

ORDINANCE NO.: 2017-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 2, CHAPTER 9, OF THE
SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE, ENTITLED LIBRARY BOARD.

Whereas, T.C.A. § 10-3-101 et seq. establishes statutory authorities and requirements for Library Boards of municipal public libraries; and

Whereas, the Town of Signal Mountain has established and shall endeavor to continue to provide a free public library for residents.

SECTION 1. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, that Title 2, Chapter 9, of the Signal Mountain Town Code is deleted in its entirety and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 9

SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION

- 2-901. Public Library Board of Directors established.
- 2-902. Appointment and terms of Board members.
- 2-903. Removal from office; filling of vacancies.
- 2-904. Authority and responsibility of Library Board.

2-901. Public Library Board of Directors established. (1) There is hereby established a Public Library Board of Directors which shall consist of nine (9) members, of whom at least seven (7) shall be residents of the Town of Signal Mountain. The members shall serve without compensation.

(2) One (1) member of the Signal Mountain Town Council shall serve on the Board. Such member shall not be eligible to serve as an officer of the Board.

(3) Tennessee's *Standards for Non-Metropolitan Public Libraries* call for diversity among library board members. At least one (1) member should have work experience in a technology management related field, and at least one (1) member should be a board member of a key community service organization.

2-902. Appointment and terms of Board members. (1) Members shall be appointed by the Signal Mountain Town Council. Terms shall be staggered so that no more than three terms expire in any given year. Board members may serve no more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms but may be reappointed after a minimum three-year break in service.

(2) Board Members appointed to fill vacated positions for a partial term pursuant to section 2-903 of this Chapter may additionally serve two (2) consecutive terms after completing the unexpired vacated term to which they were appointed.

2-903. Removal from office; filling of vacancies. Any member of the Library Board may be removed from office by majority vote of the Town Council if they do not attend at least seventy percent (70%) of the meetings of the board, for any neglect of duty by such member, or for any misconduct in office. Vacancies on the Library Board, occurring otherwise than by normal expiration of a term, shall be filled by the Town Council for the remaining portion of the unexpired term being vacated.

2-904. Authority and responsibility of Library Board. (1) The members of the Library Board shall organize by electing officers and adopting by-laws and regulations. The Board has the authority to direct all the affairs of the Library, including the authority to appoint a library administrator. The administrator shall direct the internal affairs of the library, including hiring and directing such assistants or employees as may be necessary. The Board may make and enforce rules and regulations and establish branches of service at its discretion.

(2) The Board may expend funds for the special training and formal education of library personnel; provided that such personnel shall agree to work in the library for at least two (2) years after completing such training and education.

(3) The Board may receive donations, devises and bequests to be used by it directly for library purposes.

(4) The Board may hold and convey realty and personal property and negotiate leases for and on behalf of the library.

(5) The Board shall furnish to the state library agency such statistics and information as may be required, and shall make annual reports to the town Council.

(6) The Board may extend the privileges and facilities of the library to persons residing outside of the Town of Signal Mountain upon such terms as it may deem proper.

(7) The Board has the power to make and enforce rules providing penalties for the loss of or injury to library property. The Board may establish reasonable fines for late-returned library materials and fees for special services including, but not limited to, the loan of equipment and the use of photocopiers.

(8) The title to all property acquired by a library board operating under this chapter shall be taken in the name of the Town of Signal Mountain for the use and benefit of the public library, and the proceeds from all activities conducted by the library board or from any disposition of its assets shall be taken in the name of the Town of Signal Mountain for the use and benefit of the public library.

(9) The Board shall have the authority and responsibility to reasonably restrict the access of any person listed on the sexual offender registry in accordance with TCA 40-39-216. Such authority may be delegated by the board to the library administrator.

(10) The operation of the Signal Mountain Public Library shall be in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations and, except as otherwise provided, the charter, codes and policies of the Town of Signal Mountain including, but not limited to, purchasing and budget guidelines and personnel policies.

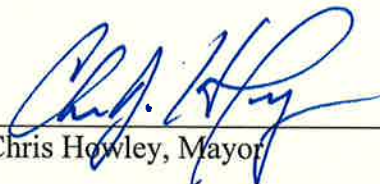
SECTION 2. Every section, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is separable and severable. Should any section, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared


unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, said unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall become effective immediately from and after its passage as required by law.

Passed First Reading: October 9, 2017

Passed Second Reading: October 20, 2017


Chris Howley, Mayor


Recorder