AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING HOUSE NUMBERING

BE IT ORDAINED by the Electors of the Town of Lebanon at a duly warned meeting:

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this ordinance shall be to promote public safety and convenience through the provision of a rational street numbering system whereby addresses may be identified with the ease and speed which is essential to the quick response of emergency services such as fire fighting, police and emergency medical care.

2. **Duty:** It shall be the duty of the owners of all dwelling, apartments, houses, multiple family dwellings, rooming houses, hotels, commercial establishments, and other buildings or units to place the assigned numerals and maintain them as herein provided. It shall be unlawful for any person whether owner or occupant of the building or any apartment or unit therein to place, maintain or allow to remain thereon any number other than the one required by this ordinance.

3. **Assignment of Numbers:** The Board of Assessors of the Town of Lebanon, at their discretion and without notice, may assign to each building, or part of a building other than an accessory building a street identification number by which such building or part thereof shall be know, and may change such numbers of such buildings or part of such buildings. The Board of Assessors shall be authorized to change a street identification number of any individual building or parts thereof, when such change shall be necessary by reason of readjustment of any kind, inaccuracy or mistake, or for any other reason and notify with appropriate notice in writing to all owners so affected. It shall be the duty of the Board of Assessors whenever a new street or highway is laid out, to assign to the land abutting on such street or highway, numbers at such measured intervals or distances, as set forth by the original standard and the public interest shall require. When buildings fronting on such new street or highway are completed for occupancy the owners thereof shall affix numbers to their buildings.

4. **Notice of Assignment:** Whenever the Board of Assessors acting in accordance with this ordinance, shall have assigned numbers to a building, they shall send to the owner or owners of each and all buildings a written notice informing them of such numbering or re-numbering and directing them to affix to such premises numerals indicating the number thereto assigned. It shall thereupon become the duty of the owner of owners to affix said numbers within thirty (30) days after the sending of such notice.

5. **Specifications for the Type and Location of Numbers**

   A. Block numerals used to indicate the street identification number of buildings shall be located on the exterior front of the building which they identify, or on a post, sign, mailbox or other device located between the building and the street. Such numerals shall be at least three (3) inches in height and shall be of a color contrasting with the color of the background material to which they are affixed. When affixed, they shall be positioned not less than four (4) feet nor more than twelve (12) feet from the surface of the ground directly below them. The location and size of such numerals shall
be sufficient to assure their legibility when the building which they identify is viewed from one or more points along the center line of the street on which it fronts between projections of the sides of such building intersecting perpendicularly with said center line.

B. If the building fronting on a street or private road is set back more than one hundred (100) feet from the center line of such street or private road or if any numerals affixed to such a building in accordance with sub-section 3A cannot be made legible from such center line because of obstruction, the aforesaid numerals shall be visible at all times and shall also be affixed to a post, sign, mailbox or other device which shall be located within ten (10) feet of the driveway entrance which provides the closest vehicular access to the building or part of the building to which the numerals have been assigned.

C. For buildings containing two (2) or more dwellings units, stores, offices, or any combinations thereof, and which have entrances from interior passageways, numerals for such dwelling units, stores or offices shall be affixed on the door or within one (1) foot of every exterior door of the building by which the building may be entered and from which access of such dwelling units, stores or offices may be gained. In addition, the identifying letter or number shall be affixed to the entrance door of each unit, store, office or combination thereof. Otherwise, the specifications and locations for such numerals shall be as for other buildings.

All numbers must be made of substantial and permanent material, and must be so placed or affixed as not to be easily affected or removed.

6. Penalty: Every owner, or occupant of any building or part thereof and every agent of any said owner who shall neglect or refuse for thirty (30) days to affix to the same the number assigned by the Assessor or who shall affix to the same or retain thereon more than five (5) days, any number contrary to the direction of the Assessor or who shall refuse or neglect to comply with any provision of this ordinance, shall be guilty of an infraction punishable by a fine of Five and 00/100 ($5.00) dollars per day. For the purpose of enforcing this provision of this ordinance, tickets may be issued by any person authorized to issue tickets, summons or infractions under the authority of the Connecticut General Statutes or the Ordinances of the Town of Lebanon. Each day of neglect or refusal to comply with the directions of said Assessor shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

If any fine is not paid within fourteen (14) days of the issuance of a ticket, a warrant may be issued for the arrest of the violator on a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than five and 00/100 ($5.00) dollars nor more than twenty-five and 00/100 ($25.00) dollars for each offense.

All penalties received for violations of this ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall for any reason be invalid or unconstitutional such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this ordinance, but shall remain in effect.
This Ordinance shall take effect Fifteen (15) days after publication in accordance with the General statutes.

Dated at Lebanon, Connecticut this 29th day of March 1990.

The effective date of this Ordinance is April 17, 1990