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In the ^{year} one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

An Ordinance

In relation to the Dana Library.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:—

Sec 1. The library received of the "Cambridge Athenaeum" shall be called the Dana Library.

Sec 2. The care, superintendence, and management of said Library shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, to consist of one member of the Board of Aldermen, one member of the Common Council, and three citizens at large, to be chosen as hereinafter provided, of which the Mayor of the City of Cambridge shall be a member and Chairman ex officio.

Sec 3. There shall be elected forthwith, in convention of the City Council, one member of the Board of Aldermen, and one member of the Common Council, to hold office for the current municipal year, ^{and} three citizens at large, one of whom shall hold office for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, ^{from the third Monday of January} ^{each} their several terms of office to be determined by lot; and annually thereafter

in the month of January there shall be chosen one member of the Board of Aldermen, one member of the Common Council to serve for the current municipal year, - and one citizen at large, whose term of office shall be three years, who shall constitute the Board of Trustees from the third Monday of said January.

Sec 4. Said Board of Trustees shall meet and organize as soon as may be; may chose one of their number Secretary; and three members of said Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; - and in case of a vacancy in said Board by death, resignation, or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled forthwith in the manner aforesaid.

Sec 5. The Trustees shall chose forthwith, and thereafter annually in the month of January, a suitable person to be Librarian, who shall be removable at the pleasure of the Board, and shall receive such compensation as the Trustees may, from time to time determine, provided however the amount in no case shall exceed the sum especially appropriated by the City Council therefor; and in case the amount appropriated by the City Council for salary of Librarian, shall exceed the amount paid by said Trustees, the balance shall be expended in the purchase of books for said Library.

Sec 6. The Trustees shall expend all moneys presented to the Library, or appropriated by the City Council, for

the purchase of books, or the improvement of the Library; they may establish such fees for the use of said Library, and shall make and publish such needful by-laws and regulations, as shall extend the benefits of the institution as widely as practicable throughout the community, and all moneys received for the use of the Library shall be paid quarterly into the city treasury.

Sec 7. The said Trustees shall present to the City Council on or before the first day of December in each year a report of all their acts, doings, and proceedings, and a statement of the condition of the Library, the number of books added during the past year, with an accurate account of all receipts, and expenditures, together with such information, and suggestions ~~that~~ they may deem desirable.

Sec 8. The Librarian shall have the immediate care and custody of the Library, and shall perform all the services in relation to the same, and shall observe and obey all rules and regulations that may be established by said Trustees.

Sec 9. No money shall be paid from the City Treasury on account of the Library, except by order of the Trustees, and in pursuance of an order signed

by the Mayor, and in no case shall the amount drawn exceed the amount appropriated for the Library.

Sec 10. A letter of acknowledgement signed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and counter-signed by the Librarian shall be promptly ~~sent~~ returned to each person making a donation to the Library.

In Board of Aldermen, April 20. 1850.

Laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Attest: Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.

In Board of Aldermen, May 12. 1850.

Accepted as a substitute for the Ordinance reported by the Committee on Ordinances, and ordered to a second reading.

Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.

In Board of Aldermen, May 19. 1850.

Re-committed, with the Ordinance reported by the Committee, with instructions to report in print - sent days for concurrence.

Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.

In Common Council, May 27. 1858. Concurred. Attest, James M. Chase Clerk.

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Read and

Justin A. Jacobs.
City Clerk.

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