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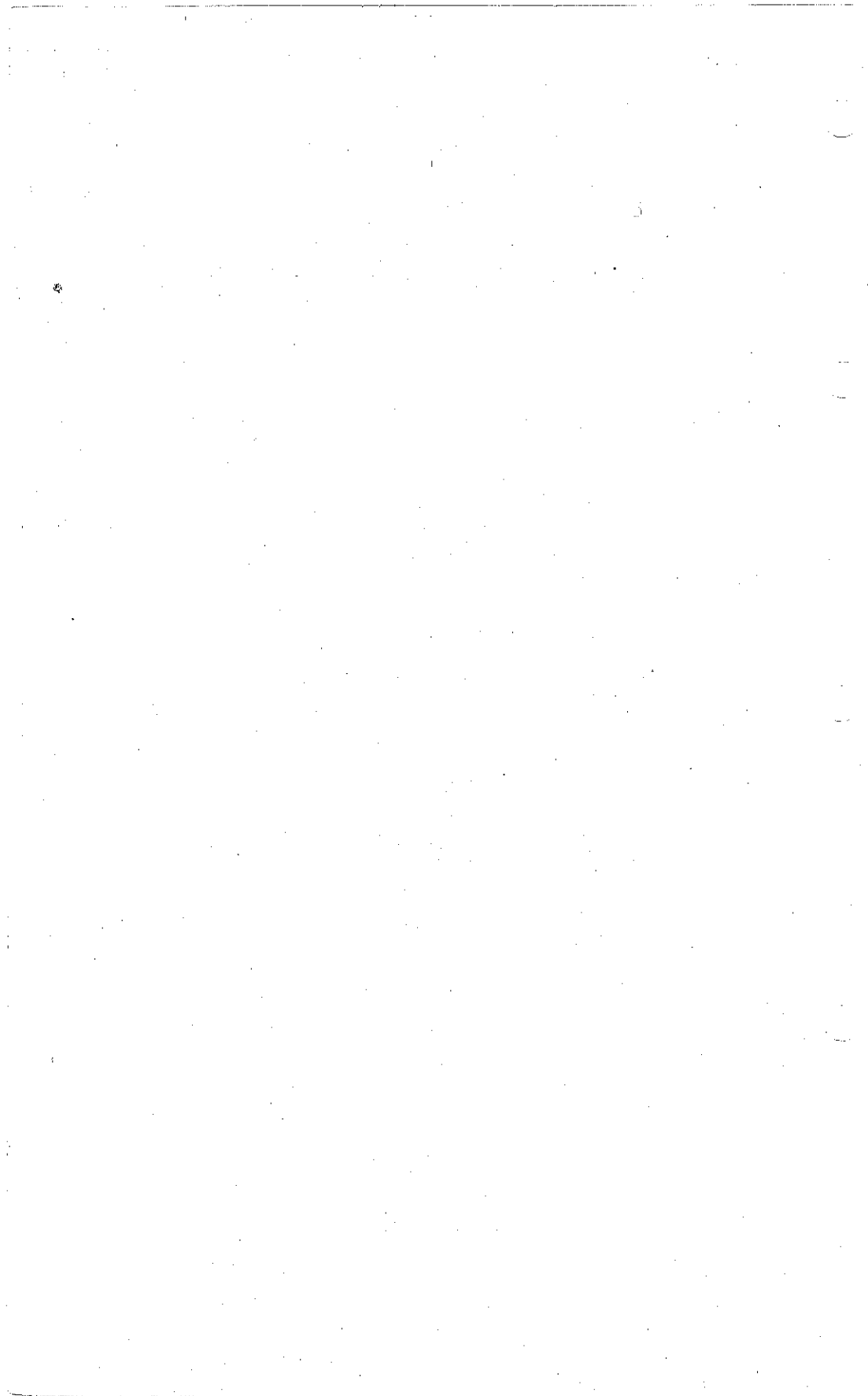
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PREFACE

Like other municipalities, the Borough of Coaldale has passed through struggles characteristic of American communities in their early history. While only a few simple laws were necessary at the time of the incorporation of the borough in 1906, subsequent growth of the community, together with the complexity of modern life, has created the need for more and detailed ordinances for the proper function and government of the borough. The recording of local law is an aspect of municipal history and as the community develops and changes, review and revision of old laws and consideration of new laws, in the light of current trends, must keep pace. The orderly collection of these records is an important step in this ever-continuing process. Ordinances must be more than mere chronological enactments reposing in the pages of old records. They must be available and logically arranged for convenient use and must be kept up-to-date. It was with thoughts such as these in mind that the Council ordered the following codification of ordinances.

