

**CITY OF HOMER LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
BYLAWS**

ARTICLE I - NAME AND AUTHORIZATION

This organization shall be called the Library Advisory Board, established via Ordinance 80-2, existing by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 2.48 of the Homer Municipal Code, and exercising the powers and authority and assuming the responsibilities delegated under said Code. The following bylaws were adopted on March 11, 2019 and shall be in effect and govern the procedures of the Library Advisory Board.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1. Establish operational policies for the library program, and submit same to the City Council for approval.

Section 2. Assist the Library Director in preparation and presentation of the annual budget request to the City Council.

Section 3. Make recommendation through the City Manager to the Mayor and City Council concerning the Library and its programs.

Section 4. Solicit donations of money and/or property for the benefit of the Library.

Section 5. Represent the Library to the community.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

Section 1. The Board shall consist of seven members comprised of at least five (5) members that reside inside city limits. Members shall be nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council to serve for three-year terms to expire on April 1st of designated years.

Section 2. One Homer area high school Student Representative may be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council, as a consulting, non-voting member for a school year term running September through May.

Section 3. The Mayor, City Manager, and Library Director may serve as non-voting, consulting members of the Board.

Section 4. One member shall attend the monthly meeting of the Friends of the Homer Public Library on an open volunteer basis.

Section 5. A board appointment is vacated under the following conditions and upon the declaration of vacancy by the Board. The Board shall declare a vacancy when the person appointed:

- Fails to qualify to take office within 30 days after their appointment;
- Resigns and the resignation is accepted;
- Is physically or mentally unable to perform the duties of their office;

- Misses three (3) consecutive regular meetings unless excused;
- Is convicted of a felony.

Section 6. Honorary members of the Board may be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council. Honorary members may participate in the deliberations of the Board, but may not vote nor shall they be counted in determining the quorum of Board members.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. A Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected from among the appointed board members at the regular April meeting of the Board.

Section 2. Officers shall serve a term of one year from the April meeting at which they are elected, and until their successors are duly elected. Officers may be re-elected in subsequent years.

Section 3. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board, authorize calls for any special meetings, execute all documents authorized by the Board, serve as ex officio/voting member of all committees, and generally perform all duties associated with that office.

Section 4. In the event of the absence, or disability of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume and perform the duties of the Chair. If both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent, and a quorum of four members are present, the senior member shall assume and perform the duties and functions of the Chair.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be open to the public and held on the first Tuesday of the following months: February, March, April, May, August, September, October, November, and December at 5:30 p.m. in the designated location and shall be posted for public information as required by Homer City Code and Alaska State Statutes.

Section 2. The annual meeting for review of policies, rules and regulation shall be held at a regular meeting each year.

Section 3. The regular meetings in August and September of each year shall be known as budget meetings to assist the Library Director in preparation and presentation of budget requests to City Council.

Section 4. Meeting agenda deadline is at 5:00 p.m. the Wednesday preceding the meeting. Allowances will be made for holidays.

Section 5. The order of business for the regular meetings shall include, but not be limited to, the following items, which shall be covered in the sequence shown, as far as circumstances permit. Agenda shall be posted for public information as required by Homer City Code and Alaska State Statutes.

NAME OF BODY
PHYSICAL LOCATION OF MEETING
HOMER, ALASKA

DATE OF MEETING
DAY OF WEEK AND TIME OF MEETING
MEETING ROOM

NOTICE OF MEETING
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)
4. RECONSIDERATION
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES or CONSENT AGENDA
6. VISITORS (Chair set time limit not to exceed 20 minutes) (Public may not comment on the visitor or the visitor's topic until audience comments.) No action may be taken at this time.
7. STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS (Chair set time limit not to exceed 5 minutes.)
8. PUBLIC HEARING (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)
9. PLAT CONSIDERATION (Planning Commission only)
10. PENDING BUSINESS or COMMISSION BUSINESS
11. NEW BUSINESS or COMMISSION BUSINESS
12. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS (NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON THESE MATTERS, THEY MAY BE DISCUSSED ONLY).
13. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)
14. COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF (not required) (Staff report may be at this time in the agenda.)
15. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER (If one is assigned)
16. COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR (May be combined with COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION/BOARD since the Chair is a member of the Commission/Board.)
17. COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION
18. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR _____ note any worksessions, special meetings, committee meetings etc. All meetings scheduled to be held in the Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska. (Sometimes the meeting is scheduled for the Conference Room)

Contact info for the department constructing the agenda. Example: City Clerk's Office, clerk@ci.homer.ak.us, 235-3130.

Section 6. Per Resolution of the City Council (Resolution 06-115(A)), Public Testimony shall normally be limited to three minutes per person. Exceptions may be provided for at the Chair's discretion or by a majority vote of the board members in attendance.

Section 7. Special meetings and Worksessions may be called by the Library Director, Chair, or a majority of the Board. Worksessions do not require a quorum, however, no action may be taken at a worksession; items on the agenda are for discussion only. Notice of such meetings shall be posted in the same manner as that for regular meetings.

Section 8. A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting shall consist of four members. For purposes of determining the existence of a quorum, honorary members shall not be counted.

Section 9. Four affirmative votes are required to approve any action before the Board and shall constitute the meaning of “majority vote”. The Chairperson may vote upon, and may move or second a proposal before the Board.

Section 10. A record of all voting must be included in the minutes of each meeting.

Section 11. Recorded minutes shall be made available by the City Clerk’s Office to the Board prior to the next meeting. Minutes shall be available to the public as required by Homer City Code and Alaska State Statutes.

Section 12. The Board shall abide by existing Alaska State Law, Borough Code of Ordinance, where applicable, and Homer City Code, as well as Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, in so far as this treatise is consistent with Homer City Code.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees of one or more members for such specific purposes as the business of the Board will only become active upon approval of Council. A memorandum and resolution will go before Council outlining the reason, tasks assigned and termination date. Committees shall be considered to be discharged upon completion of the purpose for which it was appointed, and after its final report is made to and approved by the Board.

Section 2. All committees shall make a progress report to the Board at each of its meetings.

ARTICLE VII – BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Board by a majority plus one of the members, provided that notice of said proposed amendment is given to each member in writing. The proposed amendment shall be introduced at one meeting and action shall be taken at the next Board meeting.

Section 2. Any rule or resolution of the Board, whether contained in these Bylaws or otherwise, may be suspended temporarily in connection with business at hand; and such suspension to be valid; may be taken only at a meeting at which at least four of the members of the Board shall be present, and two thirds of those present shall so approve.

ARTICLE VIII – TELECONFERENCING

Section 1. Teleconference meetings:

- a. The preferred procedure for a Board meeting is that all members be physically present at the designated time and location for the meeting. However, physical presence may be waived and a member may participate in a meeting by Teleconference. This allowance is limited to two (2) meetings per year.
- b. There must be a quorum of members physically present in addition to the telephonic member.
- c. A Boardmember participating by teleconference shall be deemed to be present at the meeting for all purposes.
- d. In the event the Chair participates telephonically, the Vice-Chair shall run the meeting.

Section 2. Teleconference procedures:

- a. A Boardmember who cannot be physically present for a regularly scheduled meeting shall notify the Clerk at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting time of their intent to appear telephonically.
- b. The Clerk shall notify the other Boardmembers of the Boardmember's intent to appear by teleconference three days prior to the scheduled meeting time.
- c. The means used to facilitate a teleconference meeting must enable each Boardmember appearing telephonically to clearly hear, and be heard by, all other Boardmembers and members of the public.
- d. The Clerk shall note in the attendance record all Boardmembers appearing telephonically.