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PUBLIC LIBRARY

1. BOARD ESTABLISHED. A board of nine residents of the City, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council, is hereby established for the public library, which board is to be known and is designated the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Decatur, Illinois.

2. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES. The term of appointment shall commence July 1 and shall be three years and until a successor is appointed and qualified. The respective terms of each of three trustees shall expire each year. Appointment to fill a vacancy during a term shall be for the unexpired remainder thereof. One or more members of the Council may be appointed to the Board. No trustee shall receive compensation as such. A trustee may be removed by the Mayor for misconduct or neglect of duty, but only with the approval of the Council. Those members of the heretofore created Board incumbent on the effective date of this amended Chapter shall be members of the Board established hereby for respective terms to expire as indicated at the time of the respective last appointment of each.

3. OPERATION OF LIBRARY. Subject to the direction from time to time of the Council said Board shall generally supervise and control the public library of the City and the operation and maintenance thereof and shall have and exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be from time to time provided by the Council by ordinance or by resolution, and in addition thereto, except as the Council may otherwise direct, as may be provided by statute for such boards in other cities in the State of Illinois.

4. BUDGET. Annually no later than October 1, the Board shall submit to the City

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Manager a proposed budget of the anticipated library costs and expenses for the next ensuing January 1, through December 31, fiscal year, in such form and detail as may be from time to time requested by the City Manager. The City Manager shall submit the recommendations as to such budget to the Council along with the suggested budget for other City functions. Annually along with the budgeting of and for other funds of the City a fund which shall be known as the Library Fund shall be budgeted for said costs and expenses in such amount as the Council deems proper for said object and purpose and the Council may cause the same to be funded by the levy of such tax or taxes, or otherwise, and in such amount or amounts as the Council may from time to time provide. (Amended, Ordinance No. 2019-138, September 3, 2019)

5. CONTROL OF FUND. Subject to the direction of the Council, the Board shall supervise and control the library fund and shall do so in such manner as to comply with the fiscal, financial and accounting rules, regulations, practices, procedures and ordinances of the City.

6. ANNUAL REPORT. The Board shall annually report to the Council and to the Illinois State Librarian as is prescribed by statute.

7. APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARIANS. Provisions of the law or ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding, and until the further order of the Council, said Board is hereby authorized to provide by resolution, either through application of the Civil Service Law for Cities or otherwise, for the appointment, probation, continuance in position, demotion, removal or discipline of professional librarians to or occupying positions as a supervisor of a service or as a head of a department as such services or departments are or have been established by said Board for the organization and operation of said Library.