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An Ordinance to provide for the prevention of Fires, and the protection of persons and property endangered by fire—

The People of the City of Lebanon do ordain as follows:—

Section 1

That every chimney or flue that may hereafter be built in any frame building within the City limits, shall have walls of good quality of brick or stone at least four (4) inches in thickness of the same material, which shall be laid in good lime mortar and be plastered therewith on the inside, and when passing through or near woodwork to be plastered on the outside near and next to the wood; Provided, that when a chimney or flue is not commenced on the ground, it shall be commenced on a solid foundation, and, Provided further; That patent-chimneys may be used when desired. No flue or chimney shall be built which shall have any joints, or timber resting on or entering into the same.

They shall be well secured and shall extend at least four (4) feet above the roof of the building to which they are attached or belong, measuring from the place or point where each flue or chimney passes through the roof of such building. And should such chimneys or flues be deemed unsafe to the buildings adjoining, by the Marshal or Chief engineer of the Fire department of said City, they shall be built up to such a height as may be deemed necessary, not to exceed four (4) feet above the extreme height of such building or buildings adjoining.

Section 2

No smoke-pipe or smoke-stack in any wooden building with wooden floors or ceilings shall enter any flue unless such pipe or smoke-stack shall be at least eighteen (18) inches from either floor or ceilings; and in all cases when smoke-pipes

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or smoke-stacks pass through wooden partitions of any kind, whether the same be plastered or not, they shall be surrounded by a double collar of metal with at least two (2) inches of air space and holes for ventilation, or by a soap stone ring not less than three (3) inches in thickness and extending through the partition, or by a solid coating of "Plaster of Paris" three (3) inches thick, or by an earthenware ring three (3) inches thick. No stove pipe or smoke-pipe or smoke-stack shall pass through any window, side or roof of any building. No owner, proprietor, superintendent, agent or occupant of any building, or other person using or managing, or having control of any Steam Saw or Planing Mill or Factory of any kind, or any Foundry or Machine Shop, or any other establishment where steam power is used, shall use, or continue the use of, maintain or erect any smoke-stack or chimney in connection with any establishment of less height than twenty (20) feet above the adjoining building or those adjacent thereto. All owners or occupants of any building within the City limits in which there is a smoke-pipe, chimney or smoke-stack or flue shall comply with the foregoing requirements, and also replace a bad or defective smoke-stack, smoke-pipe, chimney or flue with a new one when ordered so to do by the City Council.

Section 3

When any flue, smoke-pipe, smoke-stack or chimney shall be deemed by the Chief engineer of the Fire department, or the Marshall, unsafe, the Marshall shall notify in writing the owner or occupant of the building that the same must be fixed or repaired, or removed within five days from the service of such notice by the Marshall on such person, and if the party or parties so notified, shall persist in using any flue, smoke-pipe, smoke-stack or chimney which endangers the building to which it is attached or belongs or adjoining buildings, the Mar-

shall cause the same to be repaired or removed, and the cost of such removal or repair shall be at the expense of the owner or occupant of such building x

Section 4 No stove pipe shall stand within less than two (2) feet of any wooden wall, or cloth partition or wall, unless such wall is fully protected by tin or zinc plates fastened thereon or between such stove pipe and such wall, and all persons using fires in stoves, shall cause to be placed under such stoves, zinc or other non-combustible material sufficient to protect the floor from fire x

Section 5 It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit any ashes in any wooden vessel or on any wooden floor in the City, or deposit them in any place on their or any other premises, that will be nearer than ten (10) feet of any woodwork x —

Section 6 Any person making or using shavings, shall at the close of each day, cause the same to be safely stored or deposited so as to be safe from fire x All hay, straw or other combustible material within the City limits, shall be stored so as to be safe from fire, and when not so stored the Marshal shall direct the removal of the same, or cause the same to be removed or protected from fire, and at the expense of the owner or occupant of the premises where such material may be x No owner or occupant of any livery stable in said City, shall by himself or those in his employ, use therein or any place containing, hay or other combustible material, any lighted candle or other portable light, except the same be protected by a lantern x No person in said City shall have put, or keep, any straw or hay in stacks or piles without having the same enclosed or secured so as to protect it from fire, and flying sparks of fire —

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Sec 7

Spark arresters or catchers shall be placed on the top of all chimneys, smoke-pipes, smoke-stacks and flues of any steam boiler or steam engine within the City limits, when deemed necessary for the safety of the adjoining property, by the City Marshall and Chief engineer of the Fire department of the City, at the expense of the owner or person using or in the control thereof. The Marshall and Chief engineer of the Fire department, or either of them, shall at all times have the right and authority to enter at seasonable hours, any building within the City for the purpose of inspecting the arrangements of the same as to its safety from taking or communicating fire on account of any defective flue, chimney, smoke-pipe, or smoke-stack therein or connected therewith and to ascertain whether or not any of the provisions of this Ordinance are being violated therein =

Sec 8

It shall be the duty of each fireman in said City to notify the Chief engineer or Marshall of every violation of this Ordinance which may come to his knowledge =

Sec 9

That every person who shall willfully and maliciously make any false alarm of fire shall upon conviction thereof before the Recorder's court, be fined not less than twenty (20) dollars nor more than One hundred (100) dollars, or be imprisoned not less than ten (10) days, nor more than fifty (50) days in the City jail, for each and every such offense, Provided, That one-half of any fine collected for the violation of this Section shall be paid by the Recorder to the person making the complaint, +

Sec 10

All buildings hereafter erected within the City limits to be used for public assemblies, in whole or in part, shall have doors that are used for the ingress and egress of the public, to the

portion so used for such assemblages so constructed that they shall open outwardly or inwardly, and in no case shall they be so constructed as to open inwardly only, or to slide, and all such buildings hereafter to be altered for the use of public assemblages shall be made to conform to the requirements of this section. And all buildings hereafter erected, altered or changed, and intended for the above purpose shall have the main aisle five (5) feet and passages at least three (3) feet wide.

Sec 11

No person shall keep within the limits of said City, between Maple street on the South and Vine street on the North, and (2nd) second street on the West, and Park street on the East, more than One hundred (100) gallons of kerosene oil, the same to be kept in metallic cans or tanks.

Sec 12

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No person shall keep for private use in any house in the City of Lebanon, more than two (2) pounds of Gun-powder ^{or other powder} at any time, and no person doing business in the City of Lebanon, shall keep for sale in any store, house or warehouse, or place of business, except in a fire proof building erected for that purpose, more than One hundred (100) pounds of gun-powder at any one time; and such powder shall be kept in metallic cans or kegs, near the entrance of such house or place of business convenient to access, in a secure tin or steel-iron box, plainly marked on the upper side in letters not less than three (3) inches long "Gun-powder," and every person keeping powder in a store for sale, shall report to the Chief engineer and the Foreman of each Fire company, the exact locality of the same and where it is kept, and he shall not move the same, unless to sell, without the consent of the Chief engineer.

Sec 13

The Chief engineer and assistant-engineer and the City Marshall are required to see that the requirements and provisions of this Ordinance are enforced, and to make complaint in the Recorder's court for all violations thereof +

Sec 14

All violations of this Ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and all persons convicted thereof before the Recorder's court shall be fined not less than ten (10) dollars, nor more than One hundred (100) dollars, or be imprisoned in the City jail not less than five (5) days, nor more than fifty (50) days +

Sec 15

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed —

Sec 16

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval by the Mayor +

Approved This 14th day of October 1891

Attest—

Geo. W. Rice
City Recorder

M. A. Miller
Mayor