

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING )  
THE POWERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT IN )  
THE ADMINISTRATION OF COURT BUSINESS \* )  
PROCEEDINGS, DEFINING CONTEMPTS, )  
PROVIDING PUNISHMENT THEREFOR AND )  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. )

ORDINANCE BILL NO. 1  
for 1962  
ORDINANCE NO. 1099

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

Section 1. Every municipal court of the City of Lebanon, has power:

(1) To preserve and enforce order in its immediate presence.  
(2) To enforce order in the proceedings before it, or before a person or body empowered to conduct a judicial investigation under its authority.

(3) To provide for the orderly conduct of proceedings before it or its officers.

(4) To compel obedience <sup>to</sup> its judgments, decrees, orders and process, and to the orders of a judge out of court, in an action, suit or proceeding pending therein.

(5) To control, in furtherance of justice, the conduct of its ministerial officers, and of all other persons in any manner connected with a judicial proceeding before it, in every matter appertaining thereto.

Section 2. For the effectual exercises of the powers specified in Section 1 hereof, a judicial officer may punish for contempt as provided herein.

Section 3. The following acts or commissions, in respect to the municipal court, or proceeding therein, are contempts of the authority of the court:

(1) Disorderly, contemptuous or insolent behavior toward the judge, while holding the court, tending to impair its authority or to interrupt the due course of a trial or other judicial proceeding.

(2) A breach of the peace, boisterous conduct or violent disturbance, tending to interrupt the due course of a trial or other judicial proceeding.

(3) Misbehavior in office, or other wilful neglect or violation of duty, by an attorney, clerk, police officer or other person appointed or selected to perform a judicial or ministerial service.

(4) Deceit, or abuse of the process or proceedings of the court, by a party to a proceeding.

(5) Disobedience of any lawful judgment, decree, order or process of the court.

(6) Any other unlawful interference with the process or proceedings of a court.

(7) Disobedience of a subpoena duly served, or refusing to be sworn or answer as a witness.

Section 4. Each municipal court and every judge thereof has power to punish contempt by fine or imprisonment, or both; but such fine shall not exceed \$200, nor the imprisonment 100 days.

Section 5. In addition to the punishment provided in Section 4 the court or judge shall have the power to constrain performance of any lawful order, judgment or decree of such court or judge, by imprisonment of the person failing or refusing to comply, until the order, judgment or decree has been complied with.

Section 6. Inasmuch as the provisions of this Ordinance are necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health and safety of the people of the City of Lebanon, an emergency is hereby



declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

Passed by the Council and approved by the Mayor this 6th day of February, 1962.

Geauk Blalock  
Mayor

Attest:

Van R Thowz  
City Recorder