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CHAPTER 1
MISCELLANEOUS

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7-101. Fire limits described. The corporate fire limits shall be as follows:

Starting at the centerline intersection of South Greenwood Street and West Main Street, this point being the point of beginning; thence running on the centerline of West Main Street in a westerly direction a distance of 60' to a point, this point being the centerline intersection of North Greenwood Street and West Main Street; thence turning and running on the centerline of North Greenwood Street in a northerly direction a distance of 1900' to a point, this point being the centerline intersection of North Greenwood Street and West High Street; thence turning and running on the centerline of West and East High Street in an easterly direction a distance of 2500' to a point, this point

1Charter reference
Provisions authorizing a fire department, fire prevention regulations:
Particularly Art. II, § 1 (38) and (43).

2Municipal code references
Building height regulations to accommodate fire trucks: title 14.
Fire chief: § 1-606.
Responsibilities involving fire code inspection: § 1-605.
being the centerline intersection of East High Street and Cedar Street; thence turning and running on the centerline of Cedar Street in a southerly direction a distance of 950' to a point, this point being the centerline intersection of Cedar Street and Hallum Street; thence turning and running on the centerline of Hallum Street in an easterly direction a distance of 580' to a point, this point being the centerline intersection of Hallum Street and Ward Street; thence turning and running on the centerline of Ward Street in a southerly direction a distance of 800' to a point, this point being the centerline intersection of Ward Street, East Main Street and Park Avenue; thence turning and running in a south westerly direction a distance of 700' to a point, this point being on the centerline of Cherry Street, this point also being 264' south of the centerline intersection of Cherry Street and East Gay Street; thence turning and running in a westerly direction a distance of 1050' to a point, this point being on the centerline of South College Street, this point also being 264' south of the centerline intersection of East Gay Street and South College Street; thence turning and running in a southerly direction on the centerline of South College Street a distance of 2250' to a point, this point being the centerline intersection of South College Street and Tennessee Central Railroad; thence turning and running on the centerline of Tennessee Central Railroad in a westerly direction a distance of 700' to a point, this point being the centerline intersection of Tennessee Central Railroad and Sinking Creek; thence turning and running on the centerline of Sinking Creek in a northerly direction a distance of 850' to a point, this point being the intersection of the centerline of Sinking Creek and Newby Street; thence turning and running in a westerly direction on the centerline of Newby Street extended westerly a distance of 400' to a point, this point being 192' west of the centerline of South Maple Street; thence turning and running in a northerly direction a distance of 1500' to a point, this point being 192' west of the centerline intersection of South Maple Street and West Gay Street; thence turning and running on the centerline of West Gay Street in a westerly direction a distance of 845' to a point, this point being the centerline intersection of West Gay Street and South Greenwood Street; thence turning and running in a northerly direction on the centerline of South Greenwood Street a distance of 415' to a point, this point being the point to beginning, containing 200.69 acres more or less. (1968 code, § 7-101, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997)

7-102. Paved drives and parking lots required. All newly constructed buildings begun after January 1, 1989 shall comply with the provisions in this section so as to allow maximum usage of the fire equipment owned and operated by the City of Lebanon.

(1) All new construction shall contain a paved asphalt or concrete drive of not less than twenty (20) feet in width, or a paved parking lot on at least two (2) sides of such buildings, wherein the building is constructed for purposes of business, industrial or multi-family residential use.
(2) The required paved drives or parking areas stated under this section shall be designed to permit ready access of fire apparatus or equipment and the drive or paved areas shall be no further than twenty (20) feet from the wall of the building subject to these provisions; however, the center line of the fire access roadway shall be no closer than thirty (30) feet from the vertical wall. Whenever a structure is adjacent to the public roadway and the vertical wall is within 35 feet of the edge of driving lane pavement, the roadway can be considered sufficient access for one side of the fire access road.

