

ORDINANCE NO. 19-5920

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 2, TO ADD CHAPTER 7 SIDEWALK, BIKE, AND TRAIL COMMITTEE, TO CREATE A BOARD TO ASSIST IN THE MANAGEMENT OF SIDEWALKS, BIKE LANES, AND TRAILS FOR THE CITY OF LEBANON

WHEREAS, the City of Lebanon, Tennessee contains existing sidewalks, bike paths and trails; and

WHEREAS, the Public has consistently shown an interest in walking and biking; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian oriented development benefits the City and its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, access to a vehicle is not readily available to everyone in the community, such as children and elderly; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian and bike facilities are accessible especially when ADA infrastructure is in place; and

WHEREAS, the ADA Advisory Task Force provides recommendations to the Sidewalk, Bike, and Trail Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lebanon believes that such amendment will promote, protect and facilitate the public health, safety and welfare of the community through coordinated and practical land use and land development for the betterment of Lebanon's population; and

WHEREAS, the Lebanon Municipal Regional Planning Commission recommended approval of to the Mayor and City Council by a vote of 9-0 at their July 23, 2019 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Lebanon, Tennessee, as follows:

Section 1. That Title 2 be amended to add Chapter 7 Sidewalk, Bike, and Trail Committee in order to create an alternative transportation committee and designate their duties.

CHAPTER 7

Sidewalk, Bike, and Trail Committee

SECTION

2-701. Creation of Sidewalk, Bike, and Trail Committee

2-702. Membership

2-703. Duties

2-701 Creation of Sidewalk, Bike, and Trail Committee. Sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails promote and protect the health, safety, and general welfare of people living in and visiting the City of Lebanon, Tennessee, hereinafter referred to as "the City" The Sidewalk, Bike, and Trail Committee specifically is designed to achieve the following goals:

- A. Protect, enhance, and preserve existing pedestrian oriented infrastructure throughout the City
- B. Develop and promote accessibility through alternative modes of transportation
- C. Strengthen civic engagement through connected neighborhoods
- D. Encourage healthy living through a more active lifestyle

2-702 Membership. The Lebanon Sidewalk, Bike, and Trail Committee shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the mayor of Lebanon, Tennessee. Six (6) members shall be residents of Lebanon, Tennessee, the remainder may reside outside of Lebanon, Tennessee, but must reside in Wilson County, Tennessee. Of the seven (7) members, at least one (1) shall be a member of the Lebanon Regional Planning Commission, at least one (1) shall be a member of the Public Services Transportation Committee, at least one (1) shall be a representative from the ADA community, and each Ward will have at least one (1) representative. Appointment to the commission will be based on either knowledge of the subject of alternative transportation and/or professional experience. Initial appointments to the Committee shall be made so as to provide staggered terms for membership. Three of the initial appointments shall be for four (4) years; two initial appointments shall be for three (3) years; and two initial appointments shall be for two (2) years. Subsequent appointments shall be for terms of four (4) years. Committee members may be removed for cause at any time by the Mayor. In the event of Committee vacancies due to death, resignation, involuntary removal, etc., the Mayor shall appoint replacement members to serve the remainder of the unexpired term, and notify the City Council. The Members will appoint a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary at the first meeting in a new calendar year. Meetings will take place at least quarterly, but may take place more often with the approval of an annual calendar. Quorum will be achieved with a total of four (4) member present. In the event of a voting measure, a passing vote will be majority votes cast by members present.

2-703 Duties. To recommend the location and acquisition of easements, to the Planning Commission, for sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails, within the City, catalog existing and future sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails, and make recommendations regarding present and future sidewalks, bike, and trail needs and sidewalks, bike, and trail use conflicts. To develop and update the sidewalk, bikes, and trails plan to create a network of off-road trails and sidewalks which link major open space, parks and other public facilities and neighborhoods, and to set priorities to optimize the use of public funds for

sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails. To promote multi-use of public right-of-way for sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails where desirable and appropriate. To recommend a comfortable environment for sidewalk, bike lane, and trail users, this should include shade, buffering between roads and proposed uses, and separation from conflicting uses. To coordinate joint use of sidewalk, bike, and trail facilities by a variety of users. To promote sidewalk, bike, and trail safety and education. To advise and recommend appropriate levels of sidewalk, bike lane, and trail maintenance and cooperatively work with organized and non-organized constituent groups on development of volunteer maintenance programs as appropriate. To review and make recommendations to the City concerning ordinances, plans, or actions which impact sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails, or the proposed sidewalk, bike, and trail network. To provide a forum for citizen input into assessments and needs for the City pertaining to sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails, and to advise the City of these findings. To review and annually make recommendations to the City of adjustments needed in the comprehensive sidewalk, bike, and trail plan. To serve as a reference for the Planning Commission in encouraging public and private subdividers and land developers to incorporate a sidewalk, bike, and trail system where needed in conjunction with proposed development. To maintain records regarding the status and condition of dedicated sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails.

Section 2. That all Ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of said conflict.

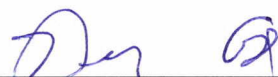
Section 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage on final reading, the public welfare requiring it.

Attest:




Commissioner of Finance & Revenue

Approved:



Mayor

Approved as to Form:



City Attorney

Passed first reading: September 17, 2019.

Passed second reading: October 1, 2019