



## **Antlers Public Library Library Board**

The Library and its Board was established by the Antlers City Codes Chapter 17, Article 3.

Below is the article as it currently exists. Updates may have occurred. Always refer to the current City of Antlers City Codes for final verification of policies.

### **Article 3. Municipal Library.**

1. It is the desire and intent of the governing body of the City of Antlers to provide free public library service to the residents of the City of Antlers, for the benefit of the City, the State, and the Nation.
2. The Antlers Public Library is hereby established.
3. The Antlers Public Library shall be governed by a board of five members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the city council. Appointments to the library board shall be made on the basis of ability, understanding of the total responsibilities and objectives of public libraries, and an active interest in the attainment of these goals. All library board members shall serve thereon without compensation.
4. Said board members shall hold office as follows: Initial appointments shall be for one one-year term, two two-year terms, and two three-year terms. Subsequent appointments shall be for three-year terms except in the case of an appointment to fill a vacancy, which appointment shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term which is vacant. All terms of initial and succeeding appointees shall expire on June 30 of the designated year.
5. Any board member may be removed by the appointing authority for misconduct, failure to attend board meetings, or other neglect of duty.
6. Immediately after the initial appointments and annually thereafter, the library board members shall meet and organize by an election of one of their number as chairman, and by the election of such other officers as they deem necessary. They may adopt such laws, rules, and regulations for their own guidance and for the government of the library as may be expedient and not inconsistent with this Ordinance and the laws of Oklahoma.
7. The library board shall appoint a librarian and shall recommend an annual budget to the governing body of the city. It shall set the policies of the library, accept or decline gifts, and administer the expenditure of funds received from appropriations, gifts and grants. The library

board may contract for and receive funds available to it for library purposes from the United States, the State of Oklahoma, and any agency or instrumentalities of these entities.

8. The library board shall submit an annual financial and statistical report to the mayor and council and to the Oklahoma Department of Libraries for each fiscal year ending June 30. The report shall include an accounting for monies received and expended and such other statistics about library use, collections and staff which may be deemed necessary to account for their trust.

9. The mayor and city council shall annually appropriate to the library board from funds available to the city such monies as are deemed necessary to operate and maintain the Antlers Public Library for the education and cultural enrichment of the citizens of Antlers.

10. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

12. Board members should be selected from persons living in City Limits, or surrounding area.

A list of current board members and meeting dates can be requested from the librarian.