
THE WESTERN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
HENRY and ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 3

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LIBRARY PURPOSES, AND MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, AND
ALTERATIONS OF LIBRARY BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR 2023-2024**

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WHEREAS, the Board of Library Trustees of the Western Public Library District, Henry and Rock Island Counties, Illinois, is a public library district exercising power pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/1-1, et seq., the Public Library District Act of 1991; and

WHEREAS, Section 16/35-5 of the aforesaid Act provides that the Board may levy an additional tax of .02 percent of the value of all the taxable property in the district, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for the purchase of sites and buildings, for the construction and equipment of buildings, for the rental of buildings required for library purposes, and for maintenance, repairs, and alterations of library buildings and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Board does hereby deem it in the best interests of the Western Public Library District, Henry County, Illinois and the residents thereof and the patrons of the public library that revenue be made available for the designated purposes as set forth by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Board of Trustees of the Western Public Library District, Henry and Rock Island Counties, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. This Board hereby determines to levy an additional tax of \$26,550 or such lesser amount as would produce a tax rate of .02 percent of the value of all the taxable property in the district, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, for the purchase of sites and buildings, for the construction and equipment of buildings, for the rental of buildings required

for library purposes, and for maintenance, repairs, and alterations of library buildings and equipment.

Section 2. Within fifteen (15) days after the adoption of this Ordinance, it shall be published at least once in one or more daily or weekly newspapers published or circulated in the District. The publication shall include a notice of (a) the specific number of voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of the adoption of the Ordinance be submitted to the electors of the District, which is 479; (b) the time in which the petition must be filed, which is thirty (30) days after the publication of this Ordinance; and (c) the date of the prospective referendum, which is March 19th, 2024 being the general primary election. The Secretary of the District shall provide a petition form to any individual requesting one.

Section 3. If within the thirty-day period after publication of this Ordinance a petition is filed in accordance with law with the Board of Library Trustees of the Western Public Library District, Henry and Rock Island Counties, Illinois, signed by electors of the District equal in number to ten percent (10%) or more of the total number of registered voters in the District, asking that the question of levying such a .02 percent tax be submitted to the electors of the District, the question shall be certified to the proper election authority, who shall submit the question at the next applicable election in accordance with the Election Code. The proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

Shall the Board of Library Trustees of the Western Public Library District be authorized to levy an additional tax of .02 percent for the purchase of sites and buildings, for the construction and equipment of buildings, for the rental of buildings required for library purposes and for maintenance, repairs, and alterations of library buildings and equipment, as determined by the Board's Ordinance of September 25, 2023.	Yes
	No

Section 4. Unless a petition is filed with the Board of Library Trustees of the Western Public Library District, Henry and Rock Island Counties, Illinois, within thirty (30) days after said

publication, the District shall levy the tax, and this tax levy ordinance for the fiscal year shall be considered a direction to the County Clerks of Henry and Rock Island Counties to levy such additional tax. If an election is held and a majority of the votes cast upon the proposition are in the affirmative, the District shall levy the tax and this ordinance shall be considered a direction to the County Clerk of Henry County to levy such additional tax.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its enactment, subject to the publication requirements herein.

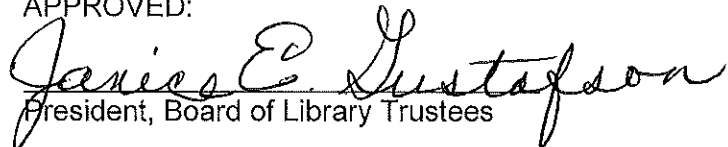
PASSED by the Board of Library Trustees of the Western Public Library District, Henry and Rock Island Counties, Illinois on the 25th day of September, 2023 by a vote of:

AYES: 6


NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

APPROVED:


James E. Gustafson
President, Board of Library Trustees

ATTEST:


Kathleen Parrish
Secretary, Board of Library Trustees