

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BLOUNT

TOWN OF CLEVELAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

**ORDINANCE REGULATING FIRE DEPARTMENT
ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLEVELAND, ALABAMA, in regular meeting duly assembled, a quorum being present, as follows:

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to empower the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department with the authority to enforce all fire and life safety ordinances within the Town limits. This ordinance also establishes procedures for inspections, preplans, and a fee schedule for violations and re-inspections.

Section 2: Authority and Jurisdiction

The Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department is hereby granted the authority to enforce any and all fire and life safety ordinances that are in effect within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Cleveland, Alabama. This enforcement authority is extended to the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Marshal or Investigator, or any agent/member acting upon direction of the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal. This includes, but is not limited to, the adoption and enforcement of state and local fire codes, NFPA codes, life safety regulations, and other related ordinances.

Section 3: Inspections and Preplans

The Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department and its authorized members are authorized to conduct fire and life safety inspections, as well as fire preplans, on all required buildings and businesses within the town limits.

Inspections will be conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including the relevant National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes, to ensure compliance and promote public safety.

Section 4: Fee Schedule for Violations and Re-Inspections

Violation Type	Fee
First violation	\$100.00
Second violation (same issue)	\$250.00
Third and subsequent violations (same issue)	\$500.00
Reinspection due to unresolved violation	\$75.00 per reinspection

Section 5: Enforcement and Appeals

All fees will be handled using a third-party billing company, using the fee schedule listed. Failure to remit any fines that are issued will result in the fine being issued to a collections agency. Businesses that fail to correct any violations or remit any required fines may result in suspension, revocation, and denial of the renewal of the business license. Appeals regarding violations or fees may be submitted in writing to the Town Council within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the violation notice. The Town Council will review and issue a decision within thirty (30) days of receiving the appeal.

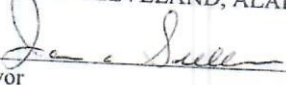
Section 6: Effective Date

That this Ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders, and matters established and adopted hereby shall be in full force and effect as provided by law and shall continue in full force and effect from month to month and year to year from its effective date until repealed.

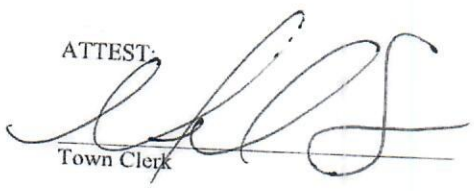
THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Town Council of the Town of Cleveland, Alabama, does hereby ordain and enact the foregoing Ordinance for the Town of Cleveland.

ADOPTED & APPROVED: This 14th day of May 2026.

TOWN OF CLEVELAND, ALABAMA

By: 
Mayor

ATTEST:


Town Clerk