

RESOLUTION NO.25 FOR 2021

A RESOLUTION FOR REMOVAL OF LIBRARY FINES FOR OVERDUE MATERIALS FOR THREE MONTHS;

WHEREAS, the City of Sweet Home has a Library Board of Trustees as set forth in SHMC Chapter 2.12;

WHEREAS, the American Library Association has found that removing library fines increases library circulation

WHEREAS, the American Library Association has found that library fines disproportionately harm those that can least afford them

WHEREAS, the Chicago Public Library saw a 240% increase in the return of library materials by eliminating fines

WHEREAS, Bowling Green State research shows that library fines were not effective in getting students to return materials

WHEREAS, the Sweet Home Public Library receives far less than 1% of funding from the payment of library fines.

WHEREAS, the Library Board desires to waive the overdue fines for library materials for three months, starting Nov.1, 2021

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEET HOME RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The Sweet Home Public Library will waive overdue fines found in Resolution No. 3 for 2021 – Sweet Home Fee Schedule, for library materials for three months.

This resolution shall be effective upon the passage thereof.

PASSED by the City Council and approved by the Mayor this 26th day of October, 2021.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager - Ex Officio City Recorder