

## **Script: 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Auditor & Library Staff Person - BAD**

[Library staff person (Staff) is seated at a desk, doing some kind of paperwork]

*[First Amendment Auditor (Auditor) walks in, heads towards the library staff person]*

STAFF: [doesn't look up when Auditor approaches]

*AUDITOR: [Approaches desk while fiddling with mobile phone] Now I'm at the library hoping to get the information I deserve as a taxpayer in this ridiculous town!*

[Auditor waits a beat; Staff still looking down doing whatever, not acknowledging auditor]

*AUDITOR: Excuse me, I need to see a copy of the Town Ordinances, especially the ones about dogs.*

STAFF: [Still looking down] Why don't you go over to town hall? They have copies there.

*AUDITOR: Because I'm here and you should have them! I have a right to get a copy of these ordinances and the library is supposed to have a copy*

STAFF: [Looks up] Are you videotaping me? [horror-struck]

*AUDITOR: Yes because I want to show people how the residents in Podunktown get the run around every time we want to see anything paid for with our tax dollars.*

STAFF: I'm not sure you can videotape in here. Let me call someone.

*AUDITOR: I want to see the Town ordinances! Where are they?*

STAFF: Now hold on and don't raise your voice at me. I'm just trying to help and you are videotaping me!

*AUDITOR: My taxes pay your salary! I can film anyone I want to in a public building!*

STAFF: I'm calling the police. You can deal with them...

*AUDITOR: You call the police! I'm exercising my right to get information and you won't help me even though you are paid with my tax dollars to help! I can't wait till the police get here...*

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## **Script: 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Auditor & Library Staff Person - BETTER**

[Library staff person (Staff) is seated at a desk, doing some kind of paperwork]

*[First Amendment Auditor (Auditor) walks in, heads towards the library staff person]*

STAFF: [Looks up with a smile] Hi! Can I help you?

*AUDITOR: [Approaches desk while fiddling with mobile phone] Now I'm at the library hoping to get the information I deserve as a taxpayer in this ridiculous town! I need to see a copy of the Town Ordinances, especially the ones about dogs.*

STAFF: We do have copies of the town ordinances – let me check in our system to see how recent they are and where they are located.

*AUDITOR: Thank you. And you should have the recent ones – this town makes it so hard for us taxpayers to find information!*

STAFF: [After checking on computer] The latest ones we have are from late 2021. [Turns around and grabs binder] Here they are – you can look at them anywhere in the building. If you need photocopies of any of them, you can use our photocopiers for 10 cents per pages, or you can go online to the town web site and download a pdf free of charge

*AUDITOR: Ok. Are these the latest version?*

STAFF: I think so, but to double check you can either stop by town hall and ask, or if you want to I'll call over there now to find out.

*AUDITOR: While you call them, I'm going to walk around.*

STAFF: That's fine. Just please be aware that the public are not allowed in the employee-only spaces, which are labeled on the doors. Our other library users also have a right to privacy, so if anyone asks you to stop videotaping them, you need to do so.

*AUDITOR: But I can videotape any of the library employees. That's my right!*

STAFF: Yes, but only the library employees working in the public spaces that you are now in. Staff have a right to privacy too, and if they are not working right now but are using the library as private citizens, they have the right to tell you to stop videotaping them. Here's a copy of our patron behavior policy and our photograph/videotaping policy so that you have the information.

*AUDITOR: Oh. Ok. I'm going to go over there and take a look at the policies and the ordinances.*

STAFF: Great! I'll make a phone call and find out if we have the most recent update to the ordinances. If we don't, you may need to go to town hall to obtain them. But I'll find out for you.

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