

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

DEPARTMENT: Library

AGENDA DATE: 12-13-11 City Council Meeting – Consent Agenda

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: DIONNE MACK-HARVIN (543-5401)

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: Citywide

SUBJECT: Resolution

Resolution that the week of January 7 through January 14 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 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 2009.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

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

Yes, as noted above.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
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 7 through January 14 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 _____, 2011.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
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