(3) The intent and purpose of this section is to provide access for fire equipment and ladder trucks to promote the protection of the property and persons occupying same, and the required paved drives and/or parking areas stated herein shall be placed in such a manner as to allow ready access to the roof or upper stories of the building. Furthermore, where it is deemed appropriate, the fire chief of the City of Lebanon may require that those areas be designated as "No Parking Areas" to permit immediate access. (Ord. 88-643, §§ 1-5, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997)

7-103. Fire hydrants required. (1) Any persons or parties installing water mains or fire lines on private property shall be required to install fire hydrants, at the expense of the owner. Fire hydrants shall be so spaced that adequate fire protection to all buildings can be provided; and shall be so located that they will be accessible, protected from traffic hazards, and will not obstruct walks, roadways, or parking facilities. Fire hydrants shall be spaced no further apart than five hundred (500) feet and must meet all requirements of § 603.1.3 of the Standard Fire Prevention Code (current edition).

(2) Fire hydrants authorized and required by this section shall be installed for the protection of property and lives.

(3) Fire hydrants required under this section shall be installed pursuant to the standards of State of Tennessee, Health Department and the department of public works of the City of Lebanon.

(4) Persons owning private property who refuse to install fire hydrants deemed to be necessary according to this section of Lebanon Municipal Code shall be denied a certificate of occupancy for any structure which would be served by such hydrant(s). (Ord. 88-644, modified, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997)

7-104. Automatic sprinkler systems required. The following requirements and regulations shall govern automatic sprinkler systems within the city:

(1) That automatic sprinkler systems shall be required for new or renovated buildings beginning construction inside the city limits of Lebanon, Tennessee after January 1, 1989 per the following:

(a) An approved automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for buildings as required by the ICC International Building Code, current

(b) Fire department connections for automatic sprinkler systems shall be approximately fifty feet (50') from a fire hydrant. The exact location will be coordinated with building and fire code officials.

(2) Automatic sprinkler systems required under this chapter shall be installed, tested, inspected and maintained in accordance with the ICC International Fire Code, current edition, and the National Fire Protection Association Standards 13 and 25 unless noted otherwise.

(3) Automatic sprinkler systems required in compliance with NFPA 13 or 13R shall be provided with approved waterflow alarm systems which shall transmit an alarm to the fire department or a constantly attended central station except upon waiver of the fire inspector. Connecting the system to the fire department or an approved, constantly attended central station is optional for systems in compliance with NFPA 13D. Waterflow alarm systems required under this section shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the ICC International Fire Code, current edition, and the National Fire Protection Association Standards No. 13, 25 and 72A and any other applicable National Fire Protection Association Standards.

(4) Prior to the construction or installation of any sprinkler system required under this section, two (2) sets of plans for all required sprinkler systems and fire alarm systems shall be submitted to the building officials' certified fire inspector for approval. No sprinkler system or fire alarm system shall be installed without the approval of the above official.

(5) Inspection of sprinkler systems installed in the City of Lebanon shall be accomplished by the building official's certified fire inspector, and any sprinkler or fire alarm system which does not meet the standards and codes defined herein or other applicable fire codes, shall be denoted by the above official, and the owner shall correct said violation within a reasonable time.

(6) Fees as established by the municipal code or ordinances of the Lebanon city council may be charged for the review of the sprinkler system plans.

(7) Where not otherwise required by this section all fire protection systems installed in the City of Lebanon shall be in compliance with existing fire codes and the state fire codes.

(8) Where the requirements stated in this section conflict with existing building codes or existing fire codes, the more stringent code shall apply.

(9) The fire chief or his duly authorized representative shall be available for consultation with the building official's certified fire inspector.

(10) Inspection of the maintenance and testing of existing sprinkler systems in the City of Lebanon shall be in accordance with the ICC International Fire Code, current edition and future updates, and the National Fire Protection Association Standard 25 and future updates of either. These
inspections shall be accomplished by the fire chief or his duly authorized certified fire inspector.

(11) (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, any site plans brought before the Lebanon Planning Commission depicting a planned structure, whether residential, commercial, or industrial, or any other structure constructed within the City of Lebanon's planning jurisdiction, comprised of three (3) or more stories, or that may in the future be comprised of three (3) or more stories, shall include an automatic fire sprinkler system, compliant with NFPA 13D or 13R, on or in each and every story of the structure.

