

## ORDINANCE NO. 369

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE CITY OF RED LODGE, CREATING A BOARD OF TRUSTEES THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MAINTENANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE:

Section 1. In accordance with the Provisions and the statute of the State of Montana, and pursuant to the will of the electors of the City of Red Lodge, there is hereby established a free public library in the City of Red Lodge, Montana, for the use of the citizens of said City, under such regulations as may be prescribed by a Board of Trustees, hereinafter provided for.

Section 2. The name of such library shall be, "The Red Lodge Public Library."

Section 3. The affairs of such library and the conduct thereof shall be managed, controlled and directed by a Board of Trustees consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the City Council; the members of such Board shall hold office for a period of three years, except as otherwise provided herein. On the passage and approval of this Ordinance, the Mayor shall appoint five citizens of the City as such Trustees, one to serve one year, two to serve two years, and two to serve three years, from the first Monday in May, 1917, and shall designate the length of the term each member shall serve and for which he is appointed; and thereafter on the first Monday of May of each year, the Mayor shall make such appointments to such Board as are necessary to fill vacancies by reason of the expiration of the term of office of the retiring members.

Section 4. Such trustees when appointed shall organize as a Board and make rules for their own government; they shall keep a record of all their proceedings, open at all times to inspection by the Council, or the Library Committee thereof; they shall have the power to arrange for and provide suitable rooms and quarters for a public library and to employ a suitable person for librarian; they shall have the power to receive books from all sources for the use of such library and it shall be their duty to purchase books therefor, with any money at their disposal; they shall have the power, and it shall be their duty to prescribe all needful rules and regulations for the use of books belonging to, and to provide for the government and discipline of, the library. They shall have the power to fix penalties, and to prescribe the rules and conditions under which books may be withdrawn from the library, and may suspend any person from the use of the library for cause.

Section 5. No moneys shall be expended by the Board of Trustees for library purposes without the consent of the City Council first obtained, and the City Council hereby reserves to itself the right to review any order, rule or regulation made by the said Board of Trustees and, if it deems it advisable, to set the same aside and substitute therefor its own order, rule or regulation.

Section 6. For the purpose of maintaining the free public library hereby created, there shall be levied and collected each year at the same time other City taxes are levied and collected, a tax not to exceed one and one-half mills on the dollar of all taxable property in the City of Red Lodge, over and above the taxes levied and collected for regular or other city purposes, the proceeds of which tax shall be converted into a fund which is hereby established, to be known as the Library Fund, and to be used for Library purposes only.

Passed and approved this 28th day of May, 1917.

ATTEST: C. A. Dool  
CITY CLERK.

P. C. Hicox  
Mayor

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