

TITLE 7
FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS¹

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CHAPTER 1

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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. 4, 1997)

7-102. Paved drives and parking lots required. All newly constructed non-residential 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 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. 4, 1997; Ord. #23-6786, Nov. 7, 2023)

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. 4, 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 edition and future updates, the ICC International Fire Code, current edition and future updates, and the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, current edition and future updates.

(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) All commercial and industrial facilities are required to have their sprinkler system tested annually 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.

(a) All commercial and industrial facilities in the City are required to submit an annual report to the Lebanon Fire Department containing the following:

- (1) Number of sprinkler heads in the facility.
- (2) Date of annual test on sprinkler system.

- (3) Copy of annual test that was conducted on sprinkler system.
- (4) Size of inspector test port.
- (5) Pressure of system.
- (6) Time of flow during annual test.
- (7) Gallons of flow during annual test.

(b) All commercial and industrial facilities in the City shall submit an administrative fee of \$75.00 which will be used to offset the cost of the administrative handling of these reports. Nonprofit entities that have been granted the status of a 501(c)(3) organization withing the U.S. Internal Revenue Service shall be \$25.00. These funds will go to the Lebanon Fire Department.

(c) Retroactive to January 1, 2015, each commercial and industrial facility will have 45 days after their annual test of their sprinkler system to submit the test report to the Lebanon Fire Department.

(d) Upon the creation of this new section 7-104(10) of the Lebanon Municipal Code in 2015, a letter will be mailed to all commercial and industrial entities in the City of Lebanon within 30 days after such change has passed second reading by the city council to inform them of this required report.

(e) This section will apply to all commercial and industrial entities in the City of Lebanon, including facilities owned by nonprofit organizations. The administrative fee for nonprofit entities that have been granted the status of a 501(c)(3) organization by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service shall be \$25.00. Facilities owned and used primarily by churches recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, as tax exempt institutions, are exempt from this section.

(f) All commercial and industrial facilities shall submit by March 31, 2015, copies of all annual fire sprinkler system test reports completed from January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014. In addition to such reports, all commercial and industrial facilities shall submit on the company letterhead the following:

- (1) Number of sprinkler heads in the facility.
- (2) Size of inspector test port.
- (3) Time of flow during annual test.
- (4) Gallons of flow during annual test.

These reports and copies of tests shall be submitted to the Lebanon Fire Department with an administrative fee of \$75.00. Nonprofit entities that have been granted the status of a 501(c)(3) organization by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service shall submit an administrative fee of \$25.00.

(g) A late penalty of \$25 shall be assessed per month for each month, full or partial, the report is past the due date of the report.

(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. The Central Business (B-2) zoning district is exempt from this requirement but buildings in the B-2 district still shall meet the requirements of the International Fire Code and International Building Code as adopted by the City.

(b) The ceiling over any basement in a three (3) story structure shall be constructed to meet a one (1) hour fire rating, regardless of whether the basement is finished or unfinished.

