**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LEBANON MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II – CITY COUNCIL, ADDING SECTION 2-66 – TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION BY AUDIENCE AT OPEN MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Lebanon, St. Clair County, Illinois (hereinafter "City"), is a non-home rule municipality duly established, existing and operating in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code (Section 5/1-1-1 *et seq.* of Chapter 65 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes); and

**WHEREAS,** City has determined the current City Code regarding audience participation by phone at City Council Meetings and City Open Meetings needs to be amended; and

**WHEREAS**, City has determined audience members should be able to listen by phone to City Council meetings and other Open Meetings of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, City has determined it would be in the best interests of public health, safety, general welfare, and economic welfare to permit audience members to listen by phone to City Council Meetings and other City Open Meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, City authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to amend the City Code as stated herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lebanon, Illinois, as follows:**

*Section 1.* The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the City Council of the City of Lebanon, Illinois.

*Section 2.* City Code shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 2-66 – Telephonic participation by audience members at City Council Meetings and other Open Meetings of the City where possible and available

1. Where possible, and when the technology is available, City shall broadcast City Council Meetings and other Open Meetings of the City by phone to those who choose to call in.
2. The call in phone number and access code will be made available on the agenda posted in accordance with Illinois State Law and the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
3. City cannot guarantee the quality of the connection or dependability of the technology for the phone connection to the meetings being broadcast via phone.

*Section 3*. The Mayor is directed and authorized, on behalf of the City of Lebanon, to execute any documents necessary to give effect to this Ordinance.

*Section 4.* This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_and shall be effective upon its passage and approval in accordance with Illinois law.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Lebanon, Illinois, and deposited and filed in the Office of the City Clerk, on the \_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2023, the vote being taken by ayes and noes, and entered upon the legislative records, as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

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Cheri Wright

Mayor

City of Lebanon

St. Clair County, Illinois

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Luanne Holper

City Clerk

City of Lebanon

St. Clair County, Illinois