Contents of Code

The various chapters of the Code contain all currently effective ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted by the Council of the Borough of Coaldale. In accordance with recognized codification procedures, certain changes, revisions and additions have been made in existing ordinances of the borough in the course of codification. Such changes and revisions have been authorized by the Borough Council and are noted in the text. These changes, revisions and additions are referred to in the ordinance adopting the Code and are enacted upon adoption of the Code. Sections amended, added or revised are appropriately noted in the text of each chapter.

Division of Code

The Code is divided into parts. Part I, Administrative Legislation, contains all borough ordinances of an administrative nature, namely, those dealing with the administration of government, those establishing or regulating municipal departments and

those affecting officers and employees of the municipal government and its departments. Part II, General Legislation, contains all other borough ordinances of a regulatory nature. Ordinances in this part generally impose penalties for violation of their provisions, whereas those in Part I do not.

Grouping of Ordinances and Arrangement of Chapters

The ordinances are organized into chapters, their order being an alphabetical progression from one subject to another. Wherever there are two or more ordinances dealing with the same subject, they are combined into a single chapter. Thus, for example, all ordinances pertaining to sewers may be found in Part II, in Chapter 87, Sewers. In such chapters, use of Article designations has preserved the identity of the individual ordinances.

Table of Contents

The Table of Contents details the arrangement of material by chapter as a means of identifying specific areas of legislation. Wherever two or more ordinances have been combined by the editor into a single chapter, titles of the several Articles are listed beneath the chapter title in order to facilitate location of the individual ordinances.

Reserve Chapters

Space has been provided for the convenient insertion, alphabetically, of later enactments. In the Table of Contents such space appears as chapters titled "(Reserved)." In the body of the Code, reserved space is provided by breaks in the page-numbering sequence between chapters.

Pagination

A unique page-numbering system has been used, in which each chapter forms an autonomous unit. One hundred pages have been

allotted to each chapter, and the first page of each is the number of that chapter followed by the numerals "01." Thus, Chapter 5 begins on page 501, Chapter 118 on page 11801, etc. By use of this system, it is possible to add or to change pages in any chapter without affecting the sequence of subsequent pages in other chapters and to insert new chapters without affecting the existing organization.

Numbering of Sections

A chapter-related section-numbering system is employed, in which each section of every ordinance is assigned a number which indicates both the number of the chapter in which the ordinance is located and the location of the section within that chapter. Thus, the first section of Chapter 10 is § 10-1, while the sixth section of Chapter 62 is § 62-6.

Scheme

The Scheme is the list of section titles which precedes the text of each chapter. These titles are carefully written so that, taken together, they may be considered as a summary of the content of the chapter. Taken separately, each describes the content of a particular section. For ease and precision of reference, the Scheme titles are repeated as section headings in the text.

Chapter Histories

At the end of the Scheme in each chapter is located the legislative history for that chapter. This History indicates the specific ordinance source from which the chapter was derived, including the ordinance number and date of adoption. In the case of chapters containing Articles derived from more than one ordinance, the source of each Article is indicated in the History.

Amendments and Revisions

Ordinance sections amended, added or revised at the time of this codification are specifically enumerated in chapter Histories

with reference to "Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I," where the ordinance adopting the Code and making these revisions will appear after final enactment. Sections so amended, added or revised are also indicated in the text by means of editor's notes referring to the chapter cited above. The history of other amendments to each chapter appears where pertinent in the text.

General References

In each chapter containing material related to other chapters in the Code, a table of General References is included to direct the reader's attention to such related chapters.

Appendix

Certain forms of local legislation do not fall into the categories established for Parts I and II of the Code but are of such significance that their application is community-wide or their provisions are germane to the conduct of municipal government. The Appendix of this Code is reserved for such legislation and for any other material that the community may wish to include.

Index

The Index is a guide to information. Since it is likely that this Code will be used by persons without formal legal training, the Index has been formulated to enable such persons to locate a particular section quickly. Each section of each chapter has been indexed. The Index should be supplemented and revised from time to time as new legislation is added to the Code.

Supplementation

Supplementation of the Code will follow the adoption of new legislation. New ordinances and amendments will be included and repeals will be indicated as soon as possible after passage. Supplemental pages should be inserted as soon as they are received, and old pages removed, in accordance with the instruction page which accompanies each supplement.

Acknowledgment

The publication of this Code represents the culmination of much hard work on the part of many borough officials. Special acknowledgment should be given to Councilman Robert E. Ames, who, in addition to reviewing the legislation to be included in the Code, contributed the needed coordination of all communications involved. We gratefully acknowledge his assistance, as well as others whose names are not specifically mentioned.

