

CITY OF EL PASO, TX
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD SUMMARY FORM

Department: Library

Agenda Date: December 1, 2015

Contact Person: Dionne Mack (543-5413)

Districts Affected: City-wide

Subject: Resolution

This Resolution establishes the period of January 2, 2016 to January 16, 2016 as Food for Fines time at El Paso's Public Libraries. During this period, the Library will waive \$1.00 of fines owed to the Library for every canned or non-perishable food item donated to the MLK Canned Food Drive at Library locations up to \$5.00 per account per day provided their materials have been returned in good condition.

Background / Discussion:

Council approved a Food for Fines period in January of 2012, January 2013, January 2014 and January 2015. During this time, the library has collected an estimated 20 tons of food which has been donated to organizations such as the Salvation Army and the Opportunity Center for the Homeless through the MLK Food Drive. It has also allowed many library card holders to resume services by paying down their fines with canned goods and recouped thousands of outstanding materials.

Prior Council Action:

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

Amount and Sources of Funding

N/A

Board / Commission Actions:

N/A

*****Required Authorization*****

Legal: (if required) _____

Finance: (if required) _____

Department Head: _____



Approved for Agenda: _____

City Manager: _____

Date: _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 018059, 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 period of January 2 through January 16, 2016 be declared "Food for Fines Period" 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 provided all materials are returned in good condition, as defined in the Library Rules and Fee Structure.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____.

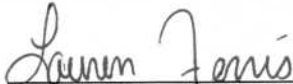
THE CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

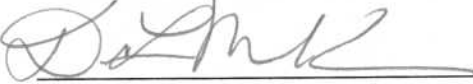
Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Laruen K. Ferris
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONSENT:



Dionne Mack
Director of Libraries