

ORD-3643

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 17-3
OF THE CITY CODE TO INCREASE THE
NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
LIBRARY BOARD

SECTION AMENDED: § 17-3

WHEREAS, the Public Library Board has requested certain changes to City Code § 17-3 in order to increase membership of the City's Public Library Board from a minimum of seven (7) members and a maximum of thirteen (13) to a minimum of nine (9) members and a maximum of fifteen (15);

WHEREAS, the increase in membership for the Public Library Board would enhance the Board's ability to recruit subject matter experts to support the Board's advisory responsibilities to City Council;

WHEREAS, an increase in membership for the Public Library Board would improve the Board's succession planning efforts for officer roles and critical subcommittee work; and

WHEREAS, the Public Library Board unanimously approved a motion to request that the City Council increase membership for the Public Library Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA:

That Section 17-3 of the Code of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, is hereby amended and ordained to read as follows:

Sec. 17-3. - Public library board.

- (a) There is hereby created a public library board, which shall consist of not less than ~~seven (7)~~ nine (9) nor more than ~~thirteen (13)~~ fifteen (15) members. The members of the board shall be appointed by the city council for terms of four (4) years. Two (2) members shall be high school students (a junior and a senior), whose terms shall expire upon their graduation from high school, and one (1) member shall be an employee of the Virginia Beach City Public Schools. The board shall select from its membership a chair and vice-chair.
- (b) The public library board shall meet not less frequently than once every quarter (three (3) months) and additionally, at the call of the chair or the director of public libraries. The board shall be responsible for making recommendations to the council on all phases of library planning, policy and management.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, on this 10th day of November, 2020.