

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

EDYTHE L. DYER COMMUNITY LIBRARY ORDINANCE

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Enactment: Pursuant to the provisions of the charter of the Town of Hampden, Article II, Section 212, and Article III, Section 302, THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN HEREBY ORDAINS that there is established a public library, to be known as the Edythe L. Dyer Community Library, to be organized, administered and governed in accordance with the following provisions:

SECTION I - ESTABLISHMENT

The Edythe L. Dyer Community Library, the Library, is established as a department of the town, and shall be administered consistent with its role as such.

SECTION II - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Section 2.1 Library Director

- a. Position - There is hereby authorized and established the position of Library Director. This position shall be included in the Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan for the Town of Hampden.
 - b. Appointment – The Library Director shall be appointed by the Town Manager, subject to confirmation by the Town Council and consistent with the personnel rules of the Town and the Town Charter.
 - c. Duties – The Library Director shall have the responsibility for the daily operation and management of the Library as a department of the Town and consistent with the personnel rules of the Town and the Town Charter. The Library Director shall make a periodic report to the Town Manager at such frequency as s directed as to the business of the Library for the period since the last report. The Library shall be operated and managed subject to the directives of the Town Manager.
- The Library Director shall be a non-voting ex-officio member, of the Board of Trustees.

Section 2.2 - Board of Trustees

- a. Appointment Term - The Board of Trustees of the library shall consist of seven (7) persons, 5 appointed by the Town Council. The trustees shall serve staggered three (3) year terms No member of the Town Council may serve as a Trustee on the Board of Trustees.
- b. Duties: Function – The Edythe L. Dyer Community Library Endowment Fund (the Fund) is a dedicated fund of the Town of Hampden. The purpose of the Fund is to provide a source of supplemental funding for programming, books, periodicals, or library materials over and above those provided by the Town of Hampden as part of its annual municipal budget.

The Board of Trustees, the Trustees, shall have the power to: collect, hold, manage, control, invest, reinvest, and expend all endowment funds as appropriate.

To accept, in the name of the Fund, gifts such as money, personal property, and real estate to be used by the Trustees for the stated purpose in these Bylaws.

To employ personnel, including investment advisors, marketing specialists, attorneys at law, accountants, and other necessary persons to pursue and implement the purpose of the Fund.

- c. The Town Manager and Council Chair are non-voting ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees, and in the event the Board chooses to create an Executive Committee, the Town Manager shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of said committee.
- d. The Board of Trustees shall make recommendations to the Town Manager through the Library Director as to nominations for membership to the Board. The Board of Trustees shall have the authority to name various persons to the Board of Trustees as honorary members of the Board as it deems appropriate but only by a majority vote of the membership of the entire Board. Honorary Trustees may participate in meetings of the full Board of Trustees but may not vote.
- e. The Board of Trustees may also accept gifts and donations to the Library either in trust or outright, and may act as trustee of any donations or gifts in trust. In the event the Board accepts any gifts or donations in trust it shall at all times be consistent with the terms of the trust or gift. The responsibility of the Board for gifts or donations in trust may not be delegated to a lesser committee of the Board.

SECTION III - VALIDITY, REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 3.1 - Validity; Conflict of Laws; Effective Date

- a. Validity - Should any section or provisions of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such determination of invalidity shall not invalidate or affect any other section or provision of this ordinance, and to that end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.
- b. Repealer - All ordinances, resolutions, orders and votes of the Town of Hampden, by whatever governing body enacted, and which relate to the creation of a public library in the Town of Hampden, are hereby repealed to the extent they are inconsistent with this ordinance.
- c. Effective Date - The effective date of this ordinance shall be thirty (30) days after adoption by the Town Council.