



Memo

To: City Council

From: Library Board of Trustees

Date: 1/16/2026

Re: Public Hearing and Action on Amendments to the Ellsworth City Charter

The purpose of this memo is to request approval from the Ellsworth City Council on the proposed amendment to Article VIII of the Ellsworth City Charter, as submitted by the Library Board of Trustees. The proposed amendment seeks to increase the number of trustees on the Library Board from five to seven, allowing for a broader representation of the community

The proposed amendment, as written by City Attorney, John Hamer, is as follows:

ELLSWORTH CITY COUNCIL

Be it ordered that the City Council shall hold a public hearing on February 17, 2026 to consider the following Charter amendment to Article VIII of the Ellsworth City Charter:

City of Ellsworth Charter Amendment

Sec.8.01 – Board of Trustees, Composition, Eligibility Election and Term.

- (a) Composition. The Board is comprised of ~~five~~ seven member elected by the Registered Voters of the City in accordance with this Charter.
- (b) Eligibility. Only persons who are, and remain during their term, residents of the City and registered to vote in the City's municipal elections are eligible to hold the office of Trustee.
- (c) Election and Term. Trustees are elected for three year terms consistent with the following schedule: one position in 2021 and each third year thereafter, and two positions in all other years; service will commence on the date appointed for the swearing in of City Council members under Article II and terminates upon vacancy or the swearing in of a successor, whichever comes first. Notwithstanding the above, the two new positions created by the expansion of the Board from five to seven Trustees shall be elected for two-year terms at the November 2026 election and for three-year terms thereafter.

This amendment is effective upon enactment.

Note: New text is underlined; deleted text is struck out.