

ORDINANCE NO. 68-18

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Richland amending Chapter 2.12 of the Richland Municipal Code related to the Library Board.

WHEREAS, the City has need, from time to time, to update the Richland Municipal Code to bring it into alignment with current practices and to eliminate conflict and ambiguity; and

WHEREAS, over time, disparate regulations have been codified for the City's various boards, commissions and committees which make consistent and clear administration difficult; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2018, Council approved Ordinance No. 21-18, which amended RMC 2.04.110 to lend consistency to the overall administration of the City's boards, commissions and committees, and to bring the Richland Municipal Code into alignment with current practices; and

WHEREAS, in the process of adopting Ordinance No. 21-18, the City created temporary conflicts in existing individual board, commission and committee code sections that now require amendment; and

WHEREAS, an element of the City's strategic plan is to ensure that proper foundational authorities are in place to allow for successful government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Richland Municipal Code Chapter 2.12, entitled Library Board, as first enacted by Ordinance No. 67, and last amended by Ordinance No. 38-05, is hereby amended as follows:

**Chapter 2.12
LIBRARY BOARD**

Sections:

- 2.12.005 Purpose.**
- 2.12.010 Library board of trustees created – Membership.**
- ~~2.12.020 Removal and vacancies.~~**
- ~~2.12.030 Meetings, officers, records, and quorum.~~**
- 2.12.040 Powers and duties.**
- 2.12.050 Annual appropriations – Control of expenditures~~Expenditures – Budget.~~**
- 2.12.060 Gifts – Title to property.**
- 2.12.070 Severability.~~Services of other city departments.~~**

2.12.005 Purpose.

The purpose and intent of this chapter is to establish a library board of trustees responsible for providing public library services to residents of the City of Richland.

2.12.010 Library board of trustees created – Membership.

There is created a library board (hereinafter referred to as the “board”) composed of five trustees as recommended by the council assignments committee to the mayor, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by a majority of city council. Trustees shall serve staggered five-year terms and until their successors are appointed and confirmed. No person shall be appointed to serve more than two consecutive terms as library trustee. The waiver available under RMC 2.04.110(F) shall not apply. ~~In the instance of an appointment to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term, a full term shall be considered a period of time in excess of one year.~~

~~The library trustees shall be selected without regard to political affiliation and shall serve without salary or other compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses actually incurred, out of library funds. All members shall be residents of the city of Richland, Washington.~~

2.12.020 Removal and vacancies.

~~The trustees may, by majority vote, recommend to the city council removal of an appointed member upon such grounds as may be deemed appropriate. The city council, by majority vote, may remove a trustee and declare the position vacant. Unexcused absences from three consecutive meetings or six absences, excused or unexcused, within a 12-month period shall be grounds for removal. Workshops shall be excluded from the definition of “meetings” for purposes of this section. Vacancies occurring otherwise than by expiration of terms shall be filled for the unexpired terms in the manner used for regular appointments to the board.~~

2.12.030 Meetings, officers, records, and quorum.

~~The board shall elect its own chairperson and vice chairperson and create and fill such other offices as it may determine it requires. The board shall hold at least one regular meeting in each of 10 calendar months of the year. It shall adopt such bylaws, rules and regulations for its own guidance and for the government of the library as it deems necessary, and it shall keep a record of its meetings, resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations, which record shall be open to public inspection.~~

~~Three members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Board action requires three affirmative votes of those present at any regular or special meeting.~~

2.12.040 Powers and duties.

The library trustees shall have the powers vested in them and perform the duties imposed upon them by general law. In addition, the board shall provide city council with an annual report as required by RCW 27.12.260. ~~quarterly report detailing ongoing facility plans and fundraising efforts regarding library facilities.~~

2.12.050 Annual appropriations – Control of expenditures. Expenditures—Budget.
~~The expenditures of the board, exclusive of gifts or the income of property held in trust for the library, shall be limited to appropriations made to the library by the city council. All programs requiring appropriations shall be submitted through the library budget. All funds for the library shall be in the custody of the finance director, shall be designated in some manner for identification, and shall not be used for any but library purposes. The board shall have the exclusive control of expenditures for library purposes subject to any examination of accounts required by the state, and money shall be paid for library purposes only upon vouchers of the board, without further audit. The board shall not make expenditures or incur indebtedness in any year in excess of the amount of money appropriated for library purposes. All programs requiring appropriations shall be submitted through the library budget.~~

2.12.060 Gifts – Title to property.

The title to money or property given to or for the use or benefit of the library shall vest in the ~~library~~ board, on behalf of the city, to be held and used according to the terms of the gift.

2.12.070 Severability. ~~Services of other city departments.~~

~~The board may, with the approval of the city manager, use the services of the various departments of the city administration in carrying out its duties and responsibilities. If any one or more sections, subsections or sentences of this chapter are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this chapter, and the same shall remain in full force and effect.~~

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

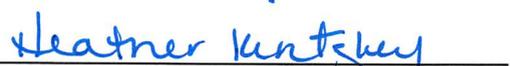
PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 18th day of December, 2018.


ROBERT J. THOMPSON
Mayor

ATTEST:


MARCIA HOPKINS, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


HEATHER KINTZLEY, City Attorney

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