

34,427.76

Open Purchase Order Recap	Item	Original	Spent	Remaining	Category
1 CBFR-Training	P14293	1,000.00	40.00	960.00	196
2 Hoses and fittings 1"-Firepenny Motion appr	P14508	1,500.00	1,437.10	62.90	336
3 Copper City Auto Parts NAPA-as needed	P14295	1,000.00	920.36	79.64	338
4 CBFR-Brindle	P14463	5,000.00	1,938.48	3,061.52	338
5 Copper City Auto Parts NAPA-Napa batteries	P14468	1,000.00	928.00	72.00	338
6 Nicholson tire-Veh 100 tie rods	P14487	2,000.00	1,700.78	299.22	338
7 CBFR-misc purchases	P14504	2,000.00	559.82	1,440.18	338
8 Safety Vests approx 50-marty approved	P14507	500.00	-	500.00	499
9 CBFR-as needed	P14294	2,000.00	1,751.17	248.83	790
10 WILDLAND GEAR-Motion approved	p14506	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	790
11 Copper Basin Fire & Rescue Inc-Insurance prc	P14465	8,000.00	-	8,000.00	711
12 CBFR-Luttrells	R22711	104.00	-	104.00	336
13 Luttrells Hardware-Luttrells	P14586	230.00	-	230.00	499
14 Microsoft subscription annual-Board Vote	2(c2025111101	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	c435
15 POLK Boring Towing & Repair-vehicle repair	P14643	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	790
16 Volunteer Rid-A-Pest-annual	P14262	495.00	180.00	315.00	347
17 Polk County Road Department-Fuel	P14253	7,970.00	1,878.43	6,091.57	425
18 ETC-Internet and Phone	ETC-2025-2026	2,196.00	912.94	1,283.06	307
19 TRI-STATE ELECTRIC-electricity	Tri-2025-2026	3,642.00	1,482.00	2,160.00	452
20 Copperhill Water-utilities	POLK-water2025-2026	432.00	196.16	235.84	452
21 Copper Basin Utility-utilities	POLK-Utility2025-2026	426.00	142.00	284.00	452

CITY OF DUCKTOWN, TENNESSEE

Resolution No. 198

WHEREAS, City of Ducktown, Tennessee desires to have Copper Basin Fire and Rescue, Inc. provide fire and rescue services for the City.

WHEREAS, Copper Basin Fire and Rescues, Inc. requests that City of Ducktown, Tennessee enter into a 4 year emergency services agreement and donate the amount of \$6,000.00 per fiscal year during the term of the agreement.

WHEREAS, City of Ducktown, Tennessee has reviewed the 4 year emergency services agreement and desires to enter into the agreement and make the requested donations to Copper Basin Fire and Rescue, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUCKTOWN, TENNESSEE THAT:

(1) the 4 year emergency services agreement between City of Ducktown, Tennessee and Copper Basin Fire and Rescues, Inc. is approved; (2) City of Ducktown, Tennessee shall donate the amount of \$6,000.00 per fiscal year to Copper Basin Fire and Rescue, Inc. while the emergency services agreement is in effect; and (3) the Mayor is authorized to execute all documents and perform all actions for and on behalf of the City of Ducktown, Tennessee which may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF March 2023.

Daryl D. Collier
Mayor

Shayl Miller
City Clerk

EMERGENCY SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CITY OF DUCKTOWN, TENNESSEE
AND
COPPER BASIN FIRE AND RESCUE, INC.

This Emergency Services Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into this the 2nd day of March, 2023 ("Effective Date") by and between the City of Ducktown, Tennessee, a Municipal corporation of the State of Tennessee ("City") and Copper Basin Fire and Rescue, INC, a Tennessee non- profit corporation, ("Fire and Rescue").

