



# Wylie City Council

## AGENDA REPORT

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### Subject

Consider, and act upon, Ordinance No. 2024-32 amending Wylie's Code of Ordinances, Ordinance No. 2021-17, as amended, Chapter 66 (Library), Article I (In General), Section 66-3 (Refusing to Pay Overdue Fine; Misdemeanor), and Appendix A (Comprehensive Fee Schedule), Section VIII (Public Library), Subsection A (Library Fees) to amend overdue fine, repeal extended use fees, add hotspot replacement fees, and amend meeting room fees; providing a savings/repealing clause, severability clause, penalty clause and an effective date; and providing for the publication of the caption hereof.

### Recommendation

Motion to approve the Item as presented.

### Discussion

Eliminating overdue fees has been a trend in public libraries since 2017. Most public libraries in the Metroplex have already successfully embraced this movement. At last count, Wylie is one of five public libraries still charging overdue fees. According to Library Journal, the percentage of public libraries charging fees has dropped from 92% to 36% from 2017 - 2022. Overdue fees account for less than half a percent of all fees taken in by the City. The amount of staff time spent on explaining fees and the stress of the interactions with the patrons often creates a contentious atmosphere that discourages library use. Overdue fees present a barrier to service and affect our users that need access the most. By eliminating overdue fees, we hope to encourage everyone to use the library freely and create a more positive library experience.

We are requesting hotspot replacement fees be added back on to the fee schedule. At some point, they were omitted, but they are still active.

The amendment to the meeting room fees has to do with the removal of room usage on Sundays as the library is not open on Sundays. Our Meeting Room Policy states the rooms are available only on the days when the library is open.