

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 19, 2024
Agenda Item Title/Item: Food for Fines
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AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Food for Fines 2024

Please consider approving the Food for Fines program for 2024.

PROPOSAL:

Food for Fines is a program that will benefit not only on the community, but also the clients of the Bel Aire Municipal Court. The program will only occur during the predetermined time frame agreed upon by the City and Municipal Court. Food for Fines is designed to emphasize the compassionate side of our judicial system and encourage charity within the community.

- Proposed dates for 2024 would be from November 20, 2024, through December 31, 2024 during business hours only.
- For a single can or box of non-perishable food donated to the food drive the Court would forgive **\$5.00** of the person's fine or warrant fees only. Regardless of the number of food items that are donated, the maximum amount that will be forgiven is \$50.00 to any one case.
- **Donations only apply to Fines and Warrant Fees assessed by the court.** Restitution, Court Costs, Jail Fees, UA fees, and Reinstatement Fees are not eligible.
- All non-perishable food items collected will be donated to the Kansas Food Bank.
- Dented, rusted, non-labeled, or expired canned food/items will NOT be accepted.

IMPLEMENTATION:

To impact this project, the Municipal Court will inform our clients through flyers, the City's website, and social media.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Because the court will be offering the program during normal business hours, there will be no additional cost to the city.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Court recommends approving the proposed Food for Fines Program for 2024. This would allow the Court the potential to reduce the debt owed on active cases during a time of year when the general population is struggling to make ends meet.