

CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
ORDINANCE NO. 3647

**AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE USE AND EXPENDITURE OF SPECIFIC  
BEQUEST FUNDS TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE ESTATE OF  
GENE RICHARD DOERR**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbia ("City"), Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois is a duly created, organized and validly existing municipality of the State of Illinois under the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois, including particularly the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, GENE RICHARD DOERR, a lifelong resident of the City of Columbia, Illinois, died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, by his Last Will, GENE RICHARD DOERR did make a specific bequest of the sum of Two-Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$200,000.00) to the City which reads as follows, to wit:

ITEM FIVE: I give the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to the CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS or to such other corporate or non-corporate authority as shall be the owner of the COLUMBIA PUBLIC LIBRARY of Columbia, Illinois at the time of my death, as a specific bequest in memory and memorial of my mother, MATILDA I. DOERR, who was an avid reader all of her life. The bequest of money herein provided for and the accrued and accumulated income therefrom shall be used and expended for capital improvements to such of said library's building(s) and real estate improvements as the Library Board or other managing authorities of said Library charged with the management and expenditure of said Library's funds shall, from time to time, decide and agree.

; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is the owner of the Columbia Public Library real estate improved by the library building and facilities located thereon which building and facilities are located at 106 North Metter Street in the City of Columbia, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the Library is managed and operated by the Columbia Public Library Board comprising 9 members who are appointed by the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois and the City assesses an annual library tax to fund some of the operating expenses of the library and the City Council of the City of Columbia is responsible for creating and Managing the library funds (notwithstanding the library has an endowment Trust available to be used for some of its uses and

purposes) therefore the bequest involved shall be paid to the City of Columbia, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City is comprised of a Mayor and Eight (8) Aldermen, which are the Corporate Authority of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities of the City agree to accept the inheritance stated above subject to the aforementioned restrictions and agree to limit the use and expenditure of the said funds, and the accrued and accumulated income therefrom, as required by the Last Will and Testament of GENE RICHARD DOERR.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois as follows:

**Section 1.** The recitals contained above in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby incorporated herein by reference, the same as if set forth in this Section of this Resolution verbatim, as findings of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

**Section 2.** The City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois does hereby state that it will accept the bequest in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in Memory and memorial of MATILDA I. DOERR, a deceased resident of the City, from the estate of, GENE RICHARD DOERR, her deceased son, on the condition and subject to the restriction that those funds and the accrued and accumulated income therefrom, shall only be used and expended for capital improvements to the City's library building(s) and other library real estate improvements as the City Council of the City and/or the City's Library Board shall hereafter determine.

**Section 3.** By the acceptance of this inheritance, the City Council of Columbia, Illinois does agree to manage, use and expend those funds, and the accrued and accumulated income therefrom, exclusively and only for capital improvements to the City Library building(s) and other library real estate improvements.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval, as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois and deposited and filed in the office of the City Clerk on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023, the vote being taken by ayes and noes and entered upon the legislative record as follows:

AYES: Aldermen Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Riddle, Garmer, Khoury, Lawlor, and Nobbe.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVED:



BOB HILL, Mayor

ATTEST:



ANDREW HITZEMANN, City Clerk

(SEAL)