

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 01/27/26

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 26-0062

LOG NAME: 84AMENDMENT TO LIBRARY CODE CHAPTER 19

SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt Ordinance Amending Chapter 19, "Libraries," of the Code of the City of Fort Worth to Revise Article II. Section 19-15, "Definitions and Policies," to Update the Definitions of "Library Materials," "Library Services," and "Nonresident Student"

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 19-15, "Definitions and Policies," to update the Definitions of "Library Materials," "Library Services," and "Nonresident Student".

DISCUSSION:

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 purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication is for the City Council to consider adopting the attached ordinance amending Article II, Chapter 19-15 "Definitions and Policies," updating the definitions of "Library Materials," "Library Services," and "Nonresident Student." 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 these definitions to reflect current practices and promote greater access to library services. This benefits residents by qualifying homeschool and college students for a free library card, expanding access to resources and supporting a wide variety of educational needs in our community.

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

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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