

1 ORDINANCE BILL NO. 17 FOR 1919

2 ORDINANCE NO. 247

3 AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE DUTIES OF THE CHIEF OF THE LEBANON  
4 FIRE DEPART OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, OREGON, TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
5 REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF PERSONS, FIRMS, AND CORPORATIONS  
6 ENGAGED IN THE INSTALLING OF ELECTRIC APPLIANCES AND TO REGULATE  
7 ELECTRIS WIRING IN OR ON BUILDINGS IN THE SAID CITY AND PROVIDING  
8 FOR A PUNISHMENT OF ANY VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

9 THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LEBANON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

10 SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corpor-  
11 ation to introduce any electric lighting, heating or power wire  
12 circuit or circuits or apparatus in or on any building, or awning  
13 structure or addition thereof, within the corporate limits of the  
14 city of Lebanon, Oregon, unless the same shall conform to all the  
15 rules and regulations set forth in what is known as the National  
16 Electric Code, being rules and requirements for the installation of  
17 electric wiring and apparatus for electric light, heat and power,  
18 as the same are now established, together with any amendments and  
19 changes made from time to time, which code is adopted and approved  
20 and made a parto of this ordinance. Before any such electric wir-  
21 ing shall be commenced in or an any building, awning, addition or  
22 structure a written permit shall be obtained from the inspector  
23 of said city of Lebanon, authorizing the person, firm or corporation  
24 therein named to do and perform the said electric wiring, and desig-  
25 nate the location where the same is to be performed. No such elec-  
26 tric wiring shall be commenced as aforesaid until such permit has  
27 been ontained.

28 SECTION 2. After any electric wiring has been completed in or on  
29 or to any building, awning, structure or addition thereto, for  
30 which a permit has been issued, the person or persons, firm or cor-  
31 poration who performed the same must immediately notify the inspec-  
32 tor of the completion of the same and must keep the said work open  
for inspection by the said inspector to inspect the same until he  
shall have carefully examined and approved the work and ascertained



1 if the same has been done according to the provisions of this ordi-  
2 nance, and he has issued a certificate of such inspection and ap-  
3 proval. It shall be the duty of the said inspector upon receiving  
4 said notice to inspect said electric wiring, and if the same has  
5 been done and performed in accordance with the rules and regulations  
6 as set forth in the <sup>Electric</sup> National Code, as hereinbefore mentioned, and  
7 according to this ordinance, he must approve the same and issue a  
8 certificate to that effect, and deliver the same to such person,  
9 firm or corporation having done the said work and wiring, but if  
10 not performed in accordance with the said rules and requirements,  
11 he must withhold such certificate until all defects are remedied.  
12 The inspector shall inspect the work within 48 hours after receiv-  
13 ing notice that the work is ready for inspection.

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15 SECTION 3 It shall be unlawful for any electric light and power  
16 company to do any wiring of any nature or in any building except  
17 their own power house or substation for which a permit has not been  
18 issued, or to make any electric connections to any building until  
19 a final certificate of inspection and approval of the work has been  
20 issued by the inspector.

21 SECTION 4. Until the common council of the City of Lebanon shall  
22 appoint an inspector, there is hereby added to the duties of the  
23 chief of the Lebanon Fire Department the powers and duties of in-  
24 spector of Electric wiring and such inspector shall have the right  
25 to enter all buildings where electric wiring exists for the purpose  
26 of inspection of same, and he shall not be interested directly or  
27 indirectly in any firm doing electric wiring or electric work sub-  
28 ject to his inspection.

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30 SECTION 5. The said inspector is hereby empowered to inspect or  
31 reinspect all wiring in or on any building and apparatus conducting  
32 electric current for light, heat and power, and when said conductors  
or apparatus are found to be unsafe or dangerous to life of property



1 he shall notify the Person, firm or corporation using or operat-  
2 ing the the same to place the same in a safe and secure condition  
3 within ten days. Any person firm or corporation failing or refusing  
4 to repair charge or remove the same within said ten days, or within  
5 such further time as the said inspector deems necessary for that  
6 purpose after receipt of such notice, shall be subject to the pen-  
7 alty hereinafter provided.

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9 SECTION 6. All installations, changes, alterations extensions, or  
10 repairs hereafter made in electric installations shall be done  
11 and performed in accordance with the/ hereinbefore mentioned rules  
12 of the said National Electric Code.

13 SECTION 7. The said inspector shall make the following charges  
14 for his services as such inspector the same to be paid by the  
15 person, firm or corporation asking for such inspection. to-wit  
16 A minimum fee of One Dollar for any inspection which takes one  
17 hour or less, for all time over one hour the sum of Seventy-Five  
18 cents for each hour engaged in making such inspection above one  
19 hour. The said sum shall be paid to the said inspector before he  
20 is required to issue a certificate of such inspection and approval  
21 of said work.

22 All work concealed in any manner which will not permit of full  
23 inspection will not be accepted, and for each unnecessary visit  
24 required on account of defects or poor construction as additional  
25 fee of fifty cents to the original fee will be charged to and paid  
26 by the said person, firm or corporation doing such work.

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28 SECTION 8. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of  
29 the provisions of this ordinance, or doing any electric wiring with-  
30 out first taking out and paying for a license as herein provided  
31 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction there-  
32 of before the Recorder's Court shall be punished by a fine of

Page not less than Ten Dollars nor more than Fifty Dollars of by imprison-



1 ment in the city jail not less than five days not more than twenty  
2 five days.


3 SECTION 9 Every person applying for a license to do electric wi r-  
4 ing in the city of Lebanon shall pay an annual license fee of Ten  
5 Dollars, and no permit shall be granted or allowed to any person,  
6 firm or Corporation until such license fee is paid. No license  
7 shall be granted for a less period than for one year or for less  
8 than the fee of Ten Dollars.

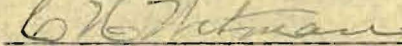
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10 SECTION 10, All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict  
11 with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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13 SECTION 11. That in as much as the city of Lebanon has no adequate  
14 ordinance on the subject of electric wiring, and there is much  
15 defective wiring in the said city and the life and safety of the  
16 citizens are in danger and much property is in danger from destruc-  
17 tion from defective wiring, an emergency is hereby declared and  
18 this ordinance shall become in full force and effect from and af-  
19 ter its passage by the council and approval by the Mayor.

20 Passed by the Council this 5th day of December, 1919

21 Approved by the Mayor this 5th day of December, 1919

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23 Mayor of the City of Lebanon

24 Attest   
25 Recorder of the City of Lebanon



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Enlarging duties of the  
Fire Chief and regulating  
Electric Wiring and  
Installation

Passed Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1919

C. H. Wetmore

Recorder

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