

City of the Village of Clarkston
375 Depot Road
Clarkston, Michigan 48346

Regular Meeting of the City Council
May 29, 2012

_____, with support from _____, moves to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution

- Whereas,* the city and Independence Township have appointed a Joint District Library Agreement Committee to draft an agreement under which the Independence Township Library would become a district library established by the city and the township, governed by a separate and independent library board and funded by a separate district library millage;
- Whereas,* it is anticipated that the township and the city will approve formation of a district library and the library board will seek approval of a district library millage on the November 6, 2012 ballot;
- Whereas,* the library is currently funded by a .691 mill levy on property in the township and by payments from the city to the township under an Intergovernmental Library Contract;
- Whereas,* the city's payments to the township under the Intergovernmental Library Contract are equal to an annual amount determined by the formula of multiplying the number of mills assessed in the township for library services times the taxable value of property assessed in the city for property taxation purposes;
- Whereas,* the city makes its payments to the township under the Intergovernmental Library Contract from the city's general fund and, unlike the township, the city does not impose a separate library millage;
- Whereas,* if the voters approve a district library millage, the district library will receive funding from its separate library millage beginning with the December 2012 tax levy; the township will no longer impose its library millage beginning with the December 2012 tax bill; and the district library agreement will provide for termination of the city's payment obligations under the Intergovernmental Library Contract as of December 31, 2012; and
- Whereas,* in order for city property owners to be placed on an equal footing with township property owners with respect to funding the library, if the voters approve a district library millage, it would be appropriate for the city to reduce its general operating millage levy to the same extent that the township eliminates its separate library millage;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. It is the intention of the City Council of the City of the Village of Clarkston to place city property owners on an equal footing with township property owners with respect to funding the library.

2. If the voters approve a district library millage at the November 6, 2012 election, it is the intention of the City Council to lower the city's general operating millage levy as follows:

(a) The city will reduce its December 2012 general operating millage levy by 0.3455 mills.

(b) In future years, the city will reduce its general operating millage levy by 0.691 mills from the level that the city would otherwise have imposed.

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Resolution is adopted

Resolution is not adopted

Kelly Richter, City Clerk

Date