

FORT VANCOUVER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

Resolution 2018-2

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT VANCOUVER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A NEW PARTIAL RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT.


The regular meeting of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District (FVRL) Board of Trustees was held February 20, 2018 at the FVRL Operations Center, attended by a quorum of the Board for the conduct of such business; and, after due consideration and deliberation, the following resolution was duly passed by a majority vote of all Trustees then attending.

WHEREAS, the FVRL Board of Trustees wishes to inform the Cowlitz County Commissioners and the residents of the Woodland School District that if steps are taken to form a partial rural library district in the unincorporated areas of the Woodland School District encompassing Caples, Woodage, and Woodland Heights, that FVRL would be willing to contract for library services for those residents with the new district. Those steps include:

1. A ballot measure proposing to form a partial-rural library district in the unincorporated areas of the Woodland School District encompassing Caples, Woodage, and Woodland Heights is approved on the August 7, 2018 primary ballot; and
2. The Library Board of Trustees appointed by the Cowlitz County Commissioners to govern this district requests a contract for library services from FVRL; and
3. The Library Board of Trustees appointed by the Cowlitz County Commissioners is willing to pay a contract fee equal to the regular tax rate for library districts in Washington State (RCW 27.12.470).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Board of Trustees, that if a new partial-rural library district is formed in the unincorporated areas of the Woodland School District encompassing Caples, Woodage, and Woodland Heights, FVRL would commit to serving both the City of Woodland and the unincorporated areas in a single new facility located at the corner of Goerig Drive and Lakeshore Avenue to be built and operated with the combined funds of the two districts generated by tax dollars collected from within the Woodland School District boundaries.

Adopted this 20th day of February, 2018



Brian Carrico, Chair



Todd Yuzuriha, Secretary

RCW 27.12.470**Rural partial-county library districts.**

A rural partial-county library district may be created in a portion of the unincorporated area of a county as provided in this section if a rural county library district, intercounty rural library district, or island library district has not been created in the county.

The procedure to create a rural partial-county library district is initiated by the filing of petitions with the county auditor proposing the creation of the district that have been signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters residing in the area proposed to be included in the rural partial-county library district. The county auditor shall review the petitions and certify the sufficiency or insufficiency of the signatures to the county legislative authority.

If the petitions are certified as having sufficient valid signatures, the county legislative authority shall hold a public hearing on the proposed rural partial-county library district, may adjust the boundaries of the proposed district, and may cause a ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters of the proposed rural partial-county library district authorizing its creation if the county legislative authority finds that the creation of the rural partial-county library district is in the public interest. A subsequent public hearing shall be held if additional territory is added to the proposed rural partial-county library district by action of the county legislative authority.

The rural partial-county library district shall be created if the ballot proposition authorizing the creation of the district is approved by a simple majority vote of the voters voting on the proposition. Immediately after creation of the rural partial-county library district the county legislative authority shall appoint a board of library trustees for the district as provided under RCW 27.12.190.

Except as provided in this section, a rural partial-county library district is subject to all the provisions of law applicable to a rural county library district and shall have all the powers, duties, and authorities of a rural county library district, including, but not limited to, the authority to impose property taxes, incur debt, and annex a city or town with a population of less than one hundred thousand at the time of the annexation that is located in the same county as the rural partial-county library district.

Adjacent unincorporated territory in the county may be annexed to a rural partial-county library district in the same manner as territory is annexed to a water-sewer district, except that an annexation is not subject to potential review by a boundary review board.

If, at the time of creation, a rural partial-county library district has an assessed valuation of less than fifty million dollars, it may provide library services only by contracting for the services through an interlocal agreement with an adjacent library district, or an adjacent city or town that maintains its own library. If the assessed valuation of the rural partial-county library district subsequently reaches fifty million dollars as a result of annexation or appreciation, the fifty million dollar limitation shall not apply.

If a ballot proposition is approved creating a rural county library district in the county, every rural partial-county library district in that county shall be dissolved and its assets and liabilities transferred to the rural county library district. Where a rural partial-county library district has annexed a city or town, the voters of the city or town shall be allowed to vote on the proposed creation of a rural county library district and, if created, the rural county library district shall include each city and town that was annexed to the rural partial-county library district.

Nothing in this section authorizes the consolidation of a rural partial-county library district with any rural county library district; island library district; city, county, or regional library; intercounty library district; or other rural partial-county library district, unless, in addition to any other requirements imposed by statute, the boards of all library districts involved approve the consolidation.

[1999 c 153 § 25; 1994 c 198 § 2; 1993 c 284 § 1.]

NOTES:

Part headings not law—1999 c 153: See note following RCW 57.04.050.