Whereas, City of Ducktown, Tennessee desire to provide fire protection to the residents and property owners within the City limits, and

Whereas, City of Ducktown, Tennessee is authorized under the provisions of its charter and by state law to enter into agreements to provide fire protection services which in the judgment of the governing body is advantageous to and will serve the best interest of public good, and

Whereas, it continues to be the desire of the City Commission to serve the citizens and property owners of the City of Ducktown, Tennessee by having an economical and feasible agreement with Copper Basin Fire and Rescue, Inc. to provide fire and rescue services within the city limits of the City of Ducktown, Tennessee under the terms and conditions set forth herein:

Now in consideration of the mutual advantages and benefits accruing to each party, and other considerations set forth in this agreement, the herein parties agree to the following:

1. Term of Agreement- the term of this agreement shall be for a period of four (4) years, commencing on March 1, 2023 and ending on March 1, 2027. Either party may terminate this agreement upon one (1) year prior written notice served upon the other party. Any amendments to this agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties. This agreement shall be valid only if the Fire and Rescue retains its corporate status according to the Law of the State of Tennessee.
2. Consideration, compensation and method of donation- The City shall donate responsible operating costs to Fire and Rescue based on a payment of \$6,000.00 per fiscal year. Payment will be made in March of each fiscal year for the full amount.
3. Donations of Money or Property- All fund raising and donations shall be done in accordance with State and local laws and ordinances governing charitable solicitations. All donations of money and property intended for fire protection which may be received by the City shall be given to Fire and Rescue and shall not reduce or

be used to substitute the donation schedule. Set out in this agreement, all monies shall be accounted for yearly on a spreadsheet provided to the City from Fire and Rescue. All monies and properties shall be accounted for in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations of the State of Tennessee.

4. Minimum Service Objectives- The City agrees that it will have no oversight in the operations of the Fire and Rescue. Recognizing the Fire and Rescue Department is a volunteer organization comprised of volunteers, the Fire and Rescue shall strive to maintain the following service delivery model to the best of their ability.
 - a. Fire and Rescue shall provide the city with fire and rescue service twenty-four (24) hours a day, 365 days a year during the term of this agreement.
 - b. Fire and Rescue shall strive for the best possible Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating, but has no control over stations, apparatus, or equipment, as these are maintained by Polk County Tennessee. Fire and Rescue also has no control over water systems or the 911 system, as they also are controlled by other outside agencies.
 - c. Fire and Rescue commits to providing training, leadership, and management of its members as they perform the duties of fire and rescue operations.
 - d. Fire and Rescue, being part of the States Fire Incident Reporting System, shall submit all calls into the system and shall maintain a hard copy report binder on site at Station 1 for review.
 - e. In further consideration of this agreement and as an inducement for the city to enter into this Agreement, Fire and Rescue, for itself and on behalf of its successors and assigns, irrevocably covenants and agrees, to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, and its successors, assigns, commissioners, agents, and employees, from all fines, penalties, damages, judgments, claims, causes of action, suits, attorney's fees, costs, and other expenses related to any damage or destruction of property, any injury or death, and any violation of applicable laws or regulations, arising from or connected with Fire and Rescue providing fire and rescue services for the City. This indemnification shall survive the expiration, revocation, or termination of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be duly signed and in full force and effect as of the effective date of this agreement.

City of Ducktown, Tennessee
A Municipal Corporation of the State of Tennessee

By: Douglas D. Collins
Douglas D. Collins, Mayor

Attest: Sheryl Miller
Sheryl Miller, City Clerk

Copper Basin Fire and Rescue, Inc.
A Tennessee Non-Profit Corporation

By: Marty Stenterfitt
Marty Stenterfitt, Fire Chief

By: James Cochran
James Cochran, Board Chair

By: Sharon Fox
Sharon Fox, Secretary/Treasurer



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City of Copperhill Ordinance #2026-01-0000

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING SEASONAL PARTICIPATION WITH THE CITY OF MCCAYSVILLE, GEORGIA, IN THE TWIN CITIES MARKET; UPDATING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 5-19-25-00; PROVIDING FOR VENDOR PARTICIPATION, FEE STRUCTURE, AND EXEMPTIONS FROM TRANSIENT VENDOR FEES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Copperhill previously participated in a seasonal market during the 2025 season pursuant to Ordinance No. 5-19-25-00, which referenced the “Twin Cities Farmers Market” and established a participation fee applicable only to the 2025 season; and

