

ORDINANCE NO 5678

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE (AMC) 2.92, PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (ORDINANCE NO. 4912).

WHEREAS, the responsibilities of the Public Library Board have changed since the original ordinance was adopted in 1990; and

WHEREAS, it is in the desire of the Council and in the best interest of the City of Albany that there be **seven (7)** members and there be equal representation throughout the City on the Library Board whenever possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Albany Municipal Code 2.92, Public Library Board is hereby amended as follows:

2.92.020 Public Library Board appointments and terms. There is hereby created a Public Library Board that shall consist of ~~five (5)~~ **seven (7)** members. The Mayor shall appoint the members of the Board, with their appointment to be ratified by the City Council. The members shall be appointed at large from within the City. All members of the Board who have been appointed under the current policy of the City of Albany shall continue in office until the expiration of their terms of office. The first appointments made under this chapter shall be made so that two members' terms expire each year except in the third year in which one member's term shall expire. It is the intention that no more than two members' terms shall expire in any one year. Appointments made under this chapter shall be for terms of four (4) years.

2.92.030 Duties of the Board.

(1) The Public Library Board shall be advisory to the City Council in all matters pertaining to the operation, maintenance, activities, and facilities of the Albany Public Library. General functions and responsibilities of the Board are as follows:

- (a) Define the objectives of the Albany Public Library and propose plans and general policies harmonizing with them.
- (b) Maintain the highest quality and standards of library service.
- (c) Interpret the importance and need of library services to the general public.
- (d) Keep public officials informed of the status and progress of library services.
- (e) Advise in the selection of the Library Director and the definition of his/her duties and responsibilities.
- (f) Recommend a sound fiscal policy to achieve Library goals.
- (g) Recommend an adequate system of library facilities.
- (h) Assist in providing stability and continuity in general library operations.
- (i) Evaluate the services of the Albany Public Library in relation to its objectives.

(2) In addition to the general functions of the Board, the following specific responsibilities are established:

- (a) Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council, the City Manager and the Library Director.
- (b) Recommend policies as to library services for the approval of the City Council.
- (c) Advise the City Council of problems in development of library facilities, programs, and improvement of services.
- (d) Aid in coordinating library services and programs of the State Librarian and other regional libraries.
- (e) Review the effectiveness of the library program with the Library Director and the City Manager.
- (f) Interpret the policies and functions of the library department to the public.
- (g) Review the annual budget of the library before presentation to the City Manager and to advise the Library Director in the development of long-range capital improvement programs.
- (h) Resolve questions dealing with the selection and purchase of intellectual materials and all intellectual freedom challenges.
- (i) Administer special trusts, which may be established for library purposes.

Passed by the Council: July 11, 2007

Approved by the Mayor: July 11, 2007

Effective Date: August 10, 2007

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk