TITLE 12

BUILDING, UTILITY, ETC. CODES

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CHAPTER 1

MISCELLANEOUS

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12-101. **Blasting regulated.** It shall be unlawful for any person to blow or cause to be blown with powder, dynamite, or other explosives any rock within the City of Lebanon without sufficient scaffolding or covering to prevent the rock from escaping. (1968 code, § 4-601)

12-102. **Utility services not to be furnished to condemned structures.** No utility services will be furnished to any structure that has been condemned.

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1 Charter reference
   Building, etc., codes: Art. II. § 1 (28) and Art. VIII.
Municipal code references
   Chief building inspector: § 1-603.
   Director of codes enforcement: § 1-604.
   Fire protection, fireworks, and explosives: title 7.
   Property maintenance regulations: title 13.
   Planning and zoning: title 14.
   Streets and other public ways and places: title 16.
   Utilities and services: titles 18 and 19.
condemned by the building inspector of the City of Lebanon, Tennessee, for a violation of the electrical, plumbing, building, housing, gas or sanitation codes, but the city may grant a reasonable extension of time for the restoration or repair of the structure or structures. (1968 code, § 4-603)

12-103. **Expiration of building permits.** The expiration date for a building permit shall be one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of issue. If work has not commenced during this period of time, the City of Lebanon may issue an extension not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days. If work has not commenced during the first extension, a second extension not to exceed ninety (90) days may be issued and an additional fee of twenty-five percent (25%) of the original permit fee will be charged. A third extension not to exceed ninety (90) days may be issued and an additional payment of twenty-five percent (25%) of the original permit fee will be charged. However; after the expiration of the one hundred eighty (180) days from the issuance of an extension by a second building permit or after any other extension of the permit process established herein, if substantial and reasonable progress is not being made on the subject construction, the Lebanon City Building Officer shall not issue an extension of the building permit without the approval of a majority vote of the Lebanon City Council. Any owner or builder may apply for a variance with the board of zoning appeals at any time during this process. A variance may be granted by the board of zoning appeals based upon the hardship of the applicant. (as added by Ord. #07-3275, Feb. 2008)
CHAPTER 2

BUILDING CODE AND RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE AND TWO
FAMILY DWELLINGS

SECTION
12-201. Building code and one and two family dwellings code adopted.
12-203. Available in commissioner's office.
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12-201. Building code and one and two family dwellings code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of establishing the minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare through structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, energy conversation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment, the International Building Code\textsuperscript{1}, 2006 edition, as prepared and adopted by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted and incorporated by references as a part of the Lebanon Municipal Code, and is hereinafter referred to as the international building code.

(2) Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of regulating the construction, alteration, repair, use, occupancy, location, maintenance, removal, and demolition of every one and two family dwelling structure or any appurtenance connected or attached to any such structure, the International Residential Code (for one and two family dwellings), 2003 edition, and its appendices as prepared and adopted by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the dwellings code. (1968 Code, § 4-101, modified, as replaced by Ord. #95-1384, § 2, Nov. 1995, Ord. #06-2940, June 2006, and amended by Ord. #06-3073, March 2007, and Ord. #10-3659, April 2010)

12-202. Modifications. (1) Definitions. Whenever in the International Building Code when reference is made to the duties of a certain official named therein, that designated official of the city of Lebanon who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in said code shall be deemed to be the responsible official insofar as enforcing the provisions of the international building code are concerned.

\textsuperscript{1}Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
(2) **Permit fees.** The schedule of permit fees shall be those fees in place that have been adopted by the Lebanon City Council by ordinance. (1968 Code, § 4-102, as replaced by Ord. #06-2940, June 2006)

12-203. **Available in commissioner's office.** Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the code adopted herein has been placed on file in the office of the commissioner of finance and revenue and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1968 Code, § 4-103, as amended by Ord. #10-3659, April 2010)

12-204. **Violations and penalty.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the international building code or dwellings code as herein adopted by reference and modified. The violation of any section of this chapter shall be punishable by a penalty of up to fifty dollars ($50.00) per offense. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense. (1968 Code, § 4-104, as replaced by Ord. #06-2940, June 2006, and amended by Ord. #10-3659, April 2010)
CHAPTER 3
PLUMBING CODE

SECTION
12-301. Plumbing code adopted.
12-302. Available in commissioner's office.
12-303. Violations.