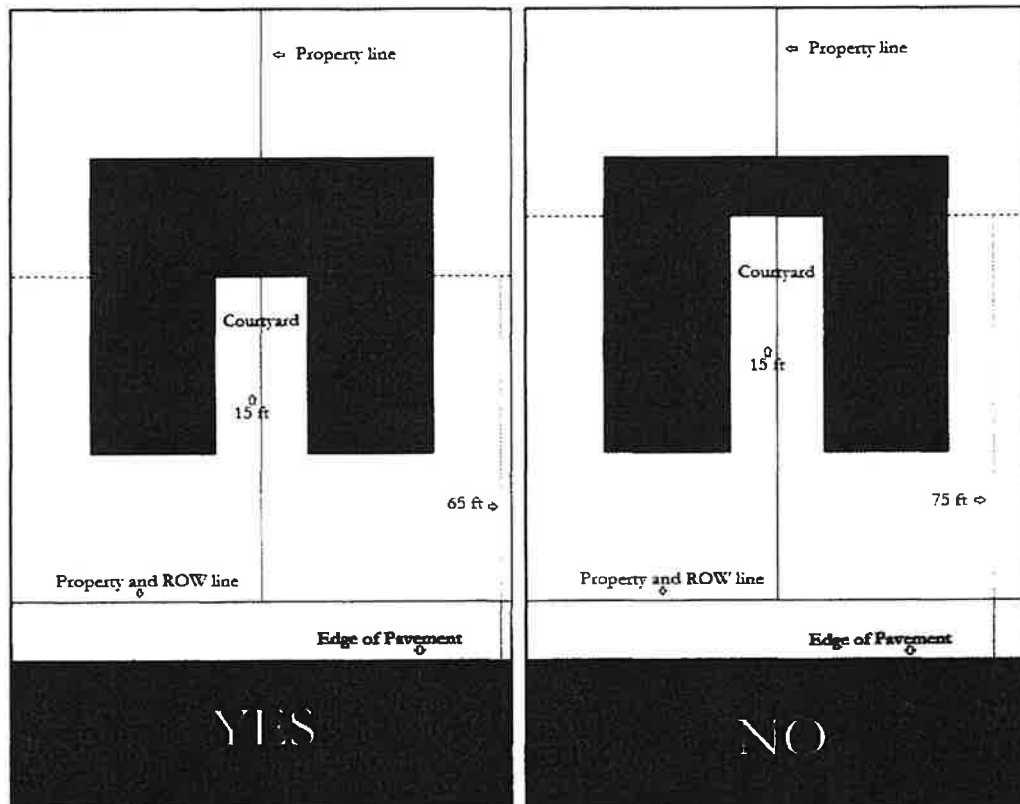
(c) For purposes of this section, a “story” shall be defined as any level of a structure comprised of usable space, whether it is used or not, including, but not limited to, garages, basements, and attics with permanently affixed staircases.

(12) Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, nothing in Title 7 Fire Protection and Fireworks Code or other previously passed ordinance is intended to prohibit developments with 0 feet setbacks (zero lot lines) if that development would otherwise be allowed in "Title 14 Planning and Zoning" and the "Subdivision Regulations."

(13) All developments utilizing 0 feet setback (zero lot line) shall conform to the International Building Code as adopted by the City of Lebanon and any other relevant State or Federal regulations.

(14) However, if a gap or courtyard that is narrower than 20 feet (eave to eave) is created between buildings on adjoining properties, either a one hour fire wall shall be installed or a sprinkler system shall be installed.

(15) The front side of the common wall (at the back of the gap or courtyard) shall be no further than 65 feet from the edge of pavement (as shown below) without installing a sprinkler system.



(16) Distance between buildings shall be measured from outside wall to outside wall; however an eave may not extend more than eighteen inches (18in) beyond the outside wall. If an eave is wider than eighteen inches (18in), the outside wall will be considered to start eighteen inches back from the outside edge of the eave.

(17) Any new building that is less than ten feet (10ft) from a property line or is located less than twenty feet (20 feet) from an existing building shall be sprinkled if more than twenty percent (20%) of the wall closest to the property line or existing building has an opening (such as a door or window) that is not one hour fire rated.

(18) No openings (such as doors or windows) are allowed on the wall closet to a property line or existing building if it is less than five feet (5ft) from a property line or ten feet (10ft) from a building unless a sprinkler system is installed. (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. 6, 2007; Ord. #10-3690, June 1, 2010; Ord. # 14-4580, March 18, 2014; Ord. #14-4642, June 17, 2014; Ord. # 14-4672, August 5, 2014; and Ord. # 15-4828, February 3, 2015)

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 18, 2006, and replaced by Ord. #09-3590, Oct. 20, 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 premise 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. 4, 1997, and renumbered by Ord. #06-2921, July 18, 2006)

7-107. Open burning generally.

(a) No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit open burning within the entire city limits of Lebanon, except as set in following subsections:

(1) Commercial barbecue fireplace.

(2) Fires set by or at the direction of responsible fire control persons for training purposes or directed at the prevention, elimination, or reduction of fire hazards.

(3) Fires set at the direction of law enforcement agencies or courts for the purpose of destruction of controlled substances and legend drugs seized as contraband. This does not include antineoplastic agents.

(b) Routine demolition of structures via supervised open burning by responsible fire control persons will not be considered fire training or elimination of fire hazard. Demolition of structures may be conducted by open burning provided that there is unilaterally issued state or local building codes order to demolish the structure by open burning because of its structural failure. Such orders shall be recognized only where there is no other safe way to demolish the structure.

(c) Warming barrels shall be allowed at building construction sites during cold weather. Barrel must be at least twenty-five (25) feet from a structure or combustible material. (Ord. 23-6870 Oct. 3, 2023)

7-108. Open burning by homeowners. A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with the following subsections.

