

# 2026 ADOPTING ORDINANCE

**BILL NO. 2026-3367**

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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COUNTY OF LAWRENCE, STATE OF MISSOURI; ESTABLISHING THE SAME; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN, EXCEPT AS HEREIN EXPRESSLY PROVIDED; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Aurora, County of Lawrence, State of Missouri, as follows:

## **Section 1. Approval, Adoption, and Enactment of Code.**

Pursuant to Section 71.943 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the codification of ordinances, as set out in Titles I through VII, each inclusive, of the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Aurora, County of Lawrence, State of Missouri," is hereby adopted and enacted as the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Aurora"; which shall supersede all other general and permanent ordinances of the City passed on or before December 23, 2025, to the extent provided in Section 3 hereof.

## **Section 2. When Code Provisions Effective.**

All provisions of such Code shall be in full force and effect from and after the effective date of this ordinance as set forth herein.

## **Section 3. Repeal of Legislation Not Contained in Code; Legislation Saved From Repeal; Matters Not Affected by Repeal.**

- A. All ordinances of a general and permanent nature of the City adopted on final passage on or before December 23, 2025, and not included in such Code or recognized and continued in force by reference therein, are hereby repealed from and after the effective date of this ordinance, except those which may be specifically excepted by separate ordinance, and except the following, which are hereby continued in full force and effect, unless specifically repealed by separate ordinance:
  1. Ordinances promising or guaranteeing the payment of money for the City, or authorizing the issuance of any bonds or notes of the City or any other evidence of the City's indebtedness, or authorizing any contract or obligation assumed by the City.
  2. Ordinances levying taxes or making special assessments.
  3. Ordinances appropriating funds or establishing salaries and compensation, and providing for expenses.

4. Ordinances granting franchises or rights to any person, firm or corporation.
  5. Ordinances relating to the dedication, opening, closing, naming, establishment of grades, improvement, altering, paving, widening or vacating of streets, alleys, sidewalks or public places.
  6. Ordinances authorizing or relating to particular public improvements.
  7. Ordinances respecting the conveyances or acceptance of real property or easements in real property.
  8. Ordinances dedicating, accepting or vacating any plat or subdivision in the City or any part thereof, or providing regulations for the same.
  9. Ordinances annexing property to the City.
  10. All zoning and subdivision ordinances not specifically repealed and not included herein.
  11. Ordinances establishing TIF districts or redevelopment districts.
  12. Ordinances relating to traffic schedules (e.g., stop signs, parking limits, etc.).
  13. All ordinances relating to personnel regulations (e.g., pensions, retirement, job descriptions and insurance, etc.).
  14. Ordinances authorizing the establishment of industrial development corporations.
  15. Ordinances establishing tax rates for the City.
  16. R.O. 1993 Chapter 204, Safety Regulations.
  17. R.O. 1993 Chapter 375, Procedure on Arrest, §§ 375.010 through 375.040.
- B. The repeal provided for in this Section shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part thereof that has been repealed by a subsequent ordinance which is repealed by this ordinance.
- C. The repeal provided for in this Section shall not affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or any contract or right established or accruing before the effective date of this ordinance, nor shall it affect any prosecution, suit or proceeding pending or any judgment rendered prior to such date.

#### **Section 4. Amendments To Code.**

Any and all additions and amendments to such Code when passed in such form as to indicate the intention of the City Council to make the same a part thereof shall be deemed to be incorporated in such Code so that reference to the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Aurora" shall be understood and intended to include such additions and amendments.

## **Section 5. Violations and Penalties.**

- A. Except as hereinafter provided, whenever in this Code or in any other ordinance of the City or in any rule, regulation or order promulgated pursuant to such Code or other ordinance of the City any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or whenever in such Code or in such other City ordinance, rule, regulation or order the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, where no specific penalty is provided therefor, the violation of any such provision of this Code or of any other ordinance of the City or of any rule, regulation or order promulgated pursuant to such Code or other City ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment for a period of not exceeding three (3) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment; together with judgment of imprisonment, until the fine and costs are paid or satisfied. Any person committed for the non-payment of fine and costs, or either, may be compelled to work out the same as herein provided.
- B. Whenever any provision of the Revised Statutes of Missouri or other Statute of the State limits the authority of the City to punish the violation of any particular provision of this Code or other City ordinance or rule, regulation or order promulgated pursuant thereto to a fine of less amount than that provided in this Section or imprisonment for a shorter term than that provided in this Section, then the violation of such particular provision of this Code or other City ordinance, rule, regulation or order shall be punished by the imposition of not more than the maximum fine or imprisonment so authorized or by both such fine or imprisonment. In any case wherein the penalty for an offense is fixed by any Statute, the City Council shall affix the same penalty by ordinance for the punishment of such offense, except that imprisonments, when made under City ordinances, may be in the City Prison or workhouse instead of the County Jail.
- C. Each day any violation of this Code or any other City ordinance or rule, regulation or order promulgated pursuant thereto shall continue shall constitute a separate offense, unless otherwise provided.
- D. Additional penalties as set out in Section 100.220 of the City Code.

## **Section 6. Applicability of General Penalty.**

In case of the amendment by the City Council of any Section of such Code for which a penalty is not provided, the general penalty as provided in Section 5 of this ordinance shall apply to the Section as amended; or in case such amendment contains provisions for which a penalty other than the aforementioned general penalty is provided in another Section in the same Chapter, the penalty so provided in such other Section shall be held to relate to the Section so amended, unless such penalty is specifically repealed therein.

## **Section 7. Filing of Copy of Code; Codes To Be Kept Up-To-Date.**

A copy of such Code shall be kept on file in the office of the City Clerk, preserved in loose-leaf form or in such other form as the City Clerk may consider most expedient. It shall be the express duty of the City Clerk, or someone authorized by said officer, to insert in their

designated places all amendments and all ordinances or resolutions which indicate the intention of the City Council to make the same part of such Code when the same have been printed or reprinted in page form and to extract from such Code all provisions which from time to time may be repealed by the City Council. This copy of such Code shall be available for all persons desiring to examine the same.

**Section 8. Altering or Tampering With Code; Violations and Penalties.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to change or alter by additions or deletions any part or portion of such Code, or to insert or delete pages or portions thereof, or to alter or tamper with such Code in any manner whatsoever, which will cause the law of the City of Aurora to be misrepresented thereby. Any person violating this Section shall be punished as provided in Section 5 of this ordinance.

**Section 9. Severability.**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the Sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance and the Code hereby adopted are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or Section of this ordinance or the Code hereby adopted shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by the valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and Sections of this ordinance or the Code hereby adopted.

**Section 10. Effective Date.**

This ordinance and the Code adopted hereby shall become effective February 24, 2026.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Aurora this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Aurora this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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Tony Kennedy, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kamy Kulow, City Clerk