

PUTNAM COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. 2024- 019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 30-26 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 30 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE RELATING TO CREATION OF A LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, changed circumstances indicate the need to amend these regulations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners, Putnam County, Florida that:

SECTION 1. Section 30-26 of Article II of Chapter 30 of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to read as follows, with underlined matter added and strike-through matter deleted:

• **ARTICLE II. – LIBRARY SYSTEM**

Sec. 30-26. Creation of library system board of directors.

(a) There is hereby created and established in the county, an advisory board to be known as the library system board of directors otherwise known as the "library board."

(1) The library board shall consist of nine members, one representing each county commission district and four recommended by the Palatka City Commission, who are residents of the county and appointed by the board of county commissioners. A member may be removed at any time by the board of county commissioners. All members are to be chosen for their interest in public library service. Library board members shall serve for three-year staggered terms. Members will attend meetings regularly. Members who are absent for three consecutive regular meetings shall be automatically dropped from membership. At that time, the chair of the library board will forthwith request the board of county commissioners to appoint another member to fill the unexpired term. ~~Members may not serve consecutively more than two full terms.~~

(2) The library board shall select a chair and such other officers as may be deemed necessary or desirable who shall serve at the pleasure of the library board. The library board shall convene at least quarterly in regular meetings. A majority of the members of the library board shall constitute a quorum sufficient to the holding of a meeting or taking of any action. A majority vote of the members present at any meeting shall be sufficient to enable the taking of any action. Special meetings of the library board may be called by the chair, by written notice signed by three members of the library board, or by action of the library board at any meeting, regular or special, upon 24 hours' notice. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the library board, and all meetings shall be public.

(3) Members of the library board shall serve without compensation, salary or remuneration of any nature; but the board of county commissioners may provide, in the annual county budget, sufficient funds for the reasonable and necessary expenses

incurred by the library board or its members in performance of the duties and functions prescribed by the provisions of this article. All such expenses shall be subject to approval by the board of county commissioners.

(4)The library board shall be composed of citizens who are dedicated to providing a feasible, adequate library system for the county in cooperation with all other governmental entities who will be in a position to furnish information, advice, counsel and recommendations to the board of county commissioners in respect to the appropriate means and methods by which adequate public library facilities and services may be provided, all of which shall be done within the framework of the county government on a sound financial basis for the use and benefit of all residents of the county. The library board shall work towards the development and implementation of sound programs for the library system through the mutual cooperation between the state, county and city governments and agencies, and shall coordinate efforts with nongovernmental organizations interested in library facilities and service.

(5)The board of county commissioners assigns the following roles to the library board:

- a. To recommend policy for the library system to the board of county commissioners for approval.
- b. To recommend a budget for the library system to the board of county commissioners as part of the regular budget process.
- c. To interview and recommend the candidates for director of libraries when the position becomes vacant.
- d. To recommend plans for the library system for adoption by the board of county commissioners.
- e. To interpret library system policy subject to appeal to the board of county commissioners.

(b)This section shall not be construed as delegating to the library board or its members any power or authority of a governmental, legislative or administrative nature other than that listed in this section.

SECTION 2. The provisions hereof shall supersede any provisions covering the same subject previously adopted and all other provisions of Chapter 30 not amended, hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance. If this Ordinance or any portion thereof shall be held to be inapplicable to any person, property or circumstances, such holding shall not affect its applicability to any other person, property or circumstances.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon receipt of acknowledgment of filing with the Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED this 13 day of August, 2024.



ATTEST:

Matt Reynolds
Matt Reynolds, Clerk of Courts

Board of County Commissioners
Putnam County, Florida

[Signature]
By: _____
Larry Harvey, Chairman