(a) Prohibited open burning. Open burning shall be prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.¹

(b) Permit required. A permit shall be obtained from the fire code official prior to kindling a fire for recognized silvicultural or range or wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests, or a bonfire. Application for such approval shall only be presented by and permits issued to the owner of the land on which the fire is to be kindled.²

(c) Authorization. Where required by state or local law or regulations, open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are followed.³

(d) Extinguishment authority. Where open burning creates or adds to a hazardous situation, or a required permit for open burning has not been obtained, the fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment of the open burning operation.⁴

¹ 2018 International Fire Code § 307.1.1

² 2018 International Fire Code § 307.2

³ 2018 International Fire Code § 307.2.1

⁴ 2018 International Fire Code § 307.3

(e) Location. The location for *open burning* shall be not less than fifty (50) feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within fifty (50) feet of any structure. The following are exceptions to this subsection (e)

1. Fires in *approved* containers that are not less than fifteen (15) feet from a structure.

The minimum required distance from a structure shall be twenty-five (25) feet where the pile size is three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height.⁵

(f) Bonfires. A bonfire shall not be conducted within fifty (50) feet of a structure or combustible material.⁶

(g) Recreational fires. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within twenty-five (25) feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within twenty-five (25) feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.⁷

(h) Portable outdoor fireplaces. Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within fifteen (15) feet of a structure or combustible material. Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one and two-family dwellings are exempt from this subsection (h).⁸

(i) Attendance. Open burning, bonfires, recreational fires, and use of outdoor portable fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Not fewer than one portable fire extinguisher complying with 2018 International Fire Code § 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.⁹ (Ord. 23-6870 Oct. 3, 2023)

7-109. Open burning under special circumstances.

(a) Following a natural disaster, the Fire Marshal and/or Fire Chief may authorize open burning of class A wood materials, brush and yard debris in an effort to mitigate materials in order to speed up recovery efforts.

(b) Property owners that own more than five (5) acres of land that is zoned other than residential, may conduct property maintenance burns twice annually by permit; between October 1 and May 30 and during daylight hours of sunrise to sunset. Property Owners will adhere to the following items;

⁵ 2018 International Fire Code § 307.4

⁶ 2018 International Fire Code § 307.4.1

⁷ 2018 International Fire Code § 307.4.2

⁸ 2018 International Fire Code § 307.4.3

⁹ 2018 International Fire Code § 307.5

(c) The Property Owner will acknowledge in the burn permit application that the property owner assumes full responsibility and liability for any damages incurred by their open burning;

(d) Brush pile is a minimum of five hundred (500) feet from a residential neighborhood, unless approval is granted by the Fire Marshal or Fire Chief for a reduced distance;

(e) The brush pile is a minimum of two hundred (200) feet from any forest, tree line, or combustible structure;

(f) The brush pile contains only brush, limbs, or wood items that were collected on the identified property and not trucked in or transferred from another location.

(g) There will be no property maintenance burns when winds exceed ten (10) miles per hour.

(h) Property Owners will abide by any and all published State of Tennessee, County-wide or City declared burn bans.

(i) Property Owners (or designated person) must remain on site with adequate fire extinguishing equipment until the fire is extinguished and no longer smoldering.

(j) Property Owners may request Fire Department Stand-by assistance during Property Maintenance burns at the designated rate as listed in the City of Lebanon Fee Schedule. (Ord. 23-6870 Oct. 3, 2023)

7-110. Construction fires.

(a) No construction materials will be disposed of by burning within the City of Lebanon.

(b) The prime contractor, also known as the general contractor, for the site of the building construction shall be responsible for the acts of all his or her employees, sub-contractors, vendors or others using his or her site to start fires.

(c) No roofing, waste oil/fuel, plastics, oil-based products, paints, insulation, or any other construction material emitting airborne pollutants shall be burned within the city limits of Lebanon.

(d) Any fire on a construction site resulting in a fire response by the city's Fire Department, shall result in a service fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per hour (one (1) hour minimum) per apparatus, fifteen dollars (\$15) per hour (one (1) hour minimum) per person responding to the call, and any materials used at cost charged to the prime contractor upon whose site the fire is found. The service fee shall be added to the Fire Department's budget.

(e) The Fire Chief shall keep a record of time, place and facts related to any construction site fire response and shall notify the city's Building Inspector and the appropriate contractors by regular mail of his or her findings.

(f) A certificate of occupancy for the built construction shall be withheld by the city's Building Inspector until the service fee is paid, and there will be no further building permits issued to the named contractor until the

service fee is paid to the city.

(g) All permits issued by the Fire Marshal before November 1, 2023 shall continue to be valid until they expire or are revoked. (Ord. 23-6870 Oct. 3, 2023)

7-111. Land clearing fires. Land clearing fires are strictly prohibited. This includes the burning of stumps, heavy timber, and forest floor materials i.e., duff.(Ord. 88-647, §§ 1-5, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 4, 1997, and renumbered by Ord. #06-2921, July 18, 2006, as replaced by Ord. 23-6870 Oct. 3,2023)

7-112. Fireworks.

A. **Definitions.** The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(1) **Approved** means acceptable to the fire code official pursuant to the 2018 International Fire Code, as adopted by the City of Lebanon.

(2) **Fireworks, 1.4G (formerly known as DOT Class C Common Fireworks)** means small fireworks devices containing restricted amounts of pyrotechnic composition designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion. Such 1.4G fireworks which comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the DOTn for Fireworks, UN 0336, and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission as set forth in CPSC 16 CFR: Parts 1500 and 1507, are not explosive materials for the purpose of the 2018 International Fire Code, as adopted by the City of Lebanon.

(3) **Permit** means the written authority of the city fire department codes official issued under the authority of this article.

(4) **Retailer** means any person engaged in the business of making retail sales of fireworks at any time during the year¹.

(5) “Seasonal retailer” means any person engaged in the business of making retail sales of fireworks within this state from June 20 through July 5 each year.²

(6) **Sale** means an exchange of articles of fireworks for money and also includes barter, exchange, gift, or offer thereof and each such transaction made by any person, whether as principal, proprietor, salesperson, agent, association, copartnership, or one (1) or more individuals.³

(7) **State fire marshal permit** means the appropriate fireworks permit issued by the state fire marshal under the authority of T.C.A. § 68-104-101, et seq.

B. **Penalty for Violations.** All individuals that violate any provision of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$50.00 plus costs. Each rule violation or transaction shall be considered a separate violation. Employers of fireworks vendors and permit holders shall also be guilty for violations by persons in their employment and persons under their supervision.

C. **Permits; Fees.**

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, ship, or cause to be shipped, into the city any item of fireworks without first having secured a state fire marshal permit, and a permit issued by the city, which permit shall not issue without the applicants first providing satisfactory proof of obtaining a sales tax number for each location at which fireworks sales will be had and they will provide proof that annual sales tax returns have been filed for each location located inside the city within fifteen (15) days of filing sales tax returns.

(2) Permits are not transferable.

(3) A permit shall be valid only from June 20 through July 5. If the

¹ State law reference: *Tennessee Code Annotated* §68-104-101(6).

² State law reference: *Tennessee Code Annotated* §68-104-101(8). The date range has been changed from the statute.

³ State law reference: *Tennessee Code Annotated* §68-104-101(7).

fireworks sales are from a permanent building that meets zoning regulations for retail sales, a single annual permit may be used for both of the above date ranges.

(4) The city shall charge a fee of \$1.00 per square foot, minimum of \$1,200.00 for any temporary tent or structure for the issuance of each seasonal permit provided for in this section.

(5) Application for a permit to sell fireworks in the city shall be submitted to the City of Lebanon business permitting official no later than five working days prior to the date on which the applicant desires to begin making sales.

(6) An application must be filed for each location and shall contain the following:

(a) Name, address, and telephone number of applicant. The applicant must be the natural person who will be responsible for sales. The applicant's name or company name shall also be the same as the name on the state fire marshal permit. Names of all partners or persons sharing more than ten percent of the profit shall be disclosed on the application. The applicant shall be liable for all violations of this article by persons under their supervision.

(b) A copy of the state fire marshal permit.⁴ (For a state permit to be obtained by a retailer, the Mayor, or a person appointed or designated by the Mayor, must sign a statement that the sale of fireworks in the City of Lebanon is permissible.⁵

(c) A person that applies for a retail fireworks permit must show proof that a sales tax number has been obtained for sales tax purposes.⁶

(d) Evidence that general liability insurance has been obtained by applicant naming the City of Lebanon, Tennessee, as an additional insured for at least \$1,000,000.00 for each occurrence, whether in respect to bodily injury liability or property damage liability or bodily injury and property damage liability combined.

