

RESOLUTION

AT A MEETING OF THE **GARDEN CITY LIBRARY BOARD** IN **GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN**,
HELD AT **7:00PM**, ON **DECEMBER 10, 2013**,

RESOLVED – TO PROTECT AND MAINTAIN THE STATUS OF THE GARDEN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY AS ONE OF THE SIX PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the Garden City Public Library was established by City Ordinance on December 22, 1975;
and

WHEREAS, the Garden City Public Library was re-established by City Ordinance under Public Act 164 of 1877 Section 1 (being MCL 397.201) on January 18, 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Garden City Public Library disassociated itself from the Wayne County Library System by resolution on March 1, 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Garden City Public Library has since that time been governed by a Library Board; and

WHEREAS, the Garden City Public Library was again reorganized, by a vote of the residents of Garden City, under Public Act 164 of 1877 Section 10a (being MCL 397.210a), on November 8, 2011; and


WHEREAS, the reorganization of the Garden City Public Library changed the source of funding for the Library from an appropriation to a dedicated millage, and the makeup of the Library Board from a five member appointed Board to a six member elected Board, but did NOT change the fundamental relationship between the City and Library; and

WHEREAS, the Garden City Public Library is, and has been, one of the “six principal departments” of the City of Garden City specifically mentioned in the City Charter (Article IV, Section 4.01 & Section 4.08) and Code of Ordinances (Chapter 31 Section 1);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Garden City Library Board doth oppose any attempt to exclude the Library from the list of principal departments of the City of Garden City specifically mentioned in the City Charter and Code of Ordinances; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Garden City Library Board requests that they be consulted about any proposed changes to the City Charter and Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Library prior to the meeting at which City Council will consider said proposed changes.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Garden City Library Board.



Paul Werhane, Library Board President



Janet Smith, Library Board Secretary

James B Lenze