WHEREAS, the market continues to operate on a seasonal basis under the name “Twin Cities Market,” in partnership with the City of McCaysville, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the City of Copperhill desires to update and replace the prior ordinance to reflect the current market name, seasonal nature, and participation framework without limiting the authorization to a single calendar year; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that the Twin Cities Market has created additional foot traffic in downtown Copperhill, resulting in increased business activity for local merchants that would not have been generated in its absence; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen finds that seasonal participation in the Twin Cities Market serves the public interest by supporting local farmers, artisans, creators, tourism, and economic development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

Mayor
Greg Barker

Vice Mayor
Jake Reuse

Aldermen
Donna Martin
Tamberlyn Tanner
Jeff Thomas

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE.

The City of Copperhill is hereby authorized to partner with the City of McCaysville, Georgia, in participating in the seasonal operation of the Twin Cities Market, subject to market rules, guidelines, and operational policies established for each market season.

SECTION 2. SUPERSEDING PRIOR ORDINANCE.

This ordinance is intended to update, clarify, and replace Ordinance No. 5-19-25-00 in its entirety. Any references therein to the “Twin Cities Farmers Market;” the 2025 season, or other provisions inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed and superseded.

SECTION 3. VENDOR LEGAL COMPLIANCE.

Each participating vendor is individually responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws. This responsibility includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Registering with and remitting all applicable taxes to the Tennessee Department of Revenue;
- b. Complying with all rules, regulations, and guidelines established by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture governing the sale of food, produce, or other regulated goods; and
- c. Obtaining and maintaining any required licenses, permits, certifications, or inspections applicable to the vendor's goods or services.

The City of Copperhill assumes no responsibility for ensuring or enforcing the legal compliance of individual vendors.

SECTION 4. VENDOR ELIGIBILITY.

Participation in the Twin Cities Market shall be limited to vendors who meet the criteria established by the market for the applicable season, including individuals or entities who farm, produce, craft, or otherwise create the goods offered for sale, and who comply with all market rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. EXEMPTION FROM TRANSIENT VENDOR FEES.

Vendors participating in the Twin Cities Market who comply with all market rules and who farm, produce, or create the goods offered for sale shall be exempt from any otherwise applicable transient vendor, peddler, or similar permit fees imposed by the City of Copperhill for the duration of each market season in which they participate. All other fees shall remain applicable.



SECTION 6. COPPERHILL BUSINESSES.

Businesses physically located within the City of Copperhill may participate in the Twin Cities Market at no cost, provided they meet vendor eligibility requirements and comply with all market rules and regulations.

SECTION 7. PARTICIPATION FEE.

For vendors not otherwise exempt under this ordinance, the fee to participate in the Twin Cities Market shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per market season, unless modified by future action of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Fees collected are to be used for market promotion.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall become effective on the 17th day of February, 2026 upon final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

FIRST READING: 20th day of January, 2026

SECOND READING: 17th day of February, 2026

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Copperhill, Tennessee, this 17th day of February, 2026.

Mayor Greg Barker

Recorder Shannon E. Arthur, CMFO





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City of Copperhill Resolution #2026-02-0002

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE, DESIGNATING APRIL 27, 2026 THROUGH MAY 1, 2026 AS COPPERHILL CLEANUP WEEK

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Copperhill seeks to promote community pride, cleanliness, and environmental stewardship throughout the city, including residential neighborhoods and the downtown business district; and

WHEREAS, Copperhill Cleanup Week provides an opportunity for residents and business owners to participate in cleanup efforts, including litter pickup of public spaces bordering their properties, and to utilize limited brush pickup services offered by the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. April 27, 2026 through May 1, 2026 is hereby designated as Copperhill Cleanup Week.

SECTION 2. Residents and business owners are encouraged to clean and maintain their properties, as well as litter removal from public spaces bordering their properties, during this designated week.

