

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

**DEPARTMENT:**

**AGENDA DATE:**

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:**

**CONTACT PERSON NAME:**

**PHONE NUMBER:**

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:**

**STRATEGIC GOAL:**

**SUBGOAL:**

**SUBJECT:**

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

**COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH:**

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

**REPORTING OF CONTRIBUTION OR DONATION TO CITY COUNCIL:**

NAME	AMOUNT (\$)

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

Norma B. Martinez

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

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10739 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NOS. 15658, 15167, 15006, 12909, AND 12141, AND AMENDING THE BUDGET RESOLUTION FEE SCHEDULE TO REVISE THE OVERDUE FINES FOR MATERIALS CHARGED BY THE EL PASO PUBLIC LIBRARY TO \$0.00 AND FORGIVE ANY OUTSTANDING FINE BALANCE FOR OVERDUE MATERIALS**

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 the American Library Association passed a resolution encouraging libraries throughout the nation to discontinue fees for overdue library materials as a mechanism to increase library usage and expand access for all populations; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council desires to adopt a fine of \$0.00 for overdue materials by El Paso Public Libraries because the accumulation of overdue fines deters patrons of the Library from continuing to utilize the Library's services and deprives others of the use of such items; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council desires to forgive all outstanding fine balances to help ensure the public purpose that library resources remain accessible to everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of lost Library material exceeds the revenue collected from fines and libraries around the State have seen a positive impact on Library use as a result of forgiving and eliminating fines.

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

1. That the overdue fine charges for the El Paso Public Library currently contained in Ordinance No. 10739, as amended by Ordinance Nos. 12141, 12909, 15006, 15167, and 15658 shall be amended to read as follows:

**OVERDUE FINES**

All items (adult and juvenile books, paperbacks, fotonovelas, revistas, videotapes, audiocassettes, kits, and compact discs) \$0.00 per day.

2. That Schedule C Line Item Number 863 for Overdue Fines at the Library in the City's Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025 be waived and that future Budget Resolutions also remove the charge for Overdue Fines at the Library.
3. That all current overdue fines be forgiven.
4. That the schedule of overdue fines for items described above shall become effective as of April 29, 2025.
5. Except as expressly herein amended, Ordinance No. 10739, as previously amended by Ordinance Nos. 12141, 12909, 15006, 15167, and 15658, shall remain in full force and effect including current fees for damaged or lost materials.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**THE CITY OF EL PASO**

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Renard U. Johnson  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

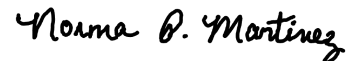
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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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Jesus A. Quintanilla  
Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**



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Norma Martinez, Director  
El Paso Public Libraries

**ORDINANCE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

FY 2026 Department Schedule C

DEPARTMENT:	Library
GOAL:	4

Please select all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> New Fee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Services no longer provided
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Enhancement	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Fee Increased Cost

FY 2025 Line #	Account	Fee Description	Detail	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Requested	Change	Comments
857	443000	Overdue Fines		\$0.15/day	\$0.00/day	Delete	It is not cost effective to charge overdue fees
893	450567	Library Fees	Scanner	\$0.10	\$0.00	Delete	Our equipment does not have the capability to charge the fee

Fee Changes Description (Mandatory) (Briefly describe the Fee changes and its associated impact - including revenue impact)	Performance Management (Provide a listing of how the successful implementation of this request will be measured)
Overdue Fees - it is not cost effective in charging fees to the patrons, because of all the indirect costs associated in processing the fees. Scanner Fees - Our Kiosks and scanning equipment were not able to communicate to apply the fee to the patrons. Comprise and City IT tried to make it work but were unsuccessful.	