

PUBLIC LIBRARY CERTIFICATION

This certifies that our library

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

(library name)

qualifies as a "public library"
formed under either Title 7 or
MCA § 22-1-303 through 22-1-317

Attached is the legal documentation
establishing our library under the above.


Library Board Chairperson


Library Director

SEPTEMBER 15, 1997

Date

ORDINANCE NO. 341

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA:

Section I. That there shall be and hereby is created and established a free public library in the city of Great Falls, Montana, for the use of the citizens thereof to be known as the Great Falls Public Library and the same shall be maintained forever by said city.

Section 2. The affairs of such library shall be managed and controlled by a board of five trustees. The mayor and the Superintendent of Public Schools of said city shall be ex-officio trustees. Three of such trustees shall be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the council. A trustee shall hold office for the term of three years from the first Monday in May and until his successor is appointed and qualified provided that upon the approval of this ordinance the mayor shall appoint one trustee whose term of office shall expire on the first Monday in May, 1911, one trustee whose term of office shall expire on the first Monday in May, 1912 and one trustee whose term of office shall expire on the first Monday in May, 1913. The office of trustee shall be without compensation and women over 21 years of age shall be eligible to the office of trustee. In case of vacancy in the office of trustee the mayor with the advice and consent of the council shall appoint a trustee for the unexpired term.

Section 3. A trustee upon appointment shall take the oath of office and qualify the same as other city officers. The board of trustees shall keep a record of their transactions which at all times shall be open for inspection of any member of the council. The board of trustees shall have full management and control of such library and may provide rules and regulations for the use and protection of books and other library property and shall make full report of their transactions annually to the mayor and council and at any other time required by the council and shall receive books, works of art, contributions and donations suitable for such library and shall purchase

books, periodicals and equipment necessary and proper for such library. The board of trustees shall have power to appoint, engage and discharge a librarian, assistant librarian and all employees for such library and to fix their compensation and shall approve all claims against the library fund monthly before submission of such claims to the council.

Section 4. For the purpose of maintaining such free, public library the council shall annually levy a tax not exceeding one mill on the dollar on the property in said city or shall provide and set apart for the library fund not less than Six thousand dollars to be expended only for the purchase of books and other things necessary for such library and for the support and maintenance thereof provided at least one fourth of the amount so appropriated shall be used for the purchase of books and periodicals. All such money shall be paid into and shall constitute the library fund. All rents received from library property shall be paid into the library fund. The library fund shall not be used for any purpose other than the support and maintenance of such library and for the purchase of books and other things necessary for such library. All money for the purchase of books and periodicals and for the support and maintenance of such library shall be paid out of the library fund.

Section 5. No person shall maliciously or knowingly and wilfully take or carry away from such library any book, magazine, paper or other property of such library contrary to any rule or regulation thereof or mutilate, injure or deface any book, paper, magazine or property of such library or interfere with or disturb any person in charge of such library at its rooms or interfere with or disturb any person properly using or enjoying the privileges of such library.

Section 6. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not exceeding One hundred dollars and all fines under this ordinance shall be paid into the library fund.

Passed by the council this ^{24th} day of October, 1910 and approved by the Mayor the ^{31st} day of ^{October} 1910.

ATTEST:

J. P. ...

City Clerk. - over

C. J. Murphy
Mayor.

NAME	DATE	VOL.	PAGE
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES	5/19/58	24	222

Library Board of Trustees submitted report pertaining to proposed ordinance (No. 1271) to increase the size of the Library Board and recommended that the Mayor appoint a committee from the Council to meet with the Board to review various aspects of the proposal before a definite decision is reached. Report was accepted and placed on file.

NAME	DATE	VOL.	PAGE
LIBRARIES, Consolidation of City & County Libraries	8/27/56	23	200

Motion passed that matter of consolidation of City & County Libraries be referred to Public Welfare Committee for investigation of desirability and cost factor and report back to Council on findings.

NAME	DATE	VOL	PAGE
LIBRARY	10/17/10	5	350

Ordinance introduced on the establishment and maintenance of a Free Public Library in the City of Great Falls.

Ref Judiciary Committee.