

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-XXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOLFFORTH, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1.05 LIBRARY, §1.05.004 BOARD MEMBERSHIP; ADDING THE POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF TWO ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE WOLFFORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD; PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Wolfforth City Council created the board of trustees of the Wolfforth Public Library (the “Board”) on February 15, 1988; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to revise the membership of the Board by adding alternates to serve in the absence of Board members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOLFFORTH, TEXAS, THAT:

PART I: ENACTED

THAT the Code of Ordinances for the City of Wolfforth is hereby revised by amending Article 1.05 Library, § 1.05.004 Board Membership which shall read as follows:

ARTICLE 1.05 LIBRARY

§ 1.05.004 Board membership.

(a) The board shall be composed of five (5) members which are appointed by the City Council. A minimum of three (3) board members and any alternates shall be residents of the city. The other two (2) members shall either be residents or work in Lubbock County. The Council may also appoint up to two (2) alternate board members to serve in the event of an absence by a member of the board. The alternate board members shall be numbered Alternate 1 and Alternate 2. The members, including alternates, shall serve staggered two-year terms with odd-numbered seats running from July 1 through June 30 of odd-numbered years and even-numbered seats running from July 1 through June 30 of even-numbered years and until their successors have been appointed and qualified. All board members must have a current City of Wolfforth Library Card.

(b) Alternates are entitled to notice of meetings and may participate in discussions as a member of the public but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter before the Board unless at least one of the five (5) Board members is not present at the meeting of the Board. If there is one absence during a Board meeting and both alternates are present, Alternate 1 shall serve as a voting member of the Board. If there are two or more absences or if there is one absence and Alternate 1 does not attend the meeting, Alternate 2 will serve as a voting member of the Board.

- (c) A board position shall become vacant if the board member fails to attend three (3) consecutive board meetings without being excused by the board.
- (d) It is the public policy of the city that the board reflects a makeup of our community and be balanced according to expertise, interest, and geography. Board appointments shall be made without regard to race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- (e) The board shall adopt bylaws regulating its activities which shall be approved by the City Council.
- (f) The board shall meet at least quarterly and is subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.
- (g) Vacancies on the board shall be filled by City Council appointment to complete the term vacated.
- (h) The board shall elect officers annually from its members at its first meeting after July 1 of each year

PART II: REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in force when the provisions of this Ordinance become effective, which are inconsistent or are in conflict with the terms and provisions contained in this Ordinance, are hereby repealed only to the extent of any such conflict.

PART III: SEVERABILITY

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance be severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this ordinance, and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be enforced as written.

PART IV: COMPLIANCE WITH TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

PART V: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF JULY 2024.

Charles Addington, II, Mayor

ATTEST:

Terri Robinette, City Secretary

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