12-301. Plumbing code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by sections 6-54-501 through 6-54-506 of the Tennessee Code Annotated and for the purpose of regulating plumbing installations, including alterations, repairs, equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings, and the appurtenances thereto, within or without the city, when such plumbing is to be connected with the city water or sewer system, the International Plumbing Code,2 2003 edition, and its appendices as prepared and adopted by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the plumbing code. (1968 code, § 4-201, modified, as replaced by Ord. #95-1384, § 3, Nov. 1995, as amended by Ord. #06-3073, March 2007, and replaced by Ord. #10-3659, April 2010)

12-302. Available in commissioner's office. Pursuant to the requirements of section 6-54-502 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, one (1) copy of the plumbing code with the above modifications has been placed on file in the office of the commissioner of finance and revenue and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1968 code, § 4-203, modified, as amended by Ord. #06-3073, March 2007, and deleted and renumbered by Ord. #10-3659, April 2010)

12-303. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the plumbing code as herein adopted by reference and modified. (1968 code, § 4-204, as renumbered by Ord. #10-3659, April 2010)

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1Municipal code references
Cross connections, etc.: title 18, ch. 3.
Water and sewers: title 18.

2Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
CHAPTER 4

ELECTRICAL CODE

SECTION
12-401. Electrical code adopted.
12-402. Available in commissioner's office.
12-403. Permit required for doing electrical work.
12-404. Violations.
12-405. Enforcement.
12-406. Fees.

12-401. \textbf{Electrical code adopted.} Pursuant to authority granted by sections 6-54-501 through 6-54-506 of the Tennessee Code Annotated and for the purpose of providing practical minimum standards for the safeguarding of persons and of buildings and their contents from hazards arising from the use of electricity for light, heat, power, radio, signaling, or for other purposes, the National Electrical Code,\textsuperscript{2} 1993 edition, together with all amendments thereto (and all future editions) as prepared by the National Fire Protection Association, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the electrical code. (1968 code, § 4-301, modified, as replaced by Ord. #95-1384, § 4, Nov. 1995)

12-402. \textbf{Available in commissioner's office.} Pursuant to the requirements of section 6-54-502 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, one (1) copy of the electrical code has been placed on file in the office of the commissioner of finance and revenue and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1968 code, § 4-302, modified)

12-403. \textbf{Permit required for doing electrical work.} No electrical work shall be done within the City of Lebanon until a permit therefor has been issued by the city. The term "electrical work" shall not be deemed to include minor repairs that do not involve the installation of new wire, conduits, machinery, apparatus, or other electrical devices generally requiring the services of an electrician. (1968 code, § 4-303)

12-404. \textbf{Violations.} It shall be unlawful for any person to do or authorize any electrical work or to use any electricity in such manner or under

\textsuperscript{1}Municipal code reference
Electric utilities: title 19, ch. 1.

\textsuperscript{2}Copies of this code may be purchased from the National Fire Protection Association, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02210.
such circumstances as not to comply with this chapter and/or the requirements and standards prescribed by the electrical code. (1968 code, § 4-304)

12-405. **Enforcement.** The electrical inspector shall be the person appointed or designated to administer and enforce compliance with this chapter and the electrical code as herein adopted by reference. He is authorized and directed to make such inspections of electrical equipment and wiring, etc., as are necessary to insure compliance with the applicable regulations, and may enter any premises or building at any reasonable time for the purpose of discharging his duties. He is authorized to refuse or discontinue electrical service to any person or place not complying with this chapter and/or the electrical code. (1968 code, § 4-305)

12-406. **Fees.** The electrical inspector shall collect the same fees as are authorized in *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 68-17-143, for electrical inspections by deputy inspectors of the state fire marshal. (1968 code, § 4-306)
CHAPTER 5

GAS CODE

SECTION
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12-504. Bond and license.
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12-508. Inspections.
12-509. Certificates.
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12-511. Violations and penalties.
12-512. Nonliability.