(e) The location where the applicant will conduct the business of selling fireworks.

(f) Cleanup deposits of \$500.00 per location shall be paid by applicant, which shall be refunded after the fireworks season inspection, or used by the city to clean up the retail fireworks site, if needed.

(g) A copy of the tent flame retardant letter on all tents must be provided.

(h) Evidence of working fire extinguishers, which must be easily accessible and in plain view. Tents exceeding 30 feet by 40 feet (1,200 square feet) shall have a minimum of two (2) #10 ABC fire extinguishers on site. Each such fire extinguisher shall a tag indicating passage of an annual inspection.

(i) Site plan including:

- (1) Dimension of the lot;
- (2) Dimension and location of tent;
- (3) Location of adjacent structures;
- (4) Location of parking and number of spaces provided.

(j) Assurance of a 20-foot setback from extreme outer edge of the lane of travel to the tent or signage. To be measured from the edge of the tent side or overhang of the top, not to include ropes, tie-downs or other appendages used to secure tents.

(k) All fireworks tents shall be a minimum of fifty (50) feet from an adjacent property line or other building. To be measured from the edge of the tent side or overhang of the top, not to include ropes, tie-downs or other appendages used

⁴ State law reference: *Tennessee Code Annotated* §68-104-106.

⁵ State law reference: *Tennessee Code Annotated* §68-104-105(a).

⁶ State law reference: *Tennessee Code Annotated* §68-104-106

to secure tents.⁷

(l) No more than one (1) fireworks tent shall be permitted on any one (1) tract, parcel, or lot.

(m) Permits shall not be issued to any person or entity whose location is zoned as any of the residential zoning districts.⁸

(n) After the application has been submitted and approved, the fire department codes official shall inspect the site for compliance with applicable codes and ordinances.

D. Permit Revocation. The fire department codes official shall be authorized to revoke any permit upon failure to correct any of the following conditions within twenty-four (24) hours after the fire department codes official gives written notification:

(1) In the event that the permittee or the permittee's operator violates any lawful rule, regulation, or order of the fire department codes official .

(2) In the event that the permittee's application contains any false or untrue statements.

(3) In the event the permittee fails to timely file and/or pay any report, tax, fee, fine or charge.

(4) In the event the permittee or the permittee's operator violates any fireworks ordinance or statute.⁹

(5) When any activities of the permittee constitute a distinct hazard to life or property, the fire department codes official may revoke the permit immediately.

(6) In the event the permittee or the permittee's operator incurs multiple city or state offenses, the city may not grant approval for said company to operate at any location within the corporate city limits and possibly withhold approval not to exceed two years from fireworks' season in which violation occurred.

E. Permissible Fireworks.¹⁰ It is unlawful for any individual to possess, sell, or use within the city, or ship into the city, except as provided in this article, any pyrotechnics commonly known as fireworks other than the following permissible items:

(1) Those items now or hereafter classified by the U.S. Department of Transportation as 1.4G Consumer Fireworks.

(2) Those items that comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission and permitted for use by the general public under its regulations.

F. Sale of Fireworks and Signage. Fireworks and related legal accessories may be sold within the city only from June 20 through July 5. All signs advertising fireworks sales must comply with the City of Lebanon sign and zoning ordinances.¹¹

G. Unlawful Sale and Use of Fireworks.

(1) It shall be unlawful to offer for sale or to sell any fireworks to children under the age of eighteen (18) years. Advisory signs shall be posted in plain view regarding minimum age to purchase fireworks. OR To purchase any Class C common fireworks, a person must be at least sixteen (16) years of age. Any person sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age who wishes to purchase Class C common fireworks must provide proof of age to the retailer or seasonal retailer by presenting a state-issued photo identification or be accompanied by an adult. It is unlawful to offer for retail sale or to sell any Class C common fireworks to any person under sixteen (16) years of age or to any intoxicated or irresponsible person.

(2) It shall be unlawful to give fireworks to a person under 18 years of age;

⁷ Municipal code reference: § 14.310(5) mirrors the fifty (50) foot setback from adjacent property line.

⁸ Municipal code reference: § 14.310(5) permits a temporary use permit for tents in "any commercial and industrial district".

⁹ State law reference: *Tennessee Code Annotated* Title 68, Ch. 104 governs fireworks.

