

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

DEPARTMENT: Libraries

AGENDA DATE: 12/12/23

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Norma Martinez, 915-212-3200

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 4: Enhance El Paso's quality of life through recreational, cultural and educational environments

SUBGOAL: 4.2: Create innovative recreational, educational and cultural programs

SUBJECT:

That the period of January 2, 2024, through January 20, 2024, 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, \$1.00 worth of fines for every can of pet food, and \$2.00 worth of fines for every pound of dry pet food made to the MLK Canned Food Drive and Animal Services at Library locations, provided that all materials are returned to the Library in good condition.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The Library has participated in the MLK Canned Food Drive since 2001 and has helped collect more than 300 tons of food to help feed the hungry in El Paso by encouraging donations of canned and non-perishable food items.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

The Library has participated in the MLK Canned Food Drive since 2001.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Norma B. Martinez

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

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.

WHEREAS, the Library plans on partnering with Animal Services to help collect food for pets to help feed hungry animals and encourage the donation of food for pets to Animal Services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

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APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

THE CITY OF EL PASO:

ATTEST:

Oscar Leeser, Mayor

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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