



DISCUSSION

MEETING DATE: May 6, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 5E

TITLE:

Fiscal Year 2025 Library Proposed Budget report

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

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BACKGROUND:

The City of Bastrop and surrounding areas have a high population of senior citizens, veterans, and individuals with disabilities. The charts below showcase how these populations compare to the state average.

Senior Citizens

State of Texas Average	13.4%
Bastrop County Average	16.0%

Veterans

State of Texas Average	6.2%
Bastrop County Average	8.1%

Individuals with Disabilities

State of Texas Average	12.4%
Bastrop County Average	10.3%

Since the implementation of the Non-Resident fee, the Bastrop Public Library has received repeated requests for a discount for these populations. Similar discounts and memberships to make the library more accessible to Non-Residents have been implemented by other City of Bastrop services.

PURPOSE:

Discuss the possibility of implementing a discount to eligible non-resident patrons and establishing a Non-Resident Family membership.

RECOMMENDATION:

- Create a Non-Resident Family membership, which would cost \$40.00 and have a total checkout limit of forty items after the three-week introductory period.

- Implement a \$5.00 discount on individual, Non-Resident Annual Memberships for senior citizens over the age of 55, military, and individuals with disabilities.
 - The recommended discount of 20% would reduce the rate from \$25.00 to \$20.00 annually for eligible patrons.
 - Similar discounts are typically between 10-15% off.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Current Bastrop Public Library Fee Schedule