¹⁰ State law reference: *Tennessee Code Annotated* §67-104-108.

¹¹ Municipal Code reference: Title 14 contains the City's zoning and sign ordinances.

provided, however, this provision shall not apply to a parent who supervises the use of fireworks by his child.

(3) It shall be unlawful for anyone to sell fireworks in the City of Lebanon under a seasonal retailer permit except June 20 through July 5.

(4) It shall be unlawful for anyone to use fireworks in the City of Lebanon except July 1 through July 5 OR except under a special event permit issued pursuant to LMC section 7-112(K).

(5) It shall be unlawful to discharge or use fireworks in the City of Lebanon between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.

(6) It shall be unlawful to offer for sale or to sell any fireworks to any intoxicated or seemingly irresponsible person.

(7) It shall be unlawful to explode or ignite fireworks within 600 feet of any church, hospital, funeral home, public or private school, or within 200 feet of where fireworks are stored, sold, or offered for sale.¹² No person shall ignite or discharge any permissible articles of fireworks within or throw the same from a motor vehicle while within, nor shall any person place, shoot, or throw any ignited article of fireworks into or at such a motor vehicle, home, or at or near any person or group of persons.¹³

(8) It shall be unlawful for a user of fireworks to ignite fireworks on another person's private property unless permission is obtained from the owner or occupant of the property. Fireworks shall not be launched or fired onto the property of persons who have not given permission.

(9) It shall be unlawful for fireworks to be used at times, places, or in any manner, which adversely affect other persons.

H. Smoking Near Fireworks Prohibited; Locations; Structures.¹⁴ No person shall smoke within 50 feet of an area where fireworks are sold. No person selling fireworks shall permit the presence of lighted cigars, cigarettes, or pipes within fifty (50) feet of where fireworks are offered for sale. At all places where fireworks are stored or sold, there must be posted signs with the words "Fireworks—No Smoking" in letters not less than four (4) inches high. A workable fire extinguisher must be present at each retail fireworks site. Fireworks sold at retail shall only be sold from an approved structure only selling fireworks and accessories for use of fireworks, and shall be no closer than fifty (50) feet to any other structure. A minimum of two (2) fire extinguishers shall each have a tag indicating a required, up to date test has been completed.

I. Limitations on Structures. Approved permanent structures or tents may be used for the retail sale of fireworks. As a minimum, two unobstructed exits, consistent with local Fire Codes, shall be provided and maintained at all times during operations. Fireworks may not be stored in a permanent building unless the building is constructed of nonflammable materials such as metal or concrete block. Tents may not exceed 4,000 maximum square feet in size throughout the city where fireworks are sold.¹⁵

J. Parking for Retail Fireworks Sales Sites. The site for a temporary fireworks retailer shall be improved to provide off-street customer parking as follows: one customer parking space per 100 square feet of tent area, with a minimum of 12 spaces, in addition to employee parking. In addition, the retail fireworks site must provide for an on-site turnaround area so that backing of vehicles onto the street will not be necessary. The site for a permanent fireworks retail sales facility shall conform to the City of Lebanon Zoning Ordinance pertaining to all parking regulations.

K. Special Events Permit. Any event or special occasion involving the use of fireworks outside the posted allowable dates of June 20th through July 5th must apply for an event

¹² State law reference: *Tennessee Code Annotated* §68-104-112(a)(2).

¹³ State law reference: *Tennessee Code Annotated* §68-104-112(a)(3), except the statute doesn't include the word "home".

¹⁴ State law reference: *Tennessee Code Annotated* §68-104-111(a) has similar language.

¹⁵ Municipal Code reference: 14.310(5) requires a temporary use permit issued by the Planning Department for fireworks tents.

permit from the City of Lebanon through the Business Tax Office. The permit shall include information from the responsible party as to the specifics of the pyrotechnics being used, as well as any licensing information regarding the operator that is contracted for the event, as well as the date and time of the event. The event permit shall be submitted at a minimum of 10 days prior to the event. This permit requires approval by the Fire Department and Police Department Chiefs or their designees.

L. Nothing in this chapter prohibits:¹⁶

(1) The sale of any kind of fireworks that are to be shipped directly out of the corporate limits of the city in accordance with the regulations of the United States Department of Transportation covering the transportation of explosives and other dangerous articles by motor, rail, and water.

(2) The sale, transportation, handling, or use of industrial pyrotechnic devices or fireworks, such as railroad torpedoes, fuses, automotive, aeronautical, and marine flares and smoke signals.

