

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO )  
THE CUTTING AND REMOVAL OF GRASS, WEEDS )  
AND OTHER NOXIOUS VEGETATION, AND )  
SAWDUST AND DEBRIS; TO DEFINE WHAT SHALL )  
CONSTITUTE A NUISANCE REGARDING SUCH )  
GRASS, WEEDS, VEGETATION, SAWDUST, AND )  
OTHER DEBRIS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT )  
OF SUCH NUISANCE; TO MAKE THE COST OF )  
REMOVAL OF SUCH NUISANCE A LIEN ON THE )  
PROPERTY WHERE SUCH NUISANCE EXISTED; TO )  
PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS )  
ORDINANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. )

ORDINANCE BILL NO. 23  
for 1964  
ORDINANCE NO. 1162

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

Section 1. The owner or reputed owner of any lot, tract, or parcel of land, improved or unimproved, shall cut and remove and keep cut and removed therefrom all grass, weeds, and other noxious vegetation more than ten (10) inches in height, and shall remove all dead bushes, trees, sawdust, shavings and other debris of an inflammable character. The existence of any of the foregoing conditions upon any property within the City of Lebanon shall be and is hereby declared to constitute a nuisance, and any one whose duty it is to remove such nuisance, as provided by this Ordinance, and who fails to do so, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), or by imprisonment in the City jail for not more than twenty-five (25) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 2. It is hereby made the duty of the fire department of the City of Lebanon to make such inspection as may be necessary for the enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance, and whenever such nuisance as is defined in Section 1. hereof shall be found to exist on any property in said City, it shall be the duty of the Chief of the fire department to notify the owner or reputed owner of such property of the existence of such nuisance, in writing, by mail, at his last known place of residence, and a copy of such notice on the same date shall be conspicuously posted on the premises where such nuisance

exists; such notice shall require that such nuisance be removed and abated within ~~five~~<sup>ten (10)</sup> days from the date thereof, and shall require that the failure to remove such nuisance within said time will constitute a violation of this Ordinance, and thereupon the City of Lebanon will cause such nuisance to be removed, and will cause the cost thereof to be charged against and become a lien on said property.

Section 3. In the event the owner or reputed owner of such property shall fail to remove or cause such nuisance to be removed within the time specified within the notice provided for in Section 2. hereof, then and in such event the Chief of the fire department, on behalf of the City of Lebanon, and with such labor and material as may be necessary, shall remove and abate such nuisance, and in so doing shall keep a strict itemized account of the cost of labor and materials used in connection with such removal, and report the same to the Council at its next regular session, and in such report shall definitely describe the property on which such nuisance was so removed, together with the name or names of the owner or owners or reputed owner or owners thereof. The Council shall inspect such report of the Chief of the fire department as to the cost incurred in removing such nuisance and, if the same be reasonable, shall approve such report, and by Ordinance assess upon each of the lots or parts thereof or parcels of land upon which such nuisance was so removed the amount of cost of removing such nuisance as approved by it. Such assessment shall then be entered in the docket of City Liens and collected in the same manner as is provided for the collection of assessments of street improvements.

Section 4. 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 October, 1964.

ATTEST:

Van R. Howard  
Recorder

John R. Blalock  
Mayor