SECTION 3. The City shall offer free brush pickup from residential yards during Copperhill Cleanup Week, provided that the amount of brush is reasonable and not excessive, as determined by the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17th day of February, 2026.

Mayor Greg Barker

Recorder Shannon E. Arthur, CMFO

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City of Copperhill Resolution #2026-02-0003

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE, AFFIRMING THE CONTINUED EFFECTIVENESS OF SIGN REGULATIONS CONTAINED IN THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE, DIRECTING REVIEW OF SAID REGULATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Copperhill has adopted a Zoning Ordinance pursuant to the authority granted under Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 7; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinance includes regulations governing the placement, construction, alteration, and installation of signs within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinance, including its sign provisions, remains duly adopted and in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen finds it to be in the best interest of the City to ensure the consistent and uniform administration of its zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board further finds it appropriate to undertake a review of the sign provisions of the Zoning Ordinance to ensure clarity, administrative efficiency, and compliance with applicable state and federal law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. AFFIRMATION OF EXISTING CODE.

The sign regulations contained within the City's Zoning Ordinance remain validly adopted and in full force and effect unless and until amended in accordance with Tennessee zoning law.

Mayor
Greg Barker

Vice Mayor
Jake Reuse

Aldermen
Donna Martin
Tamberlyn Tanner
Jeff Thomas

SECTION 2. ORDINANCE REVIEW.

The Board directs that the sign provisions of the Zoning Ordinance be reviewed and, if appropriate, recommended for amendment through the proper zoning amendment process, including Planning Commission review and public hearing as required by law. Nothing herein shall be construed as an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT OF NEW SIGNS.

Effective as of March 1, 2026, all new signs erected, installed, structurally altered, relocated, or replaced within the City of Copperhill shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, including any required permits and approvals.

SECTION 4. ADMINISTRATION AND APPEALS.

City staff are directed to administer and enforce the sign regulations in a consistent and uniform manner. Any person aggrieved by an administrative decision relating to the sign regulations shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals as provided in the Zoning Ordinance and Tennessee law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17th day of February, 2026.

Mayor Greg Barker

Recorder Shannon E. Arthur, CMFO



4.13 SIGNS, BILLBOARDS, AND OTHER ADVERTISING STRUCTURES

The purpose of this section is to regulate the location, type and structural requirements of outdoor advertising displays in the City of Copperhill. The purpose of these regulations is to ensure compatible land uses, public safety, and adequate design standards.

1. Signage Classifications

- (a) **Spectacular Sign:** These signs have advertising copy which is animated, wired for lights or luminous tubing, or both, with copy action controlled by the flashed circuit breakers or other electronic devices.
- (b) **Ground Signs:** These signs are supported by uprights or braces in or upon the ground; or when such sign is mounted upon a vehicle, trailer, or mobile structure principally used for the purpose of advertising.
- (c) **Roof Signs:** Any sign erected, constructed, or maintained above the roof of any building.
- (d) **Wall Sign:** Any sign that is affixed to the wall of any structure, when such sign shall project not more than twelve (12) inches from the building.
- (e) **Projection Sign:** Any sign which is affixed to any building wall or structure and extends beyond the building wall, structure, more than twelve (12) inches.
- (f) **Marquee Sign:** A projecting sign which is attached to or hung from a marquee.
- (g) **Shingle Sign:** A projection or wall sign not over six (6) square feet in area, constructed of metal or other non-combustible material attached securely to a building and not projecting more than twenty-four (24) inches over public property.