(3) The sale or use of blank cartridges for theater, for signal or ceremonial purposes, in athletics or sporting events, or legal power tools.

(4) The transportation, handling, or use of any pyrotechnic devices by the armed forces of the United States.

(5) The use of pyrotechnics in training by the fire service, law enforcement, or similar government agencies.

(6) The use of fireworks for agricultural purposes under conditions approved by the fire chief or his designee.

(7) Supervised displays of fireworks as provided for in this chapter.

(1968 code, § 7-208, as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 4, 1997; Ord. #00-2087, May 16, 2000; Ord. #00-2108, Aug. 1, 2000, renumbered by Ord. #06-2921, July 18, 2006, as amended by Ord. 12-4252, Ord. 14-4782 Oct. 30, 2014, Ord. 18-5619 May 15, 2019, 19-5955 Dec. 3, 2019, renumbered by Ord. 23-6870 October 3, 2023; amended by Ord. 25-7147 Feb. 18, 2025; amended by Ord. No. 25-7190, Apr. 15, 2025)

7-113. False Fire Alarm Calls. Effective July 1, 2015, any response to a false fire alarm call by the Lebanon Fire Department in excess of five (5) per fiscal year at the same address shall result in a fifty dollar (\$50) fee. These funds will go to the Lebanon Fire Department. (created by Ord. 15-5027, September 15, 2015 and renumbered by Ord. 23-6870, October 3, 2023).

¹⁶ State law reference: This subsection substantially adopts the exemptions listed in *Tennessee Code Annotated* §67-104-113.

CHAPTER 2
FIRE CODE¹

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:

(1) The International Fire Code,² 2018 edition, and its appendices, published by the International Code Council.

(2) The NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2018 edition, published by the National Fire Prevention Association. (1968 Code, § 7-201, as replaced by Ord. 88-649, §1, Nov. 15, 1988; modified, and further replaced by Ord. #95-1384, Nov. 21, 1995; and Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 4, 1997; as amended by Ord. #06-3073, March 6, 2007, and replaced by Ord. #10-3659, April 20, 2010; Ord. #11- 3847, § 1, April 5, 2011; Ord. # 14-4782, § 1, Oct. 30, 2014; Ord. #18-5619, § 1, May 15, 2018)

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. Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Alabama 35213. (1968 code, § 7-101, as replaced by Ord. #88-649, § 2, Nov. 15, 1988; and Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 4, 1997)

¹Charter reference

Authority to enact a fire code: Art. II, § 1 (38) and (43).

Municipal code reference

Building, utility, etc. codes: title 12.

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, Nov. 15, 1988; as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 4, 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, Nov. 15, 1988; as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 4, 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, Nov. 15, 1988; as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 4, 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, Nov. 15, 1988; as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 4, 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 Court of Lebanon,

Tennessee, upon good cause shown. (Ord. 88-649, § 7, Nov. 15, 1988; as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 4, 1997)

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, Nov. 15, 1988; as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 4, 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, Nov. 15, 1988; as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 4, 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, Nov. 15, 1988; as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 4, 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, Nov. 15, 1988; as replaced by Ord. #97-1575, Feb. 4, 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. 4, 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. 4, 1997)

7-214. Permit fees. The schedule of permit fees shall be those fees in place that have been adopted by the city council by ordinance. (Ord. # 16-5166, § 2, March 17, 2016)

7-215. 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 Board of Adjustments and Appeals 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. 4, 1997, and renumbered by Ord. 16-5166, March 17, 2016)

CHAPTER 3
FIRE DEPARTMENT¹

SECTION

7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership.

7-302. Objectives.

7-303. Organization, rules, and regulations.

7-304. Records and reports.

7-305. Chief responsible for training.

7-306. Chief to be assistant to state officer.

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 mayor² and such number of physically-fit subordinate officers and firefighters as the council shall authorize and the chief shall appoint.³ (1968 code, § 7-301)

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.

²Charter reference: Article III, § 2.

³Charter references

Employee welfare plan: Art. II, § 3. Generally:
Art. V, § 5.

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 Comply with *Tennessee Code Annotated* § 4-24-112. (1968 code, § 7-305)

7-306. Chief to be assistant to state officer. Pursuant to requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-102-108 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. 120 and shall be subject to the directions of the commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof. (1968 code, § 7-307)