(b) For purposes of this section, a "story" shall be defined as any level of a structure comprised of usable space, whether it is used or not, including, but not limited to, garages or basements, attics with permanently affixed staircases, or any other space above or below the primary floors of a structure for which there is access. (Ord. 88-646, §§ 1-10, as amended by Ord. #90-833, § 1, and Ord. #95-1384, Nov. 1995, replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997, Ord. #97-1630, June 1997, Ord. #06-2921, July 2006, and amended by Ord. #07-3229, Nov. 2007)

7-105. Standpipe systems required. The following requirements and regulations shall govern standpipe systems within the city:

(1) That standpipe systems shall be required for new or renovated buildings beginning construction inside the city limits of Lebanon, Tennessee after May 1, 2006 per the following:

(a) An approved standpipe system shall be provided for buildings as required by the ICC International Building Code and future updates, the International Fire Code and future updates and the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code and future updates or any additional or new codes that may be adopted by the City of Lebanon, Tennessee.

(b) Standpipe system design, installation and testing shall comply with NFPA 14.

(c) An approved Class III standpipe system shall be provided in all buildings three (3) floors or higher.

(d) Fire department connections for standpipe systems shall be approximately fifty feet (50') from a fire hydrant. The exact location will be coordinated with the building and fire code officials.

(e) The complete layout of all standpipe systems shall be submitted to the building official for approval before installation.

(f) Standpipe systems shall not be required for one and two family dwellings. (as added by Ord. #06-2921, July 2006, and replaced by Ord. #09-3590, Oct. 2009)
7-106. Access to premises required. To insure the fire department's access to premises within the city, fire lanes and other means of access to such premises are required as follows:

(1) All premises which the Lebanon fire department may be called upon to protect in case of fire and which are not readily accessible from public roads shall be provided with suitable gates, access roads, and fire lanes so that all buildings on the premises are readily accessible to fire equipment and apparatus.

(2) Fire lanes shall be provided for all buildings which are set back more than one hundred fifty (150) feet from the public road or exceed thirty (30) feet in height and are set back over fifty (50) feet from a public road.

(3) Fire lanes shall be at least twenty (20) feet in width with the road edge closest to the building at least (10) feet from the building, and any dead-end road more than 300 feet long shall be provided with a turn around at the closed end, at least ninety (90) feet in diameter. Fire lanes shall be designated on all site plan submittals and approved by the building official's certified fire inspector after consultation with the fire chief or his duly authorized agent. Use and maintenance of fire lanes on private property located in the City of Lebanon shall be accomplished as specified by the Lebanon fire chief or his duly authorized representative, and said designation shall be in compliance with the provisions and requirements of this section.

(4) All fire lanes designated as required by this chapter shall be marked by contrasting color and markings on the road or parking surface, and shall be designated as "Fire Lanes" and appropriate signs, permanently mounted, shall be marked and maintained by the owners of those private buildings, with each and every fire lane having at least one sign which states:

"NO PARKING - FIRE LANE"

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person to park motor vehicles on, or otherwise obstruct vehicles' use of any fire lane or lanes.

(6) Any person found guilty of parking a motor vehicle on, or otherwise obstructing, a fire lane shall be fined an amount in accordance with the general penalty provision of this code of ordinances, plus costs.

(7) Upon designation of an area as a fire lane, the Lebanon fire chief or his duly authorized representative, shall notify the property owner or occupant of the need for a designated fire lane, and the property owner or occupant shall comply with the written designation and shall mark the fire lane and install the necessary signs within thirty (30) days from the receipt of written notification, or be declared in violation of this section.

(8) Where the requirements in this section conflict with the National Fire Protection Code or NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, the more stringent code shall apply. (Ord. 88-648, §§ 1-8, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997, and renumbered by Ord. #06-2921, July 2006)
7-107. **Open burning restricted.** Open burning within the city is restricted as follows:

(1) No person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit open burning of refuse, garbage, trade waste, trees, limbs, leaves, brush, grass, flammables, combustibles, or materials from construction or salvage operations except upon written permit issued by the fire chief of Lebanon, Tennessee or his duly authorized representative.

(2) Open burning as listed below may be conducted without permit provided that no public nuisance is or will be created by the open burning:

(a) Fires used for the cooking of food or for ceremonial or recreational purposes including barbecues and outdoor fireplaces:

(b) Fires set for the training and instruction of firemen or for research in fire protection or prevention.

