

Codification

A Smart Investment for
Your Community



What is Codification?

“Codification” is a process that organizes laws in a logical way.

Governments are continually adding new laws and amending existing laws. Codification gathers your legislation together by topic and orders it into a systematic Code of Laws that lets people easily locate specific legislated areas of interest. The process is an ongoing one and may also necessitate periodic ‘re-codification’ to clean up obsolete or outdated references and to identify and fix conflicts and inconsistencies.

Why Codify?

Some of the more compelling reasons to have a Code of Laws for your community include:



Providing a quick and accurate resource for citizens and municipal officials that everyone can easily access to get the information they need.



Fulfilling a community obligation to maintain your laws in a comprehensive, up-to-date and understandable form in a location that anyone in your community can find and use.



Equipping courts, police and other enforcement officials with an accurate, efficient tool they can rely on to enforce laws with confidence and consistency.



Planning for future growth and development with a clear view of existing situations that makes it easier to determine the impact of proposed changes and amendments.

How Does the Codification Process Work?

With more than 50 years of experience working and partnering with local governments, General Code has developed a highly-effective process for developing your Code of Laws:

1. Research

Complete, as-adopted copies of your legislation are collected, adoption is verified, and a list of the legislation to be codified is compiled.

2. Organization

We organize your legislation alphabetically or grouped by topic with similar pieces of legislation. Repealed or superseded provisions are eliminated and amendments are inserted as necessary.

3. Legal and Editorial Analysis

A thorough review and analysis of your legislation is performed to identify conflicts and inconsistencies, duplicative situations, and statutory compliance issues. Any recommended changes are submitted to your municipal attorney and governing body for approval.

4. Incorporation of Changes

We incorporate any revisions that have been approved by your attorney and governing body. The document then moves through various stages of production including editing, layout, proofreading and indexing.

5. Publication

Once completed, we can deliver your Code in print—and online. General Code's **eCode360®** is the ideal online Code experience that provides you and your constituents with exceptional capabilities for accessing, searching and sharing your municipal laws and related information.

6. Adoption

To establish your Code as the official body of municipal law recognized by the courts, it's necessary that your governing body formally adopt your Code. This will also ratify any changes that have been made during the codification project.

Why General Code?

Your Code of Laws is a declaration of who you are as a community. It tells everyone what you will and will not abide, what you value as the quality of life for your citizens and what you want your legacy to be for future generations. It's not just about the laws themselves, but how those laws identify you to the world at large. Such a critical document should only be entrusted to a company that:



Shares the same vision and values as your municipality



Has the depth of experience to understand your municipality's distinctive needs



Innovates processes, products and services that are designed to enhance your ability to serve your community



Employs highly qualified codification professionals with a uniquely specialized knowledge base



Is passionate about the work they do and is committed to delivering the higher standard of service you expect and deserve

General Code is that company.

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