



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of August 20, 2013  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of August 27, 2013

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**DATE:** July 17, 2013  
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Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of donated items to settle overdue library fees.

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing Corpus Christi Public Libraries to settle overdue fees with the acceptance of donated items to be provided to charitable groups for legitimate public purposes; and providing for an effective date.

### **PURPOSE:**

To provide an opportunity for patrons to clear overdue charges and resume use of library services as well as to encourage the return of library material.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

Public libraries nationwide conduct "Food for Fines" drives. Corpus Christi Public Libraries is proposing to conduct a "Food for Fines" drive during the month of September to benefit the Senior Community Services Division - Elderly Nutrition program and the Food Bank of Corpus Christi. September is designated as National Library Card Sign-Up month and National Hunger Awareness month.

Non-perishable food items will be accepted to clear overdue fees only; lost or damage charges will not be cleared. Each item donated will equal \$1 in late fees. For each pound donated to the Food Bank, Senior Community Services will receive a credit of 14 cents. This credit will be applied towards the purchase of food products for a Food Pantry Distribution at a senior center.

Corpus Christi Public Libraries proposes to conduct future drives in partnership with other City departments and charitable organizations.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Ordinance is not approved.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

None

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

Ordinance requires City Council action.

**EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Non-Emergency

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

None

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Operating       Revenue       Capital       Not applicable

| <b>Fiscal Year: 2012-2013</b> | <b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b> | <b>Current Year</b> | <b>Future Years</b> | <b>TOTALS</b> |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Line Item Budget              |  |                     |                     |               |
| Encumbered / Expended Amount  |  |                     |                     |               |
| This item                     |  |                     |                     |               |
| BALANCE                       |  |                     |                