

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

DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY

AGENDA DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2013 - Consent Agenda

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: DIONNE MACK 543-5412

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION

A Resolution that the weeks of January 3 through January 18, 2014 be declared "Food for Fines Week" for the El Paso Public Library to waive \$1.00 worth of fines for every canned or non-perishable food donation made to the MLK Canned Food Drive at Library locations up to \$5.00 per day, and that patrons may return overdue items or items previously considered lost without payment of the applicable fines.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Ordinance No. 15006, approved by City Council on December 24, 2001, authorizes 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 the lost item. Likewise, Council approved a Food for Fines period in January 2012 and January 2013.

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 Signup Month, and the introduction of new services. The last Food for Fines period was in January 2013, period in which the Library was able to recover approximately \$4500 in outstanding materials.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Council approved a Food for Fines period in January 2013.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



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Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 18059, approved by the City Council of the City of El Paso on August 6, 2013, 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 donations of canned and non-perishable food donations to the MLK Canned Food Drive, an initiative of the City of El Paso, as well as the return of overdue or items previously considered lost to the Library.

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

That the weeks of January 3 through January 18, 2014 be declared “Food for Fines Week” for the El Paso Public Library (“the Library”) to waive \$1.00 worth of fines for every canned or non-perishable food donation made to the MLK Canned Food Drive at Library locations up to \$5.00 per day, and that patrons may return overdue items or items previously considered lost, without payment of the applicable fines.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2013.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONSENT:

Kristen L. Hamilton
Assistant City Attorney

Dionne Mack
Director of Libraries