

CHAPTER 89.

GEORGETOWN PUBLIC FREE LIBRARY.

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- Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Georgetown Public Free Library Ordinance.
- Interpretation. 2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 “the library” and “the library buildings” mean respectively the public library established under this Ordinance, and the building in which it is contained;
 “the committee” means the committee appointed under this Ordinance;
- Library to be established. 3. A public library, to be called the Georgetown Public Free Library, shall be established and maintained in the city of Georgetown in the manner hereinafter provided.
- Maintenance of library. 4. The library shall be maintained out of the moneys provided for that purpose jointly by the Legislative Council and the Mayor and Town Council of Georgetown.
- Library committee : 5.—(1) This Ordinance shall be carried into effect by a committee, consisting of a chairman, who shall be the Governor or someone appointed by him, and eight other persons, four to be nominated by the Governor and four to be nominated by the Mayor and Town Council of Georgetown, who need not be members of the Legislative Council or of the Town Council of Georgetown, and who shall hold office for two years from the date of nomination :
- Proviso. Provided that in case of death, resignation, or absence from the colony without leave for a longer period than three months, the Governor or the Town Council, as the case may be, shall nominate and appoint some other fit and proper person in the place of the person who has died, resigned, or been absent from the colony as aforesaid.

(2) The committee shall be a body corporate by the name of The Committee of the Georgetown Public Free Library, with power to acquire and hold lands for the purposes of this Ordinance.

6.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance the committee shall establish a public library and may in addition, itself provide a collection of exhibits indicative of the resources of the colony, and its industries at their various stages, and may arrange for lectures and classes to be held for the instruction of school children and others in those resources and industries and in scientific subjects, and may supply and fit up the library building with the requisite furniture, fittings, and conveniences.

Establishment of library.

(2) No charge shall be made for admission to the library or the lectures or classes aforesaid.

7. The plot of land situate at the corner of High Street and Church Street and known as lots seventy-six and seventy-seven, in South Cumingsburg, west ward, in the city of Georgetown, together with all buildings erected or in the course of erection thereupon, are hereby vested in the committee for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Vesting of land in committee.

8. All property presented to, or purchased or acquired for, the library, or for lectures or classes under this Ordinance shall be vested in the committee.

Property vested in committee.

9.—(1) The general management, regulation, and control of the library and of any exhibits or other property shall be vested in and exercised by the committee, and the committee may provide therein books, newspapers, periodicals, prints, maps, philosophical and other instruments and apparatus, and specimens of art and science, and cause them to be repaired when necessary, and may cause books, newspapers, periodicals, or prints to be bound or, when superfluous or useless, to be sold and the proceeds to be applied in the purchase of new books.

Functions and powers of the committee. To manage and control the library.

(2) The committee may appoint salaried officers and servants and dismiss them, and make all necessary regulations for the good government, arrangement, and preservation of the library and exhibits, and for the temporary loan of books (not being books of reference) therefrom, under any precautions and restrictions to them seeming right, and from time to time may alter and amend the regulations and make others in lieu thereof.

To make appointments and necessary regulations.

(3) The regulations shall be submitted to the Governor in Council for approval, and when approved shall be published in the Gazette and have the force of law.

Rules.

10. The committee may—

- (a) make rules for the conduct of its business and the regulation of its proceedings;
- (b) let to any person or body of persons on any terms it thinks fit, and charge rent for, the upper floor of the library building for the purpose of lectures, or holding classes or exhibitions.

A lease granted under this section—

- (i) shall contain a clause empowering the committee to determine the lease by not more than twelve months' notice in writing given at any time; and
- (ii) shall be filed as of record in the deeds registry within three months of its execution.

Chairman of committee and quorum.

11.—(1) The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the committee, but in his absence the members present shall choose one of their number to act as chairman.

(2) The chairman of a meeting shall have an original and casting vote.

(3) Five members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Accounts and audit.

12. Accounts shall be kept of the receipts and expenditure under this Ordinance, and the accounts shall be audited by the Auditor in like manner and with the like incidents and consequences as if they were accounts which he is bound to examine, inquire into, and audit under the Audit Department Ordinance.

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