## A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.14.070 OF THE LEBANON MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING IMPOUNDMENT OF DANGEROUS DOGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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Section 1. Section 6.14.070 of the Lebanon Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

6.14.070 - Impoundment Pending Adjudication of Infraction. If the owner of any dog is cited for an infraction based upon a violation of any provision of this chapter, the Director, or his designate, including a sworn police officer, may impound the dog pending adjudication of the infraction or the decision of the Director pursuant to section 6.14.030 of this code, if, in the exercise of reasonable discretion, the Director, his designate or a sworn police officer, has probable cause to believe that the dog constitutes a threat to public safety and/or private property. The impoundment under this section, if based upon the determination of the Director, his designate or a sworn police officer may occur prior to the issuance of a citation or identification of the owner of the dog.. If the dog's owner is convicted of the infraction which caused the impoundment, or if the dog is determined to be a dangerous dog by the Director or his designate pursuant to section 6.14.030, the dog's owner shall pay to the City all costs incurred in the dog's impoundment and unless such costs are paid within ten days of the date when the owner is convicted of such infraction, the dog shall be euthanized. Euthanasia shall not relieve the owner of his or her responsibility to pay impoundment costs previously incurred under this chapter.

## Section 2. **Emergency.**

Because the prompt and continuous enforcement of the Dog Control Code is necessary for the peace, health and safety of the people of the City of Lebanon, an emergency is declared to exist, and this ordinance is effective upon its passage by the City Council.

Passed by the Lebanon City Council this 25th day of May 2005 by a vote of 5 for and 0 against.

ATTEST:

John E. Hitt, City Recorder