

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Library

AGENDA DATE: 2-10-09 City Council Meeting – Consent Agenda

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: CAROL BREY-CASIANO (543-5406)

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: Citywide

SUBJECT: Resolution

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Resolution establishing the weeks of February 23 – March 7, 2009, be declared “Amnesty Week” for the El Paso Public Library (“the Library”) to allow borrowers of items from the Library to return overdue items or items previously considered lost; without payment of applicable overdue fines or fees for lost items, and to allow the Library to accept return of such items without payment of such fines and fees.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

Ordinance No. 15006, approved by the City Council December 24, 2001, authorizes the Council to declare limited periods of “amnesty” to allow borrowers of items from the El Paso Public Library to return overdue items or items previously considered lost, without payment of the applicable overdue fines or fees for lost item.

The benefits of amnesty periods are to encourage the return of library materials and to foster goodwill among patrons of the Library. In the past the Library has offered amnesty periods in conjunction with National Library Week, Library Card Sign-Up Month, and the introduction of new services. The last amnesty period was in 2005.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Yes, as noted above.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Carmel A. Brey-Cassano
(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 15006, approved by the City Council of the City of El Paso on December 24, 2001, authorizes the Council to declare limited periods of "amnesty" to allow borrowers of items from the El Paso Public Library to return overdue items or items previously considered lost, without payment of the applicable overdue fines or fees for lost items; and

WHEREAS, the Library desires to encourage the prompt return of overdue items or items previously considered lost.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the weeks of February 23 – March 7, 2009, be declared "Amnesty Week" for the El Paso Public Library ("the Library") to allow borrowers of items from the Library to return overdue items or items previously considered lost, without payment of applicable overdue fines or fees for lost items, and to allow the Library to accept return of such items without payment of such fines or fees.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____.

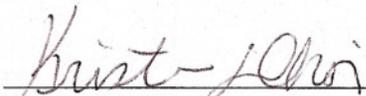
THE CITY OF EL PASO

John Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

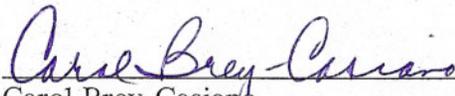
Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kristen L. Choi
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Carol Brey-Casiano
Director of Libraries