

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Amending "The Code of Ordinances City of Lowell, Massachusetts" With Respect to Chapter 39 Entitled, "Library", specifically §39-1 entitled "Board of Trustees."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL as follows:

"The Code of Ordinance City of Lowell, Massachusetts" ("Code",) adopted by the City Council on December 23, 2008, as amended with respect to Chapter 39 §1, entitled "Board of Trustees" is amended as follows:

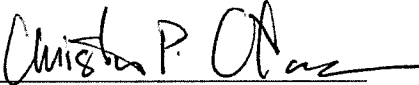
1. By deleting the first sentence of Section C which states: The Trustees of the City Library shall be nine in number, including the City Manager, who shall be ex officio President of the Board."
2. By adding a new first sentence with the following language: "The Trustees of the City Library shall be eleven in number, which shall include two associate members, and the City Manager, or his/her designee who shall be ex officio President of the Board." And by further adding the following: "Associate members shall be non-voting members. In the event that a board member(s) is absent, the most senior associate member(s) may take their place and vote."
3. By amending Section C so that the term "four years" shall now be "three years" for a Trustee's term.
4. By adding a new second sentence in Section D with the following language: "A quorum shall be satisfied when a majority of those holding filled positions appear for a meeting."
5. By deleting the second sentence of Section G.

6. By adding a new second sentence to Section G: "They shall also have the power to establish and amend bylaws, rules and regulations as may be necessary for the government of the Library, provided that any and all bylaws, rules and regulations comply with the City's Charter and the Plan E form of government.

7. All provisions of the Lowell City Code, as amended, which are consistent with this Ordinance, shall continue in effect, but all provisions of the City Code inconsistent, are repealed.

8. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Christine P. O'Connor
City Solicitor



Eileen Donoghue
City Manager

April 5, 2019

Mayor William Samaras
And
Members of the City Council

Re: Proposed Ordinance – Pollard Memorial Board of Trustees

Dear Mayor Samaras and Members of the City Council:

The attached ordinance proposes changes to Chapter 39, entitled “Library.” The amendments to §39-1, entitled “Board of Trustees,” include increasing Board members to 11 by adding two, non-voting associate members; decreasing the term of Board members from four to three years; granting board members the power to establish and amend their by-laws, rules and regulations in a manner consistent with the City’s Charter and Plan E form of government. The Ordinance also adds a provision allowing me to appoint a designee to serve in my place on the Board.

Increasing the number of Board members is the first in a series of similar changes I will be bringing to the Council in response to a motion by Councilors Noun and Kennedy. Their motion requested that I review the City’s Boards and Commissions and determine whether alternate members could be added to assist with quorum requirements and help foster greater public participation. Over the next few months I will continue with such efforts. The remainder of these changes were proposed by the Board of Trustees.

Very truly yours,

Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

cc: Christine P. O’Connor, City Solicitor
Victoria Woodley, Director, Pollard Memorial Library