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LEGAL AD

TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

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Dated at South Windsor, Connecticut this 23rd day of January 2024.

Attested to by:____

Clerk of the Council

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Attested to by: Amanda Poma Clerk of the Council BE IT RESOLVED, an Ordinance entitled Amendment to South Windsor Code of Ordinances regarding the Organization and Operations of the Town Public Library on file in the Town Clerk's office is introduced and is set for a Public Hearing of the Town Council on February 6, 2024 at 8:00pm in the Town Council Chambers.

Proposed Ordinance Amendment

Amendment to South Windsor Code of Ordinances regarding the Organization and Operations of the Town Public Library

WHEREAS, South Windsor Public Library was established by Town Meeting in October 1898; and

WHEREAS, per the Town Charter Section 502, the Town Council appoints a six-member Board of Directors, for four year terms, where three of the six members are appointed in alternating biennial cycles by the incoming newly elected Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the organization and operations of the Library has been under the direction of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to have the organizational oversight and operations of the Library and its employees, transferred to the Town of South Windsor, to be managed under the office of the Town Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor desires to maintain the Board of Directors to continue to recommend and advise the Town regarding the adoption of policies which will ensure that the Library shall continue to be free to all inhabitants of the Town in accordance with State law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED THAT the South Windsor Town Council hereby amends the ordinance regarding the establishment, organization and Operations of the Town of South Windsor Public Library, as follows:

[Proposed amendments to Library Ordinance showing

removals as stricken, and additions as underlined.]

Chapter 66 LIBRARY

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 66-1. Public library.

- (a) A public library is established to be called the South Windsor Public Library, which shall under the proper regulations to be <u>proposed by the directors</u> and adopted by the <u>Town directors</u> be free to all the inhabitants of the town.
- (b) The town treasurer is authorized to receive such sums as may from time to time be paid to the town for library purposes and to pay the sums upon order of the public library directors.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

Secs. 66-2 Library Department—66-35. Reserved.

- (a) The Town Manager shall establish a Library Department within the Town's department organizational structure and shall have oversight of all aspects of the operations of the library as a department of the Town of South Windsor.
- (b) The Town shall provide suitable space and rooms for public library purposes.
- (c) The Town Manager shall employ a Library Director who shall serve as advisor to the Board of Directors of the library and implement the policies of the Town and the library as directed by the Town Manager.
- (d) <u>Library employees shall be considered Town employees, eligible to participate in all aspects of Town employee</u> benefits.

Secs. 66-3-66-35. Reserved.

ARTICLE # III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 66-36. Duties.

The directors shall <u>recommend to the Town</u> enact reasonable rules and regulations for the operation of the library, shall provide for employees to maintain and operate the library and shall have general management of the same, and shall provide suitable rooms for public library purposes.