AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING OF A CITY TAX BASE ELECTION IN THE CITY OF LEBANON, OREGON, ON MAY 20, 1980, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, OREGON, THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING A NEW TAX BASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING THE LIMITATION ON TAXATION SET FORTH IN ARTICLE XI, SECTION II, OREGON CONSTITUTION.

ORDINANCE BILL NO. 6

ORDINANCE NO. 17

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lebanon, Oregon, has determined that a new tax base should be established as authorized by Article XI, Section II, Subsection (2), Oregon Constitution, in order to permit the proper operation of the City affairs within the limitation contained in Article XI, Section II, Oregon Constitution, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to submit the question of establishing a new tax base to the legal voters of the City of Lebanon, Oregon, now therefore

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

Section 1. Date of Election. The measure set forth in Section 2 shall be submitted in the manner prescribed herein to the legal voters of the City of Lebanon, Oregon, at a City tax base election to be held on May 20, 1980.

Section 2. Form of Question. At the City tax base election there shall be submitted to the legal voters of the City of Lebanon for their approval or rejection, the following measure:

ESTABLISHING A NEW TAX BASE

Shall the City of Lebanon establish a tax base of \$889,860 to become effective in fiscal year 1980-81?

<u>Purpose</u>: A "Tax Base" is the amount of property taxes which can be levied without additional voter approval. The City of Lebanon is required by law to submit a proposed new tax base to its voters in 1980. This measure would establish \$889,860 as Lebanon's tax base effective in fiscal year 1980-81. The tax base cannot increase by more than 6% per year without voter approval.

Explanation: The proposed operating budget for providing basic city services at the current level is \$1,903,291. Of this amount, \$889,860 must be financed by local property taxes. The existing tax base for Lebanon is \$218,462, and provides for less than 25% of the amount necessary to balance the budget. Additionally, a new tax base would be partially financed by the State of Oregon to help off-set a portion of individual tax bills.

Section 3. Notice of Election. Notice of the City tax base election shall be given by publication twice in The Lebanon Express, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Lebanon, Oregon, not more than 30 nor less than 10 days before the election. Notices of the City tax base election shall be posed for not less than 30 days before the election in three public places within the City. The notice in the newspaper and that posted in three public places shall be substantially the same as the ballot measure in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Posting of Notices; Voters' Pamphlets Unnecessary. The City Recorder shall advertise and post or cause to be posted the notices required by Section 3 of this ordinance. The notices of the City tax base election required to be given by Section 3 shall constitute the only notice necessary. It shall be unnecessary for either the City of Lebanon or any official thereof to furnish the legal voters at the City tax base election pamphlets containing either (a) the text of the proposition or (b) arguments in support of or in opposition to the proposition.

Section 5. The polling places for said election in the City of Lebanon shall be those designated by the Linn County Clerk for special elections; the poll books adopted for Lebanon by the Linn County Clerk as the poll books for said election are hereby adopted as the poll books for the special election; the Judges and Clerks of election appointed by the Linn County Clerk to serve in Lebanon at said special election are hereby designated as the Judges and Clerks of and for the City special election.

Section 6. The polls for the City special election shall be open from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on said day.

Section 7. That inasmuch as the City of Lebanon will be without funds to maintain its services in the coming fiscal year unless the special election herein referred to can be held without delay, 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 of the City of Lebanon by a vote of <u>5</u> for and against and approved by the Mayor this <u>19th</u> day of March, 1980.

Mayor pro tem

ATTEST:

Recorder

Edwar R.