

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**CITY OF PALMDALE**

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. LB 2021- 02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING THE PALMDALE CITY COUNCIL A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING FINES FOR OVERDUE LIBRARY MATERIALS.

WHEREAS studies have shown that the charging fines for overdue library materials does not significantly increase the likelihood of materials being returned on time; and

WHEREAS studies have also shown that the charging of fines for overdue library materials deters many persons from applying for a library card; and

WHEREAS many of the community members who could benefit the most from accessing library materials are those who are more likely to be deterred from applying for a library card because of the fear of having to pay overdue fines; and

WHEREAS the American Library Association Council has resolved “that imposition of monetary library fines creates a barrier to the provisions of library and information services and urges libraries to scrutinize their practices of imposing fines on library patrons and actively move towards eliminating them”; and

WHEREAS the Board of Library Trustees has discussed the policy of charging fines on overdue library materials, reviewed reports provided by staff, and investigated studies on the effects of charging overdue fines on library users; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Palmdale recommending:

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SECTION 1. That the City Council eliminate the policy and practice of charging fines on overdue library materials.

SECTION 2. Should the City Council approve the Board recommendation, an effective date will be determined by the City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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ALAN HENKIN, President  
Board of Library Trustees  
City of Palmdale, California

ATTEST:

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ERIN AUBREY, Assistant Secretary  
Board of Library Trustees  
City of Palmdale, California