12-501. Title and definitions. This chapter and the code herein adopted by reference shall be known as the gas code of the City of Lebanon, Tennessee, and may be cited as such.

The following definitions are provided for the purpose of interpretation and administration of the gas code.

(1) "Inspector" means the person appointed as inspector, and shall include each assistant inspector, if any, from time to time acting as such under this chapter by appointment of the city council.

(2) "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, corporation, or any other organized group of individuals.

(3) "Gas company" means any person distributing gas within the corporate limits or authorized and proposing to so engage.

(4) "Certificate of approval" means a document or tag issued and/or attached by the inspector to the inspected material, piping, or appliance installation, filled out, together with date, address of the premises, and signed by the inspector.

(5) "Certain appliances" means conversion burners, floor furnaces, central heating plants, vented wall furnaces, water heaters, and boilers. (1968 code, § 4-401)

of establishing regulations for fuel gas systems and gas-fired appliances using prescriptive and performance-related provisions, the International Fuel Gas Code,\(^1\) 2003 edition, and its appendices, as prepared and adopted by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the gas code. One (1) copy of the gas code shall be kept on file in the office of the commissioner of finance and revenue for the use and inspection of the public. (1968 code, § 4-402, modified, as amended by Ord. #06-3073, March 2007, and replaced by Ord. #10-3659, April 2010)

12-503. **Use of existing piping and appliances.** Notwithstanding any provision in the gas code to the contrary, consumer's piping installed prior to the adoption of the gas code or piping installed to supply other than natural gas may be converted to natural gas if the inspector finds, upon inspection and proper tests, that such piping will render reasonably satisfactory gas service to the consumer and will not in any way endanger life or property; otherwise, such piping shall be altered or replaced, in whole or in part, to conform with the requirements of the gas code. (1968 code, § 4-403)

12-504. **Bond and license.** (1) No person shall engage in or work at the installation, extension, or alteration of consumer's gas piping or certain gas appliances, until such person has secured a license as hereinafter provided, and executed and delivered to the commissioner of finance and revenue a good and sufficient bond in the penal sum of $10,000, with corporate surety, conditioned for the faithful performance of all such work, entered upon or contracted for, in strict accordance and compliance with the provisions of the gas code. The bond herein required shall expire on the first day of January next following its approval by the commissioner of finance and revenue, and thereafter on the first day of January of each year a new bond, in form and substance as herein required, shall be given by such person to cover all such work to be done during such year.

(2) Upon approval of the bond, the person desiring to do such work shall secure from the commissioner of finance and revenue a nontransferable license which shall run until the first day of January next succeeding its issuance, unless sooner revoked. The person obtaining a license shall pay any applicable license fees to the city. Any license obtained after the 1st day of July of any year shall be computed at the rate of one half (1/2) of the annual fee.

(3) Nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting an individual from installing or repairing his own appliances or installing, extending, replacing, altering, or repairing consumer's piping on his own

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premises, or as requiring a license or a bond from an individual doing such work on his own premises but all such work must be done in conformity with all other provisions of the gas code, including those relating to permits, inspections, and fees. (1968 code, § 4-404)

12-505. Gas inspector and assistants. To provide for the administration and enforcement of the gas code, the commissioner of public works shall appoint one or more gas inspectors to fulfill the duties of the office of gas inspector. The gas inspections may be performed by said persons pursuant to the powers and duties of the gas inspector stated herein. The persons appointed to fulfill the requirements of the office of gas inspector shall be knowledgeable of gas construction and the required gas codes. The duties and position of gas inspector may be performed by one or more persons as deemed appropriate by the commissioner of public works. (1968 code, § 4-405, as replaced by Ord. #95-1384, § 5, Nov. 1995)

12-506. Powers and duties of inspector. (1) The inspector is authorized and directed to enforce all of the provisions of the gas code. Upon presentation of proper credentials, he may enter any building or premises at reasonable times for the purpose of making inspections or preventing violations of the gas code.

