

**HOMER PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD  
BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I - NAME AND AUTHORIZATION**

This organization shall be called the Library Advisory Board, 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.

**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 - OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

Section 1 A Chairperson, 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; appoint all committees; 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.

Section 5 One member shall attend the monthly meeting of the Friends of the Homer Public Library on an open volunteer basis.

Section 6 Honorary members of the Board may from time to time be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council. **One Homer area high school student may be appointed as an Honorary Student Representative for a school year term running September through May.** 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 – MEETINGS**

Section 1 The annual meeting for review of policies, rules and regulation shall be held at a –regular meeting each year.

Section 2 Regular meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of the following months: February, March, **April**, May, ~~June, July~~, **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 3 All regular meetings shall be open to the public.

Section 4 The regular meetings in ~~July~~ **August** and September of each year shall be known as budget meetings. Budget proposals, ~~position classification and compensation schedules~~, shall be reviewed at these meetings.

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	DATE OF MEETING
PHYSICAL LOCATION OF MEETING	DAY OF WEEK AND TIME OF MEETING
HOMER, ALASKA	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 OLD 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](mailto: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 may be called by the Library Director at the direction of the Chairperson, or at the request of three members, for the transaction of business as stated in the call for the meeting. 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 of the Board present. For purposes of determining the existence of a quorum, Honorary Board members shall not be counted.

Section 9 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 10 Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition shall govern the parliamentary procedures of meetings.

#### **ARTICLE V - 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.

Section 3 No committee shall have other than advisory powers unless, by suitable action to the Board, it is granted specific powers to act.

#### **ARTICLE VI - VOTING AND BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

Section 1 An affirmative vote of the majority of all members of the Board present at one time shall be necessary to approve any action before the Board. The Chairperson may vote upon, and may move or second a proposal before the Board.

Section 2 A record of all voting must be included in the minutes of each meeting.

Section 3 The By-laws may be amended by a simple majority of all members of the Board present at one time, provided written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to all members at least five (5) days prior to the meeting at which such action is proposed to be taken.

Section 4 Any rule or resolution of the Board, whether contained in these By-laws 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 VII – ATTENDANCE**

Teleconference meetings.

1. 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 is limited to two (2) meetings per year.
  2. There must be an initial quorum present.
  3. A Board member participating by teleconference shall be deemed to be present at the meeting for all purposes. In the event the Chair participates telephonically, the Vice-Chair shall run the meeting.
2. Teleconference procedures.
- A. A Board member who cannot be physically present for a regularly scheduled meeting shall notify the clerk at least five days prior to the scheduled time for the meeting of his/her intent to appear by telephonic means of communication.
  - B. The clerk shall notify the Board members three days prior to the scheduled time for the Board meeting of Board members intending to appear by teleconference.
  - C. The means used to facilitate a teleconference meeting the Board must enable each Board member appearing telephonically to clearly hear all other Board members and members of the public attending the meeting as well as be clearly heard by all other Board members and members of the public.
  - D. The clerk shall note in the attendance record all Board members appearing telephonically.