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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF DORCHESTER)

AN ORDINANCE

TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM FOR DORCHESTER COUNTY, PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNTY LIBRARY AND THE APPOINTMENT, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD.

Be it enacted by the County Council of Dorchester County:

SECTION 1.

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 564 of 1978 there is hereby established the Dorchester County Library System.

The County Public Library System shall be controlled and managed by a board of trustees consisting of nine members recommended by the library board of trustees and approved by the County Council for terms of four years and until successors are appointed and qualify except that of those members initially appointed one-half of such appointees less one shall be appointed for terms of two years only. Previous service on a county library board prior to the enactment of this ordinance establishing the board shall not limit service on the board. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment for the unexpired term. To the extent feasible, members shall be appointed from all geographical areas of the County.

The board shall annually elect a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer and such other officers as it deems necessary. The board shall meet not less than four times each year and at other times as called by the Chairman or upon the written request by a majority of the members.

SECTION 2.

The board as provided for in Section 1 shall be authorized to exercise powers as to the policies of the county library which shall not be inconsistent with the general policies established by the Council, and pursuant to that authority shall be empowered to:

- (1) Employ a chief librarian whose qualifications and credentials shall meet the certification requirements of the State Library Board, and who shall be responsible to the county library for the administration of the program and the selection of library staff members required to carry out the functions of the library system;
- (2) Purchase, lease, hold and dispose of real and personal property in the name of the county for the exclusive use of the county public library system. Provided, however, any such conveyance, lease or purchase of real property shall be approved executed by County Council;
- (3) Acquire books and other library materials and provide for use thereof throughout the county;
- (4) Accept donations of real property, services, books and other items suitable for use in the library system;
- (5) Designate or mark equipment, rooms and buildings, and other library facilities to commemorate and identify gifts and donations made to the library system

- (6) Cooperate or enter into contracts or agreements with any public or private agency which result in improved services or the receipt of financial aid in carrying out the functions of the library system. Provided, however, such contracts and agreements shall be subject to approval by the County Council;
- (7) Enter into contracts or agreements with other counties to operate regional or joint libraries and related facilities. Provided, however, such contracts and agreements shall be subject to approval and execution by the County Council;
- (8) Receive and expend grants, appropriations, gifts and donations from any private or public source for the operation, expansion or improvement of the library system;
- (9) Take any actions deemed necessary and proper by the board to establish, equip, operate and maintain an effective library system within limits of approved appropriations of County Council.

SECTION 3.

A. Provide and make available to the residents of the county books and library materials and in the fulfillment of this function, shall establish a headquarters library and may establish branches and subdivisions thereof in appropriate geographical areas of the county within the limits of available funds. The board may operate one or more book-mobiles over routes determined by the board within the limits of available funds.

B. Adopt regulations necessary to insure effective operation, maintenance and security of the property of the library system. Provided, however, such regulations shall not be in conflict with policy or regulations established by the County Council.

C. Annually at a time designated by the County Council submit to the Council a budget for the ensuing fiscal year adequate to fund the operation and programs of the library system. Such budget shall list all funds which the board anticipates will be available for the operation of the library system. All funds appropriated, earned, granted or donated to the library system or any of its parts shall be used exclusively for library purposes. All financial procedures relating to the library system including audits shall conform to the procedures established by the County Council.

D. Annually file a detailed report of its operations and expenditures for the previous fiscal year with the County Council.

SECTION 4.

All state laws and regulations relating to County Public Library Systems shall apply to the library systems created pursuant to Section 1.

All employees of a county public library shall be subject to the personnel systems, policy and procedures of the county in accordance with the provisions of item (7) of Section 4-9-30 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

SECTION 5.

The County public library system shall be funded by annual appropriations by the County Council including millage, if any, levied specifically for the County Public Library System plus aid provided by the State and Federal Governments and other sources. The County Council shall levy a tax specifically for the support of the County Public Library System, such tax shall apply to all persons and corporations subject to school taxes.

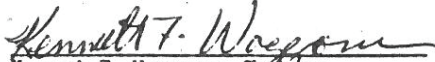
SECTION 6.

All assets and property, both real and personal, owned by any County library prior to the creation of a library system under this ordinance shall be transferred to the County by the persons or entities owning title thereto; provided, however, that all such assets and property shall be used exclusively for library purposes.


SECTION 7.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1 of this ordinance members of any county library board serving an unexpired term when the new board is created by this ordinance pursuant to the provisions of such Section 1 shall continue to serve on the board until the expiration of such unexpired term, or until July 1, 1982, whichever date is earlier, regardless of the numerical composition of the newly created board which would result from such continuing service.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2 DAY OF April A.D., 1979. . .


Kenneth F. Waggoner, Chairman
Dorchester County Council

Attest:


Lucille P. Kizer, Clerk to
Dorchester County Council