

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 06/09/26

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 26-0411

**LOG NAME:** 84AMEND LIBRARY CODE CHAPTER 19-22

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Adopt Ordinance Amending Chapter 19, "Libraries," of the Code of the City of Fort Worth to Revise Article II, Section 19-22, "Advisory Board," to Update the Responsibilities and Duties of the Library Advisory Board

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance amending Chapter 19, "Libraries," of the Code of the City of Fort Worth to revise Article II, Section 19-22, "Advisory Board," to update the responsibilities and duties of the Library Advisory Board.

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**DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication is for the City Council to consider adopting the attached ordinance amending Article II, Chapter 19-22 "Advisory Board," updating the responsibilities and duties of the Library Advisory Board.

Chapter VIII, Section 1 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to establish by ordinance such departments, divisions, and offices as it deems necessary for the operation of the City's business (in addition to those departments required by the City Charter) and also authorizes the City Council to discontinue any department or office established by ordinance and to prescribe, combine, consolidate, distribute, or abolish the functions and duties of departments, divisions, or offices.

Article II, Chapter 19 of the City Code governs the Department of Public Libraries. The ordinance shall be in full force and effect following its adoption.

It is the recommendation of the City Manager and the Director of the Library Department that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance to clarify and modernize the responsibilities and duties of the Library Advisory Board to better align with its advisory and advocacy roles. Revising the responsibilities and duties to emphasize advocacy for development and publicizing the library's impact will strengthen community support and awareness, and will promote transparency, accountability and broader stakeholder involvement in library operations.

The current version of Section 19-22 provides the responsibilities and duties of the Library Advisory Board to be as follows:

(b) Responsibilities. The advisory board will be responsible for providing policy recommendations and information to the city manager and the city council about citizen needs and requests that will improve the services of the department.

(c) Duties. The advisory board will recommend to the city manager and the city council, plans for development of facilities and services to meet the needs of the city. The board will review and comment on the annual operating budget and capital improvement requests. Recommendations made by the board will be presented to the city manager and the city council for consideration.

The attached ordinance will modify this provision to read as follows:

(b) Responsibilities. The advisory board will be responsible for providing recommendations and information to the city manager and the city council about citizen needs and requests that will improve the services of the department.

(c) Duties. The advisory board shall advocate for the development of facilities, services and programs in accordance with adopted library plans. The advisory board will help publicize the work, programs and impact of the library. The board may review and comment on the annual operating budget and capital improvement requests.

This will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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