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Preface

This code is the result of a comprehensive codification and revision of the ordinances of the City of Lebanon, Tennessee. By referring to the historical citation appearing at the end of each section, the user will be able to ascertain the ordinance or previous code section from which the particular section has been derived. The absence of a historical citation means that the section was added at the time the code was prepared. The word "modified" in the historical citation indicates substantial modification of the original ordinance or code section.

The attention of the user is directed to the arrangement of the code into titles, chapters, and sections. Related matter is kept together, so far as possible, within the same title. Each section number is complete within itself, containing the title number, the chapter number, and the section of the chapter of which it is a part. Specifically, the first number is the title number followed by a hyphen, then the chapter number with the last two numbers showing the section number within the chapter, so that, for example, title 2, chapter 1, section 6, is designated as section 2-106.

By utilizing the table of contents and the analysis preceding each title and chapter of the code, together with the cross references and explanations included as footnotes, the user should readily find all provisions in the code relating to any question that might arise.

The code has been arranged and prepared in loose-leaf form to facilitate keeping it up to date. MTAS will provide updating service under the following conditions:

1. That all ordinances relating to subjects treated in the code or which should be added to the code are adopted as amending, adding, or deleting specific chapters or sections of the code (see section 8 of the adopting ordinance for the code).

2. That one copy of every ordinance adopted by the city is furnished to MTAS immediately after its adoption (see section 8 of the adopting ordinance).

3. That the city agrees to reimburse MTAS for the actual costs of reproducing replacement pages for the code (no charge is made for the consultant’s work, and reproduction costs are usually nominal).

When the foregoing conditions are met, MTAS will reproduce replacement pages for the code to reflect the amendments and additions made by such ordinances. This service will be performed at least annually and more often if justified by the volume of amendments. Replacement pages will be supplied
with detailed instructions for utilizing them so that again the code will be complete and up to date. If this very simple procedure is followed, the code will be kept up to date in a way that will serve fully the needs of the city's officials and citizens. If any questions or problems arise concerning the updating procedure, an MTAS Ordinance Codification Consultant is available to the city for advice and assistance.

The able assistance of Mrs. Tracy Gardner, MTAS Sr. Word Processing Specialist and Mrs. Bobbie Sams, MTAS Word Processing Specialist who did all the typing on this project, is gratefully acknowledged.

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ORDINANCE ADOPTION PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED BY THE
CITY CHARTER

An affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the city council is required to adopt any ordinance or resolution. (Art. III, sec. 15)

Ordinances and resolutions are to be signed by the presiding officer and the commissioner of finance and revenue. (Art. III, sec. 15)

Ordinances shall begin with "Be it ordained by the City of Lebanon." (Art. IV, sec. 1)

Ordinances are required to be read twice, except that ordinances making a grant, renewal or extension of a franchise or regulating a utility rate are required to be read three times. (Art. IV, sec. 3)

All ordinances are required to be published in a newspaper published in Lebanon, or in pamphlet form, or by posting the ordinance in a conspicuous place in the Wilson County Courthouse, and/or the city hall. (Art. IV, sec. 3)