

CHAPTER 13

LIBRARY BOARD

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2-13-1 CREATION OF LIBRARY BOARD:

There is hereby created a Library Board in the City of Renton. (Ord. 5155, 9-26-05)

2-13-2 AUTHORITY:

The Library Board is established pursuant to RCW 35A.27.010. (Ord. 5155, 9-26-05)

2-13-3 FUNCTION:

- A. The Board shall have the power to establish policy for library activity, including policy for the control and supervision of all libraries belonging to the City.
- B. In conjunction with the Mayor and City Council, the Library Board may further establish policy to plan, promote, manage, construct, develop, maintain and operate, within the City limits, libraries and improve and ornament the same.
- C. The Board shall further receive, in the name of the City, all monies or other property donated by individuals or groups for the improvement of libraries; the Board reserves the right to reject any such donations in the event that any such donations be considered improper, unlawful or contrary to the purposes set forth. Any cash received by the Board on behalf of the City shall be paid to the Director of Finance and same shall be placed in the Library Fund. (Ord. 5155, 9-26-05)

2-13-4 APPOINTMENT:

The Library Board shall consist of seven (7) members, who shall be citizens of the City of Renton, and who shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the confirmation by a majority of the members of the City Council, one of which shall be a youth representative under 21 years of age at the time of appointment. No Library Board member shall receive any compensation for his or her service whatsoever except for reimbursement of actual expenditures duly authorized by the City Council. (Ord. 5155, 9-26-05)

2-13-5 TERMS; VACANCIES:

A. The term of each Library Board member so appointed shall be for a period of five (5) years from the date of such appointment, unless the appointment is to fill an unexpired term, except for the youth member, who shall serve for two years. Such designated term shall also apply to incumbent members who shall have a term of office coinciding with their term on that predecessor board. A vacancy shall occur upon the resignation, death, or removal of a member. A vacancy shall also occur whenever a Board member absents himself or herself for three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board or for an aggregate of five (5) regular and/or special meeting in a single year, unless the absences are excused by action of the remaining members.

B. No person shall be appointed to the Library board for more than two consecutive terms. The first appointments to the Library Board created by this Chapter shall be of those individuals who were members of the Library Board in existence at the time the ordinance codified in this Chapter is adopted.

C. Members of the Library Board may be removed at any time by the appointing authority and vacancies for the remainder of unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The Board shall, by majority vote, elect one of its members to be President thereof, and may elect such other officers as may be deemed necessary by them. (Ord. 5155, 9-26-05)

2-13-6 MEETINGS AND QUORUM:

The Library Board shall have a regular meeting each month and may, from time to time, provide for special meetings as may be needed to carry out the proper discharge of its duties. A majority of the Library Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority vote of those present shall be necessary to carry any proposition. (Ord. 5155, 9-26-05)

2-13-7 APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND DUTIES OF LIBRARY DIRECTOR:

A. When there is a vacancy in the position of Library Director, the Library Board members, in conjunction with the Community Services Administrator, shall recommend one or more qualified candidates to the Mayor for consideration for appointment to that position.

B. The qualifications and duties for the position of Library Director shall be established by the Human Resources Department of the City with the concurrence of the Library Board. In accordance with RCW 27.04.030, candidates for the position of Library Director shall hold a master's degree in library science and shall hold or be eligible to acquire a State of Washington librarian's certificate. The Library Director shall report to the Community Services Administrator, who will seek input from the Library Board for an annual evaluation of the director's performance.

C. The Library Director may serve as an ex officio member of the Library Board but shall have no vote thereon.

D. The salary of the Library Director shall be as fixed in the annual budget of the City. (Ord. 5155, 9-26-05)

2-13-8 BUDGET AND FINANCES:

Library appropriations and expenditures shall conform with the requirements of state law and the Renton City Code. The City Council shall have final authority to review and approve the library budget. The library budget proposal shall be developed by the Library Director and reviewed by the Library Board within a resource estimate provided by the Mayor. (Ord. 5155, 9-26-05)

2-13-9 LABOR AGREEMENTS AND PERSONNEL POLICY:

The Mayor shall negotiate labor agreements and salary schedules for library personnel, these agreements to be integrated with the citywide pay plan, personnel policies and collective bargaining contracts. The Library Board members shall be consulted at the time of contract negotiations or when policies affecting library personnel or operations are to be changed in order that their concerns may be considered. (Ord. 5155, 9-26-05)

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