



**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**  
**INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

**To** Board of Trustees  
Public Library

**Date** May 13, 1977

**From** Robert F. Sydney, Esq.  
Law Department

**Reference**

**Subject** Recodification of Ordinances

Please find enclosed a copy of the Ordinances proposed for recodification by the City Council. Please review these Ordinances and render any comments you may have to this department on or before May 20, 1977.

A meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 1977 before the Committee on Ordinances to discuss this matter. Your attendance at that meeting is requested.

## BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS

SECTION 4.404. POWERS OF BOARD. The Board shall have all powers and authority, and perform the duties set forth in G.L., c. 41, secs. 70 to 72 relative to local planning boards and under any acts in amendments or addition thereto. (G.O. 1943, c. 24, sec. 4)

### ARTICLE V. PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

SECTION 4.501. BOARD OF TRUSTEES. The Public Library Department shall be under the charge of a board of seven trustees, to consist of one member of the School Committee and six citizens at large to be chosen as hereinafter provided. (G.O. 1943, c. 17, sec. 1)

SECTION 4.502. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES. (a) The City Manager shall annually, in the month of January, or whenever a vacancy may occur appoint one member of the School Committee, to serve as trustee for the municipal year.

(b) Also in January, of each year, two citizens at large shall be appointed by the City Manager, as Trustees to hold Office for the term of three years from the third Monday of January of the year in which they are appointed, and in case of a vacancy, for the unexpired portion of the term. (G.O. 1943, c. 17, sec. 2)

SECTION 4.503. CHAIRMAN; SECRETARY; QUORUM. The Trustees shall elect from their number a Chairman and Secretary, and four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every third year in the month of January, the Trustees shall choose a librarian to serve for three years who shall be removable at the pleasure of the Board and who shall receive such compensation as the Trustees shall determine. (Ord. No. 192, Nov. 15, 1948)

SECTION 4.504. POWERS OF TRUSTEES. The Trustees shall expend all moneys presented to the library, or appropriated by the City Council, for the purchase of books, the improvement of the library, its care, custody, maintenance and repairs of the building. They may establish such fees for use of the library, and shall make and publish by-laws and regulations, to extend the benefits of the institution as widely as practicable throughout the community. All moneys received for the use of the library shall be paid weekly into the City Treasury. (G.O. 1943, c. 17, sec. 4)

SECTION 4.505. MODE OF PAYMENT. 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 City Manager; and in no case shall the amount drawn exceed the amount appropriated for the library. (G.O. 1943, c. 17, sec. 5)

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SECTION 4.506. ANNUAL REPORT. The Trustees shall present to the City Manager annually, in January, a report of their activities and a statement of the condition of the library, the number of books added during the year, with an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures, together with any other information or suggestions which they may deem desirable. (G.O. 1943, c. 17, sec. 5)

