

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2014-058

Supporting the Little Free Library and Encouraging Midlands Area Residents to Participate

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WHEREAS, The Little Free Library is an international nonprofit organization originally developed to promote literacy in rural communities which have little access to libraries; and,

WHEREAS, as of January, 2014 over 15,000 Little Free Libraries have been registered worldwide; and,

WHEREAS, the exchange of books for children and adults through the Little Free Library encourages reading, thereby creating a sense of community, the sharing of ideas, skills, creativity and wisdom across generations and brings communities together; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia supports and encourages midlands area residents and businesses to offer, support and endorse Little Free Library locations to encourage reading and enhance literacy of the midlands area residents; NOW, THEREFORE

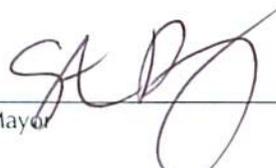
BE IT RESOLVED this 19th day of August, 2014 that the Mayor and Council support and encourage residents and businesses to support and endorse The Little Free Library locations through the midlands area to encourage reading, enhance literacy and bring communities together by the sharing of books for children and adults.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that placement of freestanding The Little Free Library shall meet the following conditions, restrictions or limitations:

1. The Little Free Library boxes shall not be placed within public right of way areas nor in an area which would create a visual impediment to persons safely entering or exiting the building, adjoining driveway, parking spaces or walking along the sidewalk. The City reserves the right, upon written notice to the owner/sponsor to remove any item located within the right of way which it deems to be a safety hazard; and,
2. The location of The Little Free Library shall not impede the path of travel for the assigned exit discharge of the adjoining building or parking spaces; and,
3. The Little Free Library shall be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and placed to allow five (5') feet of passageway along the sidewalk at all times and not obstruct pedestrian movement, vehicle movement and parking, and shall be of durable material and weighted to withstand strong winds; and,
5. The Little Free Library shall be kept clean and orderly at all times and interference with pedestrian movement or adjoining parking areas and disturbance of existing trees and roots shall be prohibited; and,
6. The Little Free Library shall be registered on the City of Columbia's web site and with the Little Free Library website within ninety (90) days of construction; and,
7. The owner/sponsor of the Little Free Library shall have the discretion to remove any materials deemed inappropriate for children, but in accordance with The Free Little Library objective shall not ban books.

Requested by:

Councilmember Baddourah



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

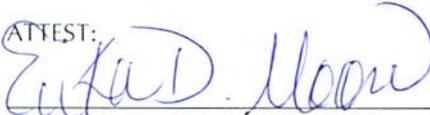
Approved as to form:



City Attorney

Introduced: 8/19/2014

Final Reading: 8/19/2014

ATTEST:


City Clerk