

RESOLUTION NO. 6 FOR 2022

A RESOLUTION FOR REMOVAL OF LIBRARY FINES FOR OVERDUE MATERIALS

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, the Oregon Library Association reports that 56% of Oregon Libraries are fine free as of 2021;

WHEREAS, the Sweet Home Public Library has seen a 78% reduction of long overdue fines year over year during the trial period (Nov-Jan. 2021-2022);

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 eliminate overdue fines for library materials going forward;

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

The Sweet Home Public Library will eliminate overdue fines for library materials.

This resolution shall be effective upon the passage thereof.

PASSED by the City Council and approved by the Mayor this 22nd day of February, 2022.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager Pro Tem - Ex Officio City Recorder