2. General Regulations Applicable to All Districts.

- (a) No sign shall be erected where by reason of its position, wording, illumination, size, shape or color it may obstruct, impair, obscure, interfere with the view of, or be confused with, any authorized traffic control sign, signal or device, nor in any way obstruct pedestrian traffic;
- (b) The building setback for ground signs shall be one-half the customary building setbacks for the various zoning districts. In no case shall ground signs will be permitted on sidewalks or within street rights-of-way;
- (c) Temporary signs shall not be erected or otherwise fixed to any pole, tree, stone, fence, or any other object within the right-of-way of any street;

- (d) No sign shall be erected, constructed or maintained so as to obstruct any fire escape or any window or door or opening used as a means of egress;
- (e) All signs which extend over a sidewalk shall be at least nine (9) feet above the sidewalk;
- (f) Blue, red and amber beacon or blue, red and amber flashing lights are prohibited on any sign in the City of Copperhill;
- (g) The Copperhill Building Inspector may issue a permit for a non-illuminated temporary sign which he considers compatible with a temporary use permit. In no case shall the sign be more than thirty-two (32) square feet in size and must be removed at the termination of the temporary use permit.
- (h) All signs which utilize electricity for lighting, motion or action purposes, shall conform with all applicable electrical codes.

3. Specific Regulations for the Seven (7) Classifications of Signs are Outlined Below:

(a) Spectacular Sign.

- 1. These signs shall be illuminated with electricity only.
- 2. All spectacular signs shall be constructed of non-combustible materials.
- 3. All spectacular signs shall comply with the applicable provisions of the National Electric Code.

(b) Ground Signs.

- 1. A ground sign supported by wood material shall not be at any point over twenty-four (24) feet above the ground level.
- 2. Lighting reflectors may project beyond the face of the sign.
- 3. The bottom coping shall be no less than three (3) feet above the ground which space may be filled with platform decorative trim or light wooden construction.
- 4. Wherever anchors or supports of wood are embedded in the soil, the wood shall be pressure-treated with an approved preservative.
- 5. The application for a permit to construct a ground sign must be accompanied by a certification from an architect or engineer stating that the sign is designed and shall be constructed in such a manner as to comply with Section 1205 - Wind Loads, of the Standard Building Code, Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc.

6. All ground signs shall be in compliance with the provisions of the Tennessee Department of Transportation Rules and Regulations for the Control of Outdoor Advertising Authorization No. 0206 and any supplements thereto.
7. All portable ground signs must be anchored to prevent them from being blown over by the wind and shall be located a minimum of twenty (20) feet from the pavement surface.

(c) **Roof Signs.**

1. All roof signs shall be so constructed as to leave a clear space of not less than six (6) feet between the roof level and the lowest part of the sign and shall have at least five (5) feet clearance between the vertical supports thereof; a portion of a roof sign structure shall not project beyond an exterior wall.
2. Every roof sign shall be constructed entirely of steel construction, including the upright supports and braces, except that only the ornamental lattice work may be of wood construction.
3. The bearing plates of all roof signs shall distribute the load directly to or upon masonry walls, steel roof girders, columns or beams. The building must be designed to bear the stress of these members.

(d) **Wall Sign.**

1. Wall Signs attached to exterior walls of solid masonry, concrete or stone, shall be safely and securely attached to the same by means of metal anchors, bolts or expansion screws of not less than three-eighths (3/8) inch in diameter and shall be embedded at least five (5) inches.

Wood blocks shall not be used for anchorage, except in the case of wall signs attached to buildings with walls of wood. A wall sign shall not be supported by anchorage secured to unbraced parapet wall.

2. Temporary cloth signs with wood frames may be kept in place for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days.

(e) **Projection Sign.**

1. All projecting signs shall be constructed entirely of metal or other non-combustible material and securely attached to a building or structure by metal supports such as bolts, anchors, supports, chains.

