

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF AN ALTERNATE MEMBER
TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CHAPLIN**

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed Town Meeting held on May 9, 2016, an Ordinance was enacted reducing the membership of the Library Board of Trustees (formerly the Library Board of Directors) of the Town of Chaplin, from nine (9) to six (6) regular members, effective on November 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, since the membership of the Library Board of Trustees was reduced to six (6) members, because six is an even number the meetings of the Board have required a quorum of a super majority of four (4) members present in order to proceed; and

WHEREAS, General Statutes section 7-193(b) provides in pertinent part that “Every municipality may have any municipal officers . . . boards. . .and agencies . . . which are necessary to carry out any municipal powers, duties or responsibilities under the general statutes;” and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2022, to better ensure the presence of a quorum at Library Board meetings, all members present at a duly noticed meeting of the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to recommend that an Ordinance be enacted creating one alternate position on the Library Board of Trustees with an alternate member to be appointed every two years; and therefore, the following is hereby **ENACTED**:

SECTION I. Beginning on the day of the first regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees following the effective date of this Ordinance, the Library Board by a majority vote at that meeting noticed for such purpose may appoint one (1) alternate member to the Library Board, effective immediately, for a term ending on the day of the first regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees following the municipal election to be held on November 7, 2023.

SECTION II. Beginning on the day of the first regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees following the municipal election to be held on November 7, 2023, the Library Board by a majority vote at the meeting noticed for such purpose may appoint one (1) alternate member to the Board, effective immediately for a term ending on the date of the first regular meeting of the Board following the municipal election to be held on November 4, 2025, with the very same appointment process repeated in every odd numbered year beginning after the municipal election to be held on November 4, 2025.

SECTION III. Any such alternate selected and serving shall be an elector of the Town of Chaplin.

SECTION IV. When any alternate member of the Board is present at a meeting and any regular member is absent or disqualified to serve, the alternate member must be seated and shall have all the duties and powers of the replaced member.

SECTION V. Per Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-157(a), this Ordinance shall become effective fifteen days after publication in some newspaper having a circulation in the Town.