

APPENDIX B. SAMPLE ORDINANCE

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 ESTABLISHING PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance providing for library service to the City of _____

: Be it ordained by the mayor and council of the City of _____:

Sec. 1. It is the desire of the governing boards of the cities and counties, hereinafter named, to provide good library service to the residents of the municipalities concerned;

Sec. 2. The City of _____, _____ County, Oklahoma, is located within the proposed district to be served by a multi-county library, to be established and created under the laws of the State of Oklahoma in accordance with the Oklahoma Library Code.

Sec. 3. In order to form such multi-county library district the governing boards of _____, _____, _____, and _____ Counties, or any combination thereof, must pass a resolution and each city of 2,000 population or more, according to the latest Federal census, must enact an ordinance creating such multi-county library district; and the governing boards of each of said counties must agree to submit to the residents of such county a proposition for a vote of the people for a library levy according to Article X, §10A, Oklahoma Constitution;

Sec. 4. The governing board of this library district shall consist of one member to be appointed by the governing body of each city of 2,000 population or more, or one member appointed by the governing body of the county seat town if there is no city with a population of two thousand or more according to the latest Federal census; one member to be appointed by the board of county commissioners of each county; and one member appointed by the governing board of any town with a population of at least one thousand (1000) a distance of at least thirty (30) miles from the next nearest town having a board member.

Sec. 5. The City of _____, _____ County, Oklahoma, jointly with other cities and counties concerned hereby creates a library district to include any combination of two or more of the following counties: _____, _____, and _____, and agrees to appoint one person to represent the City of _____ on the multi-county library governing board; provided that additional counties may be added to the district upon their application to the Oklahoma Department of Libraries Board.

Sec. 6. The City _____, _____ County, Oklahoma is the possessor of the _____ Public Library and operates it for the benefit of the people of the City of _____.

Sec. 7. The _____ Public Library is hereby incorporated into the multi-county library in accordance with provisions of the Oklahoma Library Code; and the City of _____ will provide maintenance and necessary utility services of the library quarters and maintain its present operating budget until a library levy is passed or rejected by the voters of the county in an election called for that purpose under the provisions of Article X, Section 10A of the Oklahoma Constitution.

Sec. 8. The multi-county library is hereby requested to assume the responsibility of improving the _____ Public Library by supplementing the operating budget with personnel, books, films, equipment, and other library materials and services, with the understanding that after the successful vote of a library levy, the multi-county library will assume support of the _____ Public Library, except that the City of _____ will continue to maintain suitable quarters for the library and provide maintenance and necessary utility services of the library quarters and may from time to time at its option appropriate funds for the operation and/or improvement of said _____ Public Library. All library buildings, furnishings and equipment belonging to the City of _____ as of this date as listed on the attached inventory shall remain the property of the City of _____ to be used for multi-county library services; provided that upon termination of the multi-county library, said property will be returned to the City of _____.

Sec. 9. The City _____ of does herein apply to the Oklahoma Department of Libraries Board for approval of the said multi-county library district.

Sec. 10. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 11. That this ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Passed by the Council this ____ Day of ____, 19 ____.

Approved by the Mayor this ____ Day of ____, 19 ____.

Attest:

_____, City Clerk _____,
Mayor

(seal)