ORDINANCE NO. 1067

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 1, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 2, MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, SECTIONS 1-202, ORDER OF BUSINESS AND SECTION 1-204, ORDER OF DEBATE AND PUBLIC COMMENT.

WHEREAS, Sweetwater Municipal Code §1-204(2) governs the opportunity given the public to comment regarding actionable agenda items, but not otherwise; and

WHEREAS, *Tenn. Code Ann.* §8-44-112 now requires local governing bodies to reserve a period for public comment for both actionable agenda items but also for any matter germane to the jurisdiction of the governing body, whether it is on the meeting agenda or not; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE, THAT:

SECTION ONE: Sweetwater Municipal Code Title 1, General Administration, Chapter 2, Mayor and Board of Commissioners, §1-204(2) is amended by deleting the introductory clause, sub-section (a), sub-section (b) and footnote 1 *in toto* and substituting the following introductory clause and sub-sections in their place and stead.

(2) Any resident of the City of Sweetwater and any person who has a stake in the outcome of a matter germane to the jurisdiction of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners, (an owner of property or a business within the corporate boundary of the City, or any person who has a direct, substantial interest in the outcome of a decision on the matter distinct from the interest of all members of the public generally) ("the speaker") may address the Board at any meeting for which there are actionable items on the agenda, about any matter germane to the jurisdiction of the Board, whether or not said matter is an actionable item on the agenda, when the following procedure is observed:

(a) The resident or stakeholder wishing to speak shall complete an Application to Comment at least three (3) hours prior to the meeting. A copy of said form is available in the City Administrator's Office.

(b) When recognized, the speaker shall stand behind the podium and speak directly into the microphone throughout their statement of their name, address, county of residence and all of their comments. Each speaker shall be permitted to speak for five (5) minutes and shall not have more than one (1) time to speak.

SECTION TWO: Sub-sections (c) through (f) shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION THREE: This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the City requiring it.

Passed on First Reading: oct 9, 2026

Public Hearing: NOV 2, 2026

Passed on Second Reading: NOV 2 2026

Angie Arp Kyle

ANGIE ARP KYLE, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

Sonya Crush

SONYA CRUSH, *City Recorder*