

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 FROM 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 could be deterred from applying for a library card because of an inability 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 10th day of March, 2021, by the following vote:


AYES: Trustees David, Manning, Morris, Rutkowski-Hines, & President Henkin

NOES: Ø

ABSTAIN: Ø ABSENT: Ø


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

ATTEST:


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