(2) The inspector is authorized to disconnect any gas piping or fixture or appliance for which a certificate of approval is required but has not been issued with respect to same, or which, upon inspection, is found defective or in such condition as to endanger life or property. In all cases where such a disconnection is made, a notice shall be attached to the piping, fixture, or appliance disconnected by the inspector. The notice shall state that the piping has been disconnected by the inspector, together with the reason or reasons therefor, and it shall be unlawful for any person to remove the notice or reconnect the gas piping or fixture or appliance without authorization by the inspector. The gas piping or fixture or appliance shall not be put in service or used until the inspector has attached his certificate of approval in lieu of his prior disconnection notice.

(3) The inspector shall confer from time to time with representatives of the local health department, the local fire department, and the gas company, and otherwise obtain from proper sources all helpful information and advice, presenting same to the appropriate officials from time to time for their consideration. (1968 code, § 4-406)

12-507. Permits. (1) No person shall install a gas conversion burner, floor furnace, central heating plant, vented wall furnace, water heater, boiler, consumer's gas piping, or convert existing piping to utilize natural gas without first obtaining a permit to do such work from the city; however, permits will not
be required for setting or connecting other gas appliances, or for the repair of leaks in house piping.

(2) When only temporary use of gas is desired, the inspector may issue a permit for such use, for a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days, provided the consumer's gas piping to be used is given a test equal to that required for a final piping inspection.

(3) Except when work in a public street or other public way is involved, the gas company shall not be required to obtain permits to set meters, or to extend, relocate, remove, or repair its service lines, mains, or other facilities, or for work having to do with its own gas system. (1968 code, § 4-407)

12-508. Inspections. (1) A rough piping inspection shall be made after all new piping authorized by the permit has been installed, and before any such piping has been covered or concealed or any fixtures or gas appliances have been attached thereto.

(2) A final piping inspection shall be made after all piping authorized by the permit has been installed and after all portions thereof which are to be concealed by plastering or otherwise have been so concealed, and before any fixtures or gas appliances have been attached thereto. This inspection shall include a pressure test, at which time the piping shall stand an air pressure equal to not less than the pressure of a column of mercury six (6) inches in height, and the piping shall hold this air pressure for a period of at least ten (10) minutes without any perceptible drop. A mercury column gauge shall be used for the test. All tools, apparatus, labor, and assistance necessary for the test shall be furnished by the installer of the piping. (1968 code, § 4-408)

12-509. Certificates. The inspector shall issue a certificate of approval at the completion of the work for which a permit for consumer piping has been issued if after inspection it is found that the work complies with the provisions of the gas code. A duplicate of each certificate issued covering consumer's gas piping shall be delivered to the gas company and used as its authority to render gas service. (1968 code, § 4-409)

12-510. Fees. (1) The total fees for inspection of consumer's gas piping at one location (including both rough and final piping inspection) shall be $1.50 for one to five outlets, inclusive, and $0.50 for each outlet above five.

(2) The fees for inspecting conversion burners, floor furnaces, boilers, or central heating plants shall be $1.50 for each unit.

(3) The fees for inspecting vented wall furnaces and water heaters shall be $1.00 for each unit.

(4) If the inspector is called back, after correction of defects noted, an additional fee of $1.00 shall be made for each such return inspection.

(5) All fees shall be paid by the person to whom the permit is issued. (1968 code, § 4-410)
12-511. **Violations and penalties.** Any person who violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of the gas code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined under the general penalty clause for this code of ordinances, or the license of such person be revoked, or both fine and revocation of license may be imposed. (1968 code, § 4-411)

12-512. **Nonliability.** This chapter shall not be construed as imposing upon the city any liability or responsibility for damages to any person injured by any defect in any gas piping or appliance mentioned herein, or by installation thereof, nor shall the city, or any official or employee thereof, be held as assuming any such liability or responsibility by reason of the inspection authorized hereunder or the certificate of approval issued by the inspector. (1968 code, § 4-412)
CHAPTER 6

EXISTING BUILDING CODE

SECTION

12-601. Existing building code adopted.
12-602. Available in commissioner's office.
12-603. Violations.