(3) The fire chief for the City of Lebanon or his duly authorized representative shall issue permits for open burning if the following conditions are met:

(a) A written request is filed with the fire chief giving the reason why no method except open burning can be employed to dispose of the material involved, the amount and kind of material to be burned, the exact location where the burning will take place, and the dates when the open burning will be accomplished.

(b) Approval for the open burning is received from the fire chief or fire inspector.

(c) The open burning shall be accomplished between the hours of nine (9:00) o'clock A.M. and four (4:00) o'clock P.M. or as otherwise authorized by the fire chief or fire inspector.

(4) The grant of permission and/or the issuance of a permit as described above will not relieve the person responsible for such burning from the consequences of any damages, injuries, or claims resulting from such open burning. Likewise, the issuance of a permit to allow open burning shall not cause the City of Lebanon or its duly authorized representatives to become responsible for the consequences arising out of the permitted burning.

(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to conflict or be contrary to the Tennessee Air Quality Act (Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-22-108, et seq.), and the person or organization seeking a permit shall be solely responsible for compliance with the Act in the event a permit is issued. (Ord. 88-647, §§ 1-5, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997, and renumbered by Ord. #06-2921, July 2006)

7-108. **Fireworks.**

(1) **Prohibitions, unlawful acts.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, organization, partnership, unincorporated association, limited partnership or corporation to sell, offer to sell, display for sale, or possess with intent to sell, articles of fireworks within the
corporate limits of the City of Lebanon, whether as principal, proprietor, 
salesperson, agent, association, co-partnership, or one (1) or more 
individuals.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, organization, 
partnership, unincorporated association, limited partnership or 
corporation to discharge or explode any fireworks, this shall not include 
non-aerial, non-exploding types of fireworks such as sparklers and/or 
smoke bombs, within the corporate limits of the City of Lebanon, 
Tennessee; provided that this prohibition shall not apply to duly 
authorized public displays conducted by the city in celebration of holidays 
and other special events as permitted by the city safety coordinator.

(2) Nuisance, injunction. Any violation of this section is hereby 
declared to be a nuisance. In addition to any other relief provided herein, the 
city attorney may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for an injunction to 
prohibit the continuation of any violation of this section. Such application for 
relief may include seeking a temporary restraining order, temporary injunction, 
and permanent injunction.

(3) Penalty. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision 
of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed five 
hundred ($500) dollars for each offense. Each day that a violation occurs or 
continues shall constitute a separate offense. (1968 code, § 7-208, as replaced 
by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997; Ord. #00-2087, May 2000; and Ord. #00-2108, Aug. 
2000, and renumbered by Ord. #06-2921, July 2006)
CHAPTER 2

FIRE CODE

SECTION

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7-201. **Fire code adopted.** The City of Lebanon does hereby adopt as its fire code all of the terms and conditions of the following:


7-202. **Code to be available for information.** The Building Official for the City of Lebanon shall maintain volumes of the above stated codes, for inspection by the public, at the main fire station, Gay Street, Lebanon, Tennessee. (1968 code, § 7-101, as replaced by Ord. 88-649, § 2, and Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997)

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1 Charter reference
   Authority to enact a fire code: Art. II, § 1 (38) and (43).
   Municipal code reference
   Building, utility, etc. codes: title 12.

2 Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.
7-203. **Enforcement responsibilities.** The responsibilities involving fire code inspection and compliance are delegated as follows (based on Ord. #94-1116 §§ 5 & 6):

1. The building inspector or his duly authorized representative shall be responsible for plans review, approval and inspection of new construction and/or remodeling.
2. The director of codes enforcement shall be responsible for inspection of existing buildings, structures and properties.
   a. All fire code violations shall be certified in writing by the fire chief or his duly authorized representative to the director of codes enforcement.
3. The fire chief or his duly authorized agent shall be available for consultation with the building inspectors and codes enforcement inspectors concerning any issues related to fire protection in the City of Lebanon. (Ord. #88-649, § 3, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997)

7-204. **Applications to new or remodeled buildings.** Any new or remodeled building construction commenced after January 1, 1989 shall be required to comply with Title 7 of the Lebanon Municipal Code. (Ord. 88-649, § 4, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997)