2. The dead load of projecting signs, not parallel to the building or structure, and the load due to wind pressure shall be supported with chains, guy-wires, or steel rods having net cross sectional dimension of not less than three-eights (3/8) inch in diameter. Such supports shall be erected or maintained at an angle of at least forty-five (45) degrees with the horizontal to resist the dead load and at an angle of forty-five (45) degrees or more with the face of the sign to resist the specified wind pressure. If such projecting sign exceeds thirty (30) square feet in one facial area, there shall be provided at least two (2) such supports on each side not more than eight (8) feet apart to resist the wind pressure.
3. All supports shall be secured to a bolt or expansion screw that will develop the strength of the supporting chain, guy-wires or steel rod, with a minimum of five-eights (5/8) inch bolt or lag screw, by an expansion shield. Turn buckles shall be placed in all chains, guy-wires or steel rods supporting projecting signs.
4. Chains, cables, guy-wires or steel rods used to support the live or dead load of projecting signs may be fastened to solid masonry walls with expansion bolts or by machine screws in iron supports, but such supports shall not be attached to an unbraced parapet wall. Where the supports must be fastened to walls made of wood, the supporting anchor bolts must go through the wall and be plated or fastened on the inside in a secure manner.
5. A projecting sign shall not be erected on the wall of any building so as to project above the roof or cornice wall or above the roof level where there is no cornice wall; except that a sign erected at a right angle to the building, the horizontal width of which sign perpendicular to such wall does not exceed eighteen (18) inches may be erected to a height not exceeding two (2) feet above the roof or cornice wall or above the roof level where there is no cornice wall. A sign attached to a corner of a building and parallel to the vertical line of such corner shall be deemed to be erected at a right angle to the building wall.

(f) **Marquee Sign.**

1. All marquee signs shall be constructed entirely of metal or non-combustible material and may be attached to, or hung from a marquee, and such signs when hung from a marquee shall be at least nine (9) feet at its lowest level above the sidewalk or ground level.
2. Marquee signs shall not extend outside the line of a marquee.

3. Marquee signs may be attached to the sides and front of a marquee, and such sign may extend the entire length and width of said marquee, provided such sign does not extend more than six (6) feet above, nor one (1) foot below such marquee.
4. Under no circumstances shall a marquee sign have a vertical dimension greater than eight (8) feet.

(g) **Shingle Sign.**

1. The specific regulations for the projection and wall sign should also apply to the shingle sign.

4. **Outdoor Advertising Signage Regulations for the R-1 Zone.**

- (a) The following type ground signs are permitted in the R-1 Zone:
 1. Non-illuminated "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs not exceeding four (4) square feet in area.
 2. Non-illuminated signs not more than thirty-two (32) square feet in area giving the names of the contractors, engineers, or architect, during construction of a building.
 3. Ground Signs on church, school, cemeteries, golf courses or park grounds which serve the purpose of identifying the particular facility.
 4. All other ground signs are specifically prohibited in the R-1 zone.
- (b) The following types of wall signs are permitted in the R-1 zone:
 1. Nameplates, indicating name, and house number.
 2. Signs noting customary home occupations provided the surface area does not exceed four (4) square feet.
 3. Church or school bulletin boards provided they do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
 4. All other wall signs prohibited in the R-1 zone.
- (c) All other types of signs are specifically prohibited in the R-1 zone.

5. **Outdoor Advertising Signage Regulations for the R-2 Zone.**

- (a) All signs which are permitted in the R-1 zone are permitted in the R-2 zone.

- (b) In addition to the signs permitted in the R-1 zone, ground signs identifying an apartment building or townhouse development are permitted provided that the sign is not larger than thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
- (c) All other types of signs are specifically prohibited in the R-2 zone.

6. **Outdoor Advertising Signage Regulations for Mobile Home Parks**

- (a) All signs which are permitted in the R-2 zone.
- (b) In addition to the signs permitted in the R-2 zone, ground signs identifying manufactured home parks and travel trailer parks are permitted provided they do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area.

7. **Outdoor Advertising Signage Regulations for the C-1 Zone.**

- (a) **Ground signs:** may contain up to eight hundred (800) square feet.
- (b) **Wall Signs:** may contain two (2) square feet for each one linear foot of building frontage occupied by the establishment.

8. **Outdoor Advertising Signage Regulations for the C-2 Zone.**

- (a) **Spectacular Signs:** are permitted in the C-2 zone.
- (b) **Ground Signs:** are permitted in the C-2 zone provided they do not exceed sixty (60) square feet in area.
- (c) **Roof Signs:** are permitted in the C-2 zone.
- (d) **Wall Signs:** are permitted in the C-2 zone provided that the sign is no larger than one (1) square foot for each one linear foot of building frontage occupied by the establishment.
- (e) **Projection Signs:** are permitted in the C-2 zone provided that they do not extend over the sidewalk more than two-thirds (2/3) the width of the sidewalk.
- (f) **Marquee Signs:** are permitted in the C-2 zone.
- (g) **Shingle Signs:** are permitted in the C-2 zone and the square footage requirement of the wall sign applies also to the shingle sign.

