

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

Department: Library
Agenda Date: December 17, 2019
Contact Person: Norma Martinez
Districts Affected: City-wide

Subject: Resolution

This Resolution establishes the period of January 5, 2020 through January 18, 2020 as Food for Fines period at El Paso's Public Libraries. During this time, 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, provided their materials have been returned in good condition.

Background / Discussion:

Council has previously approved Food for Fines periods each year from January of 2012 - 2018. During this time, the library has collected an estimated 26 tons of food, which have been donated, to organizations such as the Salvation Army and the Opportunity Center for the Homeless through the MLK Canned Food Drive. This program has allowed EPPL to recoup thousands of dollars in outstanding materials and has allowed library cardholders to resume their borrowing privileges by paying down their fines with canned goods.

Prior Council Action:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one? Ordinance Number 18059 AUTHORIZES CITY COUNCIL TO DECLARE LIMITED PERIODS OF "AMNESTY" BY APPROPRIATELY ADOPTED RESOLUTION.

Amount and Sources of Funding

N/A

Board / Commission Actions:

N/A

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

Legal: (if required) _____ Finance: (if required) _____

Department Head: Norma Martinez

Approved for Agenda: _____

City Manager: _____ Date: _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 18059, approved by the City Council of the City of El Paso on August 6, 2013, authorizes City 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 has participated in the annual MLK Canned Food Drive since 2001 and has helped collect more than 300 tons of food to help feed the hungry in El Paso; 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 5, 2020 through January 18, 2020 be declared Library Amnesty 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, provided the materials have been returned to the library in good condition.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2019.

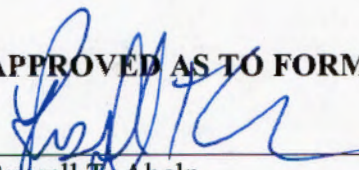
THE CITY OF EL PASO

Dee Margo
Mayor

ATTEST:

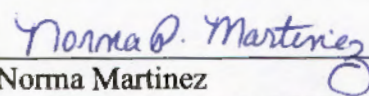
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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Russell Y. Abeln
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONSENT:



Norma Martinez
Interim Director of Libraries