A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE)	ORDINANCE BILL NUMBER/_ for 2002.
CREATING THE LEBANON)	Ordinance
TOURISM COMMISSION)	Bill Number <u>2288</u>

WHEREAS, the Lebanon Municipal Code provides for the imposition of a transient room tax in order to support tourism in the City of Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City that tourism be fostered and that visitors be encouraged to come to Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby determines that it would be beneficial to the City that an advisory commission be created to advise the Council on issues of tourism

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained by the people of the City of Lebanon:

Section 1. There is hereby created a Chapter 2.34 for the Lebanon Municipal Code, which shall be entitled, "The Lebanon Tourism Commission", and which shall read as follows:

2.34.010 Establishment and Purpose.

There is hereby established a Lebanon Tourism Commission which is created for the purpose of providing guidance, advice and resources to the Lebanon City Council on issues of tourism in the City and the surrounding area. This commission shall provide information to the Council and to the public in order to encourage visitors to the city for the purpose of encouraging financial investment and the public well being of the citizens of the City.

2.34.020 Membership — Composition and Selection.

The membership of the Lebanon Tourism Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, selected from the community at large. At least one member of the Commission, however, shall represent the lodging industry. Members shall be nominated to the Commission by the Mayor and appointed thereto by the City Council. No employees of the City or elected or appointed official of the City shall be eligible to serve on the Lebanon Tourism Commission.

2.34.030 Term of Office — Reappointment.

A. The members of the Lebanon Tourism Commission shall serve terms of four years each. Terms shall commence on January 1st, with the initial terms of office for the first commission staggered so that individual members shall be appointed as follows: one member with a one year term; two members with two year terms; two members with three year terms; and two members with four year terms.

Commission members shall complete these appointments as one full term for the purpose of determining eligibility for reappointment.

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- B. No commission member shall hold appointment as a member for more than two full consecutive terms. However, a member may be appointed again to the commission after an interval of two years. Service in excess of seven hundred thirty-one calendar days shall be counted as a full term in the case of persons appointed to fill unexpired terms in the case of members resigning or otherwise terminating their terms of office.
- C. Members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties after obtaining preauthorization from the City Administrator, or his designate.

2.34.040 Funding.

Funding for the Lebanon Tourism Commission shall be provided by the City from funds generated by the Lebanon Transient Room Tax, with limitations on the expense of such funds as provided by law. The City may, from time to time, fund the Commission from other resources, subject to the budgeting and other requirements of such expenses as allowed by Oregon law.

2.34.050 Meetings — Organization and Attendance.

The Lebanon Tourism Commission shall meet at least six (6) times each year between January 1st and December 31st. Meetings shall be conducted according to Oregon Public Meeting Laws, with appropriate notice, accessibility to the public and the recording of official minutes of such meetings.

The Commission shall elect officers, which shall serve one year terms. Such officers shall include, but are not limited to, a Chairperson and a Secretary of the Commission. The Chairperson shall be charged with conducting the meetings according to Oregon law, and such rules as the Commission may from time to time adopt. The Secretary shall record members' attendance at meetings of the commission. Upon notification from the secretary that a commissioner has failed to attend three consecutive meetings, or has failed to attend five or more meetings during the January 1 – December 31 period, the chairperson shall declare the nonattending board member's position to be vacant and shall direct the secretary to make public said vacancy.

2.34.060 Powers, Duties and Functions.

The Lebanon Tourism Commission shall have no executive or administrative powers or authority except as provided in this chapter, and this chapter shall not be construed as depriving elected or appointed officials of the city of any powers they may have under the laws of the state or the charter of the city. The Commission shall be advisory in nature and shall have powers, duties and functions as follows:

- A. Advise the City Council and City Administrator on matters of promoting tourism in the Lebanon area;
- B. Recommend the funding of activities or events which occur in the Lebanon area which promote or enhance tourism;
- C. Under the overall direction of the City Administrator, or his designee, perform volunteer functions which promote or enhance tourism and which aid visitors to the City;
- D. Developing short-range and long-range plans for the promotion and enhancement of tourism in the City;
- E. Perform such other duties or activities as the Council or City Administrator may direct.
- Section 2. The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective on the 30th day after passage by the Lebanon City Council.

PASSED by the City Council on this _____ day of January, 2002 by a vote of _____ for and _____ against.

Scott Singson Mayor

ATTEST:

City Recorder

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