9. **Outdoor Advertising Signage Regulations for the I-1 Zone.**

- (a) All signs permitted in the C-1 zone are permitted in the I-1 zone.

10. **Outdoor Advertising Signage Regulations for the Flood Zones.**

(a) No outdoor advertising sign shall be permitted in the Floodway Zone. No outdoor sign shall be permitted in the Floodway Fringe zone except upon review and approval of the CMPC.

11. **Building Permit Required.**

With the exception of "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs, and nameplates indicating name and house number, all new signs, whether permanent or temporary, must have a sign permit which shall be issued by the Copperhill Building Inspector.

12. **Non-Conforming Signs.**

Outdoor advertising displays which are non-conforming at the time of the passage of this ordinance, shall be permitted to remain as long as they are properly maintained and are not considered to be a safety hazard. If a non-conforming advertising display ceases to display advertising matter for a period of one (1) year or is damaged beyond fifty (50) percent of its replacement value, such sign shall be considered illegal and subject to removal as outlined in part 14 of this section.

13. **Outdoor Advertising Displays Must be Maintained.**

All outdoor advertising must be maintained in such a manner so as to not to endanger the public's safety. Upon finding that a sign is a safety hazard, the Copperhill Building Inspector shall give the owner of property, on which the sign is located, a written notice which shall outline the corrective measures that must be completed in a maximum of thirty (30) days. If at the end of thirty (30) days the sign has not been brought into compliance, it shall be subject to removal as outlined in part 14.

14. **Procedure for Removal of Illegal or Unsafe Outdoor Advertising Displays.**

A sign which is not in compliance with this ordinance shall be subject to removal. The procedures which the Copperhill Building Inspector shall follow to have the illegal sign removed include:

(a) The owner of the property on which the sign in question is located shall be given a written notice which shall include:

1. A statement as to why the sign is illegal.
2. A statement that the sign must be brought into compliance with this ordinance in thirty (30) days or the city will begin necessary court action to have the sign brought in compliance; and,
3. A statement informing the property owner that he has the right to appeal the Building Inspector's decision to the Copperhill Board of Zoning Appeals.

- b. If at the end of the thirty (30) day period the sign has not been brought into compliance with this ordinance, removed, or an appeal made to the CBZA, the Building Inspector shall turn this matter over to the city attorney who shall initiate the necessary legal steps. The building Inspector shall also notify the property owner in writing that legal proceedings have been initiated to bring the sign in question into compliance with this ordinance.



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City of Copperhill Resolution #2026-02-0004

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE ENGAGEMENT OF CTI ENGINEERS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE TDOT SR-68 PROJECT (PIN 125101.00)

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is undertaking improvements to SR-68 which require relocation of the City's water and sewer utilities; and

WHEREAS, TDOT requires that any consultant engineering services be approved in advance in order for such services to qualify for reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for submission of required documentation to qualify for Chapter 86 reimbursement is March 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently utilizing CTI Engineers, Inc. for the Fightingtown Creek Lift Station Project and desires continuity of engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it to be in the best interest of the City to retain CTI Engineers, Inc. to prepare plans, complete required TDOT documentation, and coordinate utility relocation services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The City hereby authorizes the engagement of CTI Engineers, Inc. to provide engineering services for the SR-68 utility relocation project.

SECTION 2. All services shall be performed in compliance with TDOT requirements to ensure eligibility for Chapter 86 reimbursement, and no work shall commence prior to receiving required TDOT authorization.

SECTION 3. The Mayor is authorized to execute a professional services agreement and any documents necessary to comply with TDOT requirements and secure eligible reimbursement.

Mayor
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17th day of February, 2026.

Mayor Greg Barker

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