7-205. **Applications to existing buildings.** Existing buildings at the passage of this section which fail to comply with the Lebanon fire codes stated herein shall not be subject to a civil or criminal penalty for the subject violation, unless the director of codes enforcement can show an extreme danger to the health and safety of the public by allowing the existing building to continue with non-compliance of this code. (Ord. 88-649, § 5, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997)

7-206. **Failure to comply.** The construction of new buildings or substantial remodeling of existing buildings without compliance to the fire codes stated herein shall be declared a violation of this chapter and shall cause the violator to be subject to the civil and criminal penalties stated herein. (Ord. 88-649, § 6, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997)

7-207. **Notice and correcting of violations.** Upon finding a violation of the subject codes, the fire chief or his duly authorized representative shall give written notice to the director of codes enforcement who shall require correction of the fire code violation within thirty (30) days from the written notice, or upon a sooner period if in the judgment of the fire chief an extreme public safety hazard exists. The director of codes enforcement may grant an extension for compliance beyond the thirty (30) days notice; however, this extension shall not extend for a period greater than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the original citation, except by court order of the City
7-208. **Stop work orders.** A "Stop Work Order" may be issued by a building inspector of the City of Lebanon against any premises located in the City of Lebanon wherein new construction or remodeling work is underway which does not comply with the fire codes described herein. Resolution of the subject order shall occur at a hearing before the city judge of Lebanon, Tennessee, within a reasonable time after the stop work order has been issued for the alleged violation of the subject fire codes, but no later than seven (7) days. (Ord. 88-649, § 8, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997)

7-209. **Failure to heed notice.** After receiving notice and warning from the director of codes enforcement, and upon failure to comply with the fire codes cited in the warning or notice within the time limitation stated by the director of codes enforcement, the person continuing to violate the codes shall be issued a citation for appearance and show cause before the City Court of Lebanon, Tennessee to determine the reason for the continued violation of the codes. (Ord. 88-649, § 9, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997)

7-210. **Continuing violations.** Any person guilty of a continuing violation of the fire codes for the City of Lebanon as designated herein shall be subject to punishment according to the general penalty provision of this municipal code of ordinances. (Ord. 88-649, § 10, modified, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997)

7-211. **Fine not actual remedy for violations.** In the case of a fire code violation which is deemed to be an extreme hazard to the public safety and welfare, the Director of Codes Enforcement of Lebanon, Tennessee or his duly authorized representative, upon filing a proper petition before the Chancery Court of Wilson County, Tennessee, and the injunctive relief may be sought notwithstanding other action which may be undertaken concerning any violations, including, but not limited, to the above stated notice and warning procedure. (Ord. 88-649, § 11, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997)

7-212. **Variances.** Variances from the Lebanon Fire Code may be requested under the following procedure:

1. The board of zoning appeals shall, under the authority of this code, act as a special board of appeals concerning the Lebanon Fire Code. Said board shall receive and hear variances at its regular hearing time and place as an additional duty by the regular zoning appeals procedure. The board shall hear and decide appeals from the denial of a building permit where the basis of said denial involves a fire code question.
(2) The board of zoning appeals, acting as a special board, shall also hear and decide appeals when it is alleged there is an error in any requirements, decision, or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement or administration of this title.

(3) The board of zoning appeals, acting as a special board, shall hear and decide upon a variance based upon the following standards:

(a) Good and sufficient cause exists for the granting of the variance.
(b) Failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship to the applicant.
(c) The issuance of the variance would not result in increased or additional threats to public safety or extraordinary public expense.
(d) The variance allowed is the minimum necessary to afford relief.
(e) The variance would not have the effect of nullifying the intent and purpose of this title.
(f) All applications for variances shall be heard by the board after reference to such committees and by administrative officials as may be established for purposes of investigation and recommendation.
(g) Prior to the granting of a variance, the board must find that justification exists in accordance with the terms of this title. These findings together with grant of a variance, shall be reduced to writing and made a part of municipal records. All variances shall pertain to the particular parcel of land and apply only to the proposed structure set forth in the variance application.
(h) Such variance shall be freely transferable with the land and shall not be personal to the applicant.
(i) Unless otherwise provided therein, a variance shall be valid for a period of one (1) year after the date of its issuance. If construction has not commenced pursuant thereto within such time, said variance shall become void. Lapse of a variance by the passage of time shall not preclude subsequent application for variance.
(j) No variance except as herein specifically permitted may be granted from the provisions of the title. The variance procedures herein provided shall be the exclusive method for obtaining variances under the provisions herein.
(k) Application and fee. Each written application for a variance shall be accompanied by a fee of $50.00. Such an application shall reflect the type of structure(s) for which a variance is sought, the size of such structures, the approximate location upon the parcel and the intended use thereof. (1968 code, § 7-206, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997)

