

Chapter 9

LIBRARY*

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*Cross reference—Administration generally, ch. 2.

State law reference—Authority to create library, V.T.C.A., Local Government Code § 315.005.



Sec. 9-1. Department created.

A department is hereby created within the framework of the governmental organization of the city which shall be known as the library department, and it shall function in accordance with this chapter.

(Ord. No. 106, § 1, 9-12-1983)

Sec. 9-2. Library board created, composition, terms.

There is hereby created a five-member advisory board which shall assist the city in the proper establishment and operation of such library, as set forth below, and that such board shall be known as the city library board. The mayor shall appoint said advisory board members by and with the approval of the city council. Such members shall hold office for two years, and of the first five appointments, three shall be appointed for two years and two shall be appointed for one year. Therefore, three shall be appointed during odd-numbered years and two shall be appointed during even-numbered years. All members of the board shall be qualified voters but will not be required to live within the city limits. Should vacancies occur in the board such vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments except such terms shall only be for the remainder of such unexpired term. No board member shall serve more than two consecutive two-year terms.

(Ord. No. 106, § 2, 9-12-1983; Ord. of 5-10-1993)

Sec. 9-3. Board recommendation of librarian.

The library board is authorized and directed to recommend one or more librarians to the mayor for his consideration, and the mayor shall, in turn, appoint a city librarian, subject to approval by the city council. The library board, working with the librarian and mayor, shall recommend the number, qualifications and the salaries to be paid the staff members employed under the librarian. Such recommendations shall be subject to approval of the city council.

(Ord. No. 106, § 3, 9-12-1983)

Sec. 9-4. Rules of department; preparation of budget.

The city council recognizes that the library department is technical in nature and, therefore, it hereby authorizes and directs the library board to promulgate general rules and regulations covering the policies and operations of such department. After such rules and regulations have been studied and finally approved by the city council, they shall be compiled and a number kept in supply so as to enhance the orderly operation of the library. The librarian is authorized to prepare the annual budget for the library department, with the assistance of the library board, which shall be presented to the mayor for his consideration and amendments if amendments are necessary. The mayor will present such budget to the city council, and such will be treated in the manner prescribed by law.

(Ord. No. 106, § 4, 9-12-1983)

Sec. 9-5. Detaining or destroying property; responsibility of parent; fines and fees.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully, maliciously, or intentionally detain any library material belonging to the public library for 14 days after notice, in writing, from the library staff, with proper postage affixed and given by deposit in the regular United States mail to the last known address provided to the library as the permanent residence of the holder of the library card. The notice shall be given only after the expiration of time by which policy of the library regulates the period of time the materials may be kept.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to take or borrow any library materials belonging to the public library, except in accordance with the rules of such library.

(c) Any parent or other person having the duty of control and reasonable discipline of a child over the age of 12 and under the age of 17 shall be responsible for the failure of such child to comply with subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

(d) Any parent or other person having the duty of control and reasonable discipline of a child of any age shall be responsible for

the negligent failure of such child to return any overdue book to the library with proper payment of fines or for failure to pay for books that are lost or damaged.

(e) Fines and fees for materials that are overdue by expiration of the time by which such materials may be kept and for materials that are lost or damaged shall be charged, as set and approved by the city council and listed on a schedule of fines and fees kept by the library staff.

(Ord. No. 168, §§ 1, 3—6, 1-8-1996)

Editor's note—Ord. No. 168, adopted January 8, 1996, did not specifically amend this Code; hence, codification of §§ 1, 3—6 of such ordinance as § 9-5 was at the editor's discretion.