12-601. Existing building code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of providing a concise set of regulations and procedures to effect safety in occupancy, the International Existing Building Code,1 2003 edition, and its appendices, as prepared by the International Code Council, is adopted and the same is incorporated herein by reference, and shall be known and referred to as the international existing building code. (1968 code, § 4-501, modified, as replaced by Ord. #95-1384, § 7, Nov. 1995, as amended by Ord. #06-3073, March 2007, and replaced by Ord. #10-3659, April 2010)

12-602. Available in commissioner's office. Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the existing building code has been placed on file in the office of the commissioner of finance and revenue and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (1968 code, § 4-503, as amended by Ord. #06-3073, March 2007, and deleted, renumbered and amended by Ord. #10-3659, April 2010)

12-603. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the existing building code as herein adopted by reference and modified. (1968 code, § 4-504, as amended and renumbered by Ord. #10-3659, April 2010)

1Copies of this code may be purchased from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
CHAPTER 7

UNSAFE BUILDING ABATEMENT CODE

SECTION
12-701. Unsafe building abatement code adopted.
12-702. Conflicts with existing ordinances.
12-703. Modifications.

12-701. Unsafe building abatement code adopted. The Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code, a standard code of the Southern Building Code, is hereby adopted by reference as though it were fully copied herein. (as added by Ord. #00-2088, June 2000)

12-702. Conflicts with existing ordinances. Any matters in said Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code which are in conflict with existing ordinances of the City of Lebanon shall prevail, and such conflicting ordinances of the City of Lebanon are hereby repealed in that respect only. (as added by Ord. #00-2088, June 2000)

12-703. Modifications. Within the Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code, when reference is made to the duties of a certain official named therein, that designated official of the City of Lebanon who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in said code shall be deemed to be the responsible official, with the assistance of the city codes administrator, insofar as enforcing the provisions of said code are concerned. (as added by Ord. #00-2088, June 2000)

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1Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

2In the opinion of MTAS codes team, this chapter has been repealed by implication in Ord. #06-3073 as the Unsafe Building Abatement Code has been included in the International Building Code, title 12, chapter 2.
CHAPTER 8

MECHANICAL CODE

SECTION
12-801. Mechanical code adopted.
12-802. Available in commissioner's office.
12-803. Violations.

12-801. **Mechanical code adopted.** Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of establishing minimum regulations for mechanical systems using prescriptive and performance-related provisions, the *International Mechanical Code*,¹ 2003 edition, and its appendices, as prepared and adopted by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the mechanical code. (as added by Ord. #10-3659, April 2010)

12-802. **Available in commissioner's office.** Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the mechanical code has been placed on file in the office of the commissioner of finance and revenue and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (as added by Ord. #10-3659, April 2010)

12-803. **Violations.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the mechanical code as herein adopted by reference. (as added by Ord. #10-3659, April 2010)

¹Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
CHAPTER 9

ACCESSIBILITY CODE

SECTION

12-901. Accessibility code adopted
12-902. Available in commissioner's office.
12-903. Violations.

12-901. **Accessibility code adopted.** Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of establishing regulations for the construction and renovations of buildings for public access, the North Carolina Accessibility Code, and its appendices with 2004 amendments, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code and is hereinafter referred to as the mechanical code. (as added by Ord. #10-3659, April 2010)

12-902. **Available in commissioner's office.** Pursuant to the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the accessibility code has been placed on file in the office of the commissioner of finance and revenue and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (as added by Ord. #10-3659, April 2010)

12-903. **Violations.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the accessibility code as herein adopted by reference. (as added by Ord. #10-3659, April 2010)