

Chapter 47

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the City Council of the City of Laconia 12-29-1975 as Ch. 45 of the Public Ordinances of 1975. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Administration of government — See Ch. 5.

Trustees of Trust Funds — See Ch. 93.

§ 47-1. Election, terms. [Amended 2-22-1999 by Ord. No. 03.99.03]

The City Council shall annually at a regular City Council meeting in March elect two Trustees of the Laconia Public Library to serve for terms of three years. The Superintendent of Schools of the city shall also be a Trustee by virtue of his said office, but the Superintendent shall have the authority to appoint a subordinate official or employee of the School District to serve as Library Trustee in his stead. Any such delegate shall serve at the pleasure of the Superintendent.

§ 47-2. Powers and duties.

Said Trustees shall have the entire charge and management of said library and all property of the city relating thereto and all money raised or appropriated for its support and maintenance, and all money or property that the city may receive by donation under any will or otherwise for the library, except such as shall by law pass first to the Trustees of Trust funds, shall be placed in the care and custody of said Trustees to be expended or retained by them in behalf of the city for the support and maintenance of said library of the 1970 Revised Charter of the City of Laconia. They may appoint a librarian and other officers and agents and fix their salaries or compensation and do any and all things necessary in the discharge of their duties not inconsistent with the laws of the state.

§ 47-3. Required reports.

They shall annually report to the City Council all their receipts and expenditures for the financial year and all the property of the city in their care and custody, including a statement of any unexpended balance of money they may have and of any donations they may have received and are holding in behalf of the city, with such recommendations as they may deem necessary for the City Council to consider. They shall also report annually to the State Board of Library Commissioners and in all things conform to the laws of the state.

§ 47-4. Acceptance of unanticipated funds. [Added 12-12-2005 by Ord. No. 09.2005.09]

- A. Pursuant to RSA 202-A:4-c, the Trustees are authorized indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the City Council, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year.
- B. For unanticipated moneys in the amount of \$5,000 or more, or any lesser amount as established by the Trustees, the Trustees shall hold a prior public hearing on the action to be taken. Notice of the time, place, and subject of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the relevant municipality at least seven days before the hearing is held.
- C. The Trustees may establish the amount of unanticipated funds required for notice under Subsection B, provided such amount is less than \$5,000. For unanticipated moneys in an amount less than \$5,000, the Trustees shall post notice of the moneys in the agenda, if any, and shall include notice in the minutes of the Trustees' meeting in which such moneys are discussed. The acceptance of unanticipated moneys under this subsection shall be made in public session of any regular Trustees' meeting.

§ 47-5. Acceptance of gifts of personal property. [Added 12-12-2005 by Ord. No. 09.2005.09]

- A. Pursuant to RSA 202-A:4-d, the Trustees are hereby authorized to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, such authorization to remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the City Council.
- B. Prior to the acceptance of any gift valued at over \$5,000, the Trustees shall hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptance.