Be It Enacted by the City Council of Boise that Subsection 1-27 of Title 1 of Boise City Code shall be, and the same is added as follows:

Section 1-27-01: Purpose: The people of the City of Boise find that it is in the interest of the City of Boise and its residents to work together in pursuing major projects and that by having a public vote on major library projects there will be more public involvement, more public support, and a better result.

Section 1-27-02: The City of Boise shall not directly or indirectly appropriate, spend money, incur debt or expenses for the construction of or any additional aspect of any major library project unless the City Council of Boise has received the approval of the qualified electors of the City of Boise at a duly conducted election.

Section 1-27-03: A plan and design proposal for any major library project shall be disclosed in the notice of election.

Section 1-27-04: Approval of a major library project occurs when the majority of votes cast are cast in favor thereof at an election held on an official election date designated by State law.

Section 1-27-05: Terms used in Section 1-27-02 are defined as follows:

A. “Expenses” includes actual monetary payments, in kind assistance, the value of employee time, the value of land exchanges, direct or indirect payments to third parties and any other consideration which promotes or enhances the development of a major library project in any way.

B. “Major library project” means any library project reasonably expected to require costs and/or expenses totaling not less than twenty-five million dollars ($25,000,000).
C. "Plan and Design" means a proposal that includes any element of the cost, method of financing, location, design and size of a proposed new major library facility.