

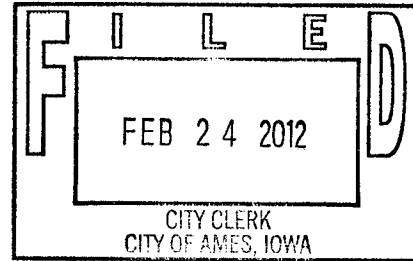


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February 23, 2012

The Honorable Ann Campbell
City of Ames
515 Clark Avenue
Ames, Iowa 50010



RE: Commencement Date for Library Trustees

Dear Mayor Campbell:

In June 2008, the Library Board of Trustees recommended several changes to Chapter 15 of the Municipal Code regarding the public library. Among the changes was to move the commencement date for trustees from April 1 to July 1. That change took place by City Council action on March 2, 2010.

At this time, the Ames Public Library is the only city department where the term of the trustees begins on July 1. In order to attract as many qualified citizens for trustee positions, it would be advantageous to draw candidates from the same pool of applicants for other city boards and commissions.

At the February 16, 2012, meeting of the Ames Public Library Board of Trustees, the board unanimously passed a resolution to return to an April 1 date for the start of a library trustee term. This is part of Chapter 15.2 of the Municipal Code.

While some matters related to library trustees require voter approval, the City Attorney has determined that "changing the beginning date (of a trustee's term) would not alter the composition, manner of selection, or powers and duties of the trustees." Therefore, no ballot initiative is necessary. An ordinance amending code section 15.2 for this particular item may be adopted by the City Council.

Enclosed is the signed resolution requesting this change.

Sincerely,

Dudley Lockett, President
Ames Public Library Board of Trustees

Enc: Board Resolution

Trustees' Terms of Office

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AMES PUBLIC LIBRARY
FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees, Ames Public Library, recommends to the City Council that Section 15.2 of the *Municipal Code of the City of Ames* be changed so that the term of office for each library trustee shall begin on April 1 of the year of appointment.

Moved: Stow

Seconded: Schill

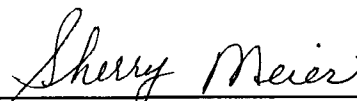
Vote: 6-0

Voted Aye: Bradley, Campbell, Manus, Meier, Schill, Stow

Voted Nay:



Dudley G. Lockett, President of the Board



Sherry Meier, Secretary of the Board