

**TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE #18/17

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NINE MEMBER LIBRARY BOARD

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:54-9 provides that the Town of West New York (“Town”) may establish a library board of trustees consisting of seven to nine members; and

WHEREAS, the Town presently has a Library Board of Trustees (“Library Board”) that is composed of seven members, as set forth in the *Manual of the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of West New York* (adopted May 16, 1917); and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to increase Library Board membership to nine members, as among other things, this will lead to increased community involvement and participation; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York that the Library Board shall increase from a seven to nine member board.

SECTION ONE

- A. **MANAGEMENT**: The West New York Public Library shall be under the management of a Board of Trustees, to be known as the “Library Board of the West New York Public Library” (“Library Board”).
- B. **MEMBERSHIP**: The Library Board shall be composed of nine members, who shall be appointed in the manner set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:54-9.
- C. **COMPENSATION**: Members of the Library Board shall receive no compensation.
- D. **POWERS AND DUTIES**: The Library Board shall have such powers and duties as provided by law.

SECTION TWO

Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance, but shall remaining in effect; it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION THREE

Repealer. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only however, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, it being the legislative intent that all Ordinances or part of ordinances now existing or in effect unless the same being conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance shall remain in effect.

SECTION FOUR

When Effective. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

This Ordinance increases Library Board membership from 7 to 9 members.

Introduced: 6/15/17

Adopted: 7/20/17