7-213. **Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc.** (1) The fire district referred to in NFPA 495 in the National Fire Prevention Code, in which
storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, is hereby declared to be the fire district as set out in section 7-101 of this code.

(2) The fire district referred to in NFPA 30 of the National Fire Prevention Code, in which storage of flammable liquids in outside above ground tanks is prohibited, is hereby declared to be the fire district as set out in section 7-101 of this code.

(3) The fire district referred to in NFPA 30 of the National Fire Prevention Code, in which new bulk plants for flammable or combustible liquids are prohibited, is hereby declared to be the fire district as set out in section 7-101 of this code.

(4) The fire district referred to in NFPA 58 of the National Fire Prevention Code, in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted, is hereby declared to be the fire district as set out in section 7-101 of this code.

(1968 code, § 7-204, modified, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997)

7-214. **Penalty.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or the fire prevention code hereby adopted, or fail to comply therewith, or violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder; or build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken; or fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the city council or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein. The application of a penalty under the general penalty clause for this municipal code shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions. (1968 code, § 7-207, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 1997)
CHAPTER 3

FIRE DEPARTMENT¹

SECTION
7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership.
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7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership. There is hereby established a fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the city council. All apparatus, equipment, and supplies shall be purchased by or through the city and shall be and remain the property of the city. The fire department shall be composed of a chief appointed by the mayor and such number of physically-fit subordinate officers and firefighters as the council shall authorize and the chief shall appoint.²

7-302. Objectives. The fire department shall have as its objectives:
(1) To prevent uncontrolled fires from starting.
(2) To prevent the loss of life and property because of fires.
(3) To confine fires to their places of origin.
(4) To extinguish uncontrolled fires.
(5) To prevent loss of life from asphyxiation or drowning.
(6) To perform such rescue work as its equipment and/or the training of its personnel makes practicable. (1968 code, § 7-302)

¹Charter references
Fire chief, appointment of personnel, etc.: Particularly Art. III, §§ 2 and 14; Art. V, § 5; and Art. VI.
See also Art. II, § 1, subsecs. (38) and (43).
Municipal code reference
Special privileges with respect to traffic: title 9, chapter 1.
Fire chief: § 1-606.
Ordinance #03-2463, May 2003, authorizes a mutual aid agreement between the City of Lebanon and the City of Gallatin Fire Departments.


³Charter references
Employee welfare plan: Art. II, § 3.
Pensions: Art. XII, § 11.
Salaries: Art. VI, § 1.
7-303. **Organization, rules, and regulations.** The chief of the fire department shall set up the organization of the department, make definite assignments to individuals, and shall formulate and enforce such rules and regulations as are necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the fire department. (1968 code, § 7-303)

7-304. **Records and reports.** The chief of the fire department shall keep adequate records of all fires, inspections, apparatus, equipment, personnel, and work of the department. He shall submit a written report on such matters to the mayor once each month, and at the end of the year a detailed annual report shall be made. (1968 code, § 7-304)

7-305. **Chief responsible for training.** The chief of the fire department shall be fully responsible for the training of the fire fighters, and the minimum training shall consist of having the personnel take the fire apparatus out for practice operations not less than once a month. (1968 code, § 7-305)

7-306. **Chief to be assistant to state officer.** Pursuant to requirements of *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 68-17-108 the chief of the fire department is designated as an assistant to the state commissioner of insurance and is subject to all the duties and obligations imposed by *Tennessee Code Annotated*, title 68, ch. 17 and shall be subject to the directions of the commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof. (1968 code, § 7-307)