

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19, "LIBRARIES," OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS (2015), AS AMENDED, TO REVISE ARTICLE II, SECTION 19-22, "ADVISORY BOARD," TO UPDATE THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council is authorized to amend the Code of the City of Fort Worth to ensure that library policies reflect current practices and promote access to library resources;

WHEREAS, the Fort Worth Public Library seeks to modernize and clarify the duties of the library advisory board to better align with its advisory and advocacy roles;

WHEREAS, updating the responsibilities of the advisory board to focus on providing information to the Mayor and City Council about the Library Department will enhance communication and decision-making;

WHEREAS, revising the duties of the advisory board to emphasize advocacy for development and publicizing the library's impact will strengthen community support and awareness; and

WHEREAS, these changes will promote transparency, accountability, and broader stakeholder involvement in library operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1.

Article II, Section 19-22, "Advisory Board," of Chapter 19, "Libraries," of the Code of the City of Fort Worth (2015), as amended, is hereby amended in part by revising subsections (b) and (c) to read 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~~ 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 ~~will~~ may 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.~~

SECTION 2.

This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances and of the Code of the City of Fort Worth, Texas (2015), as amended, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code, in which event conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 4.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect following its adoption.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jannette S. Goodall,
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

By: _____
Taylor C. Paris,
Senior Assistant City Attorney

ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE:

Commented [DT1]: @Clark, Midori K I think these comments and ideas are ready for you to review and make your determinations

Commented [CM2R2]: Thank you both for working on this. I will share/forward to Taylor for review.