

AN ORDINANCE

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AN ORDINANCE To Amend The Code Of The Township Of Lower Merion, Chapter 20, Library Services, To Change The Name Of The Lower Merion Library Association To The Lower Merion Library System Throughout, And To Add A Provision For The Consumption Of Alcoholic Beverages At Events In A Township Public Library If Sponsored Or Sanctioned By The Lower Merion Library System.

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Merion does hereby enact and ordain:

Section 1. The Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 20, Library Services, shall be amended in its entirety to provide henceforth as follows:

Chapter 20. Library Services

§ 20-1 Designation of Library ~~Association~~System to provide library services.

The Lower Merion Library ~~Association~~System, a corporation not for profit under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, be and the same is hereby designated as the agent of the Township of Lower Merion to provide library services for the residents and taxpayers of the township.

§ 20-2 Township to assist in maintenance of ~~Association~~the System

The Township of Lower Merion does hereby undertake and agree to maintain or assist in the maintenance of the Lower Merion Library ~~Association~~System, such assistance to be sufficient in amount to ensure that the ~~Association~~System will be able to qualify annually for financial aid from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the requirements of the Library Code.

§ 20-3 Appointment of Commissioners to serve on Library Board; terms; vacancies.

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Merion will appoint three of its members to serve on the Board of Directors of the Lower Merion Library ~~Association~~System, each of such representatives to serve for a term of three years and the terms of such representatives to expire in different years. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms.

§ 20-4 Bond of Library Board Treasurer.

The Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Lower Merion Library Association~~System~~ shall give bond to the township with satisfactory surety in such amount as the Board of Directors of the Library Association~~System~~ may determine, such bond to be approved as to form by the Township Solicitor.

§ 20-5 Duties and rights of Library Board; financial reports.

The Board of Directors of the Lower Merion Library Association~~System~~ shall have the rights and be subject to the duties specified in the Library Code. The Board of Directors of the Association~~Library System~~ shall annually present a financial report to the township. The financial accounts of the Association~~System~~ shall be audited annually by the township's auditors and accountants, as in the case of other municipal expenditures.

§ 20-6 Annual reports; provision of free library services.

The Board of Directors of the Lower Merion Library Association~~System~~ shall prepare and present to the township such annual reports as are required by Section 414 of the Library Code and shall provide free library services for the residents and taxpayers of the township as required by Section 415 thereof.

§20-7 Alcoholic beverages

It shall be unlawful for any person in a Township owned public library facility to drink or possess any alcoholic beverage, including beer or other malt beverages, except at an event sponsored or sanctioned by the Lower Merion Library System pursuant to a permit. The Lower Merion Library System is hereby authorized to issue such permits for the facility under their jurisdiction subject to any regulations which the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Merion may approve and subject to the laws and statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and regulations of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. No intoxicated persons shall be permitted in a public library facility.

Section 2. Nothing in this Ordinance or in Chapter 20 of the Code of the Township of Lower Merion, as hereby amended, shall be construed to affect any suit or proceedings in any Court, any rights acquired or liability incurred, any permit issued, or any cause or causes of action existing under the said Chapter 20 prior to the adoption of this amendment.

Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part, or provision thereof shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of this court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal,

invalid, or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part, or provision had not been included herein.

Section 4 This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

Approved by the Board this day of , 2020

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Daniel S. Bernheim, President

ATTEST:

Jody L. Kelley, Secretary