**ORDINANCE NO. _____**

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL) TO CREATE CHAPTER 2.42 (LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE AND ESTABLISH A LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, on May 6, 1989, a proposition amending the City Charter to create a Library department if the El Paso Public Library Association transferred the Library collection to the City was approved by the Voters; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 1989 the El Paso Public Library Association passed a resolution transferring the collection to the City; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 1989 an ordinance creating a new City department known as the Library Department was approved by the City Council; and

Whereas, the governance and fiduciary responsibility for the El Paso Public Libraries rests with the City Council of the City of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, to meet that responsibility desires guidance from individuals with expertise in the area of library policy matters.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

Section 1. That Chapter 2.42 (Library Advisory Board) of the El Paso City Code be created.

Section 2. That Section 2.42.010 (Appointment and Terms) of the El Paso City Code be created to read as follows:

**Section 2.42.010 Appointment and Terms**

A. In order to assist the City Council, there is hereby created an El Paso Library Advisory Board of nine (9) members composed of the following:

1. One member appointed by each district Representative and one member appointed by the Mayor.

2. Each member shall be appointed based upon their competency and experience.

B. The members of the El Paso Library Advisory Board will serve staggered terms. The initial Board will be comprised of five (5) members which will serve for two (2) years and four (4) members who will serve for one (1) year. At the first meeting of the Board, the members will draw lots to determine the terms. The minutes shall reflect the designation of the terms and a copy of the minutes shall be provided to the City Clerk's Office. Each successive term shall be a (2) year period. All terms shall begin on February 1st. Should any vacancies exist, appointments

made to fill the unexpired term. Members may not serve more than two (2) consecutive full terms. Members shall receive no compensation and shall have advisory powers only.

Section 3. That Section 2.42.020 (Meetings and Quorum) of the El Paso City Code shall be created to read as follows:

**Section 2.42.020 Meetings and Quorum**

A. The Board shall meet as necessary to carry out its duties. Each year, the members shall select from its members a chairperson and vice-chairperson, and the Board shall adopt rules and regulations for the government of its own proceedings to carry out the purposes for which the Board is created, not inconsistent with the City Charter and Ordinances of the City of El Paso. The Director of the Libraries shall act as an ex officio member of the board without the right to vote and shall not be counted for the purposes of a quorum. The Director of Libraries will assign a secretary to the El Paso Library Advisory Board.

Section 4. That Section 2.42.030 (Duties) of the El Paso City Code shall be created to read as follows:

**Section 2.42.030 Duties**

The El Paso Public Library Advisory Board shall advise the City Council on the following matters:
A. All Library matters as requested by City Council and the Director of Libraries;
B. All Library matters relating to City policy brought to the attention of the Board by citizens or users of the Library;
C. Assistance with the conduct of public campaigns and events by the Library, as requested by the Director of the Libraries.

Section 5. That except as herein amended, Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED THIS 30th day of January 2007.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

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John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Elaine S. Hengen
Senior Assistant City Attorney