The codification of the ordinances of the Borough of Coaldale reflects an appreciation of the needs of a progressive and expanding community. As in many other municipalities, officials are faced with fundamental changes involving nearly every facet of community life. Problems increase in number and complexity, and range in importance from everyday details to crucial areas of civic planning. It is the profound conviction of General Code Publishers Corp. that this Code will contribute significantly to the efficient administration of local government. As Samuel Johnson observed, "The law is the last result of human wisdom acting upon human experience for the benefit of the public."

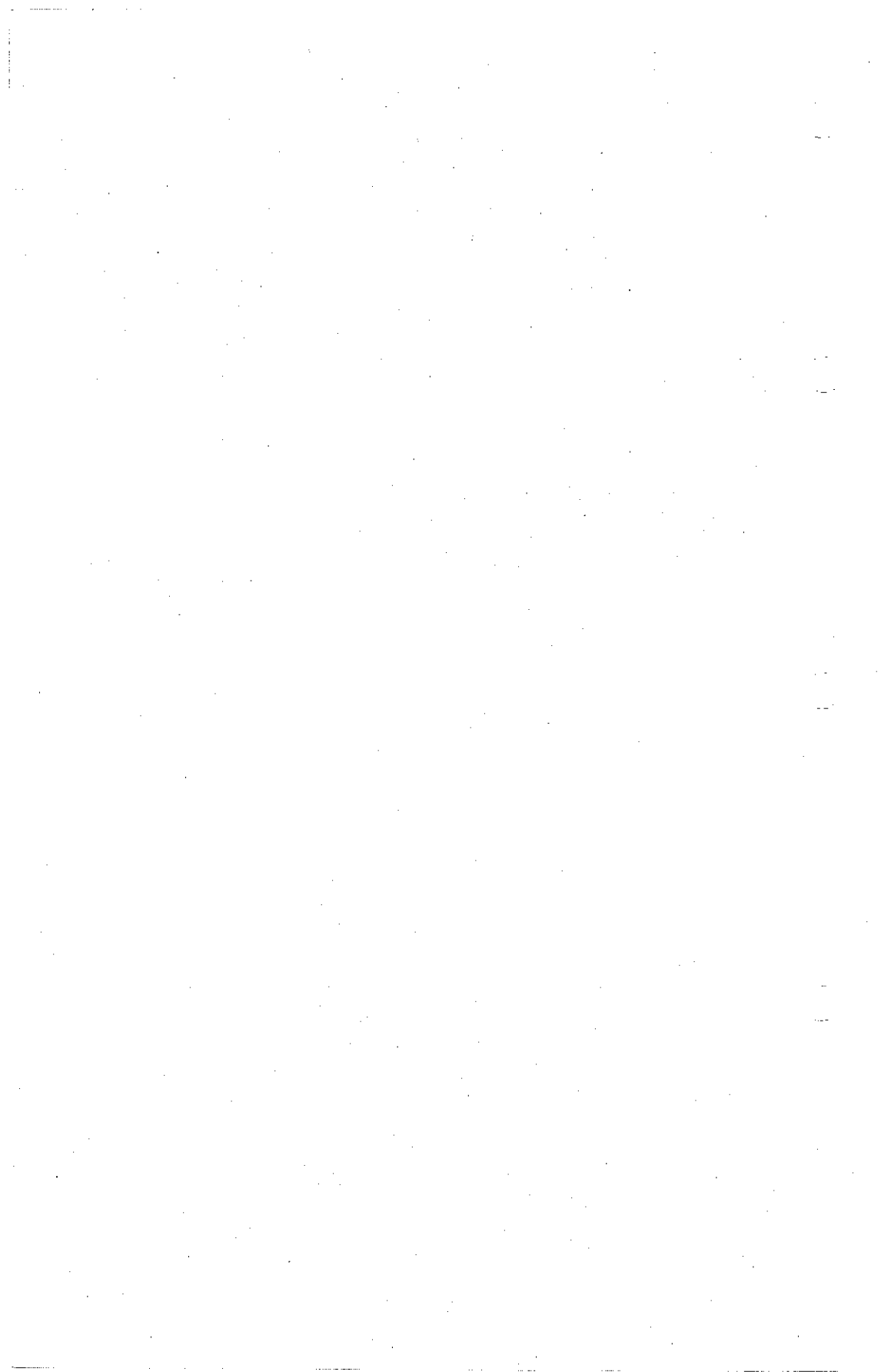


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