

Town of Southington Charter Revision Question

Vote: Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022

Ballot Question:

Shall Chapter 284 of the Southington Town Charter be amended to permit the Board of Directors of the Southington Public Library and Museum to be responsible for the activities, programming, materials, and usage policies of the Southington Public Library and Museum and the Town Manager to be responsible for management of staffing, finances, building operations, and collective bargaining of the Southington Public Library and Museum operations?

Current Language:

Article I - General Provisions

§ 284-1 Established.

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Article II- Board of Directors

§ 284-2 Composition.

[Amended 11-7-2000]

The Board of Directors of the Public Library of the Town shall consist of nine members, to be appointed by the Town Council.

§ 284-3 Powers.

The Board of Directors of the Public Library shall have such powers as are provided in the Connecticut General Statutes.

Proposed Language on Reverse.



Prepared by the Southington Public Library

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284-3 Powers & Purpose

The Board of Directors of the Public Library shall have the responsibility of establishing and implementing all polices regarding the approval and/or creation of activities and programs for patrons including the Barnes Museum. This includes all policies regarding materials, usage, circulation, and programs. The Board shall have exclusive control of any funding that it receives from outside of Town of Southington general operating appropriations, with the exception of grants which require the Town of Southington to apply for and administer.

Article III - Management

284-4 Financial Management

The Library Director or other person directed by the Library Board shall prepare a proposed budget and submit it to the Library Board for review. After review and acceptance by the Library Board, the Board Chair will submit the proposed budget to the pursuant to Section 722 of the Southington Town Charter. The operational budget of the Library shall be provided for by the Town Council and implemented by the Town Manager.

284-5 Personnel Management

The Town Manager may appoint and employ a Library Director who shall be responsible for overseeing the daily operation of the Library and Barnes Museum. The Library Board Chairperson shall be included as a representative on any hiring panel for a Library Director. Said appointment shall report directly to the Town Manager except as set forth in Section 284-3, above. The Town Manager will oversee library finances, building operations, opening hours, staffing management, and collective bargaining of all library operations including the Barnes Museum.