

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

**DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY**

**AGENDA DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2012 Consent Agenda**

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

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION**

A Resolution that the week of January 12 through January 19, 2013 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.

**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 of 2012.

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 2012.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

Council approved a Food for Fines period in January 2012.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

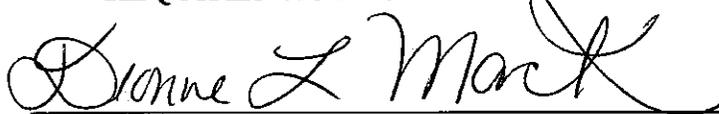
**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

N/A

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



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*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

**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 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 week of January 12 through January 19, 2013 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.

**ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.**

THE CITY OF EL PASO

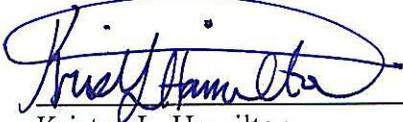
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John F. Cook  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONSENT:



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Kristen L. Hamilton  
Assistant City Attorney



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Dionne Mack  
Director of Libraries