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City of Lebanon
Planning Commission

Dear Commission Members:

We have the resources and are exploring starting a pedicab touring and ride service in Lebanon. This is a venture that we believe could attract visitors to Lebanon and create a positive impact on their perception of the community and the local economy. I have not been able to find anything in current ordinances that addresses this type of operation as a special use home-based business. Since reservations will be required and made online or by phone there is no reason for a commercial location. The pedicab will be initially stored on my property (backyard) then in a planned accessory building to be located on my property. Customers will not come to my home location. The pedicab will hold no more than three passengers and have an e-assist drivetrain that will allow the “driver” to be able to handle loads of up to 600 lbs. on hills.

Since there do not appear to be any ordinances that address this type of business in Lebanon, I would like to discuss this with the commission to get guidance and direction as to how to pursue and obtain approval. Because these high quality pedicabs are constructed to individualized specifications by the Colorado based manufacturer I will need to order the cab in early January to be ready to commence operations by early to mid-April, 2024. The business is seasonal and weather-related, operating about six months a year plus special events (generally April-October). Light rain is usually not a factor since there will be an all-weather canopy available for passenger protection and comfort.

I am available for the November 2, 2023 meeting and look forward to meeting with you.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. J. Fero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "J" that are connected to the rest of the name.

George J. Fero