



MICHIGAN LIBRARY ESTABLISHMENT TYPES

Establishment Type	Public Act & MCL Cite	Establishment Process	Formation Documents	Governance	Board Type	Board Seating	# Trustees	Trustee Term	Trustee Compensation	Funding	Millage Limit	Library Autonomy
PA 164 Section 1 City Library	City, Village Township Libraries Act. 1877 PA 164, section 1, MCL 397.201	City Council adopts resolution to establish library and passes appropriate charter or ordinance sections to govern operation.	City Council Resolution, Ordinance or Charter section, along with applicable meeting minutes.	Board	Governing	Appointed	5, but city can expand to 7 or 9 (must be odd number no less than 5, no more than 9).	Not less than 2 years nor more than 5. Set by city in establishing charter or ordinance.	None	City may levy a non-voted millage up to 1 mil. An additional voted millage of 1 mil may be added. City may also opt for funding by appropriation.	2 mils total	Section 1 city library is largely autonomous due to statutory powers of governing board. However, appointed board and city ordinances on library grant city some authority over library operations.
PA 164 Section 10a City Library	City, Village Township Libraries Act. 1877 PA 164, section 10a, MCL 397.210a	50 city electors present petition to city clerk for ballot proposal of millage for public library. City government may or may not be involved (if involved there would be a resolution).	Ballot Proposal and certified election results. City Council resolution if applicable.	Board	Governing	Initial board is an appointed provisional, then members are only elected.	6	Cities with annual city officer elections: 3-year terms; Cities with biennial city officer elections: 6-year terms; Cities that hold city elections every 4 years: 4-year terms.	None	A voted millage is part of establishment. Once initial millage has expired, funding can be via renewed millage or other options.	2 mils	Section 10a city library is very autonomous thanks to elected board and broad board powers and authority granted by the act. Municipality holds and disburses library funds in treasury, but generally has limited input or authority over library operations and expenditures.
Home Rule City Library	Home Rule Cities Act. 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.4e	City Council adopts Charter (and probably ordinance sections) provision establishing library	City Charter and Ordinances, and a City Resolution, if applicable.	City Council Governs library	Municipal Governing board. Could have additional advisory board, but not required.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	City Appropriations. City can have a voted library millage, but millage would apply towards city millage limit.	N/A	A Home Rule City Library is considered a city department. The library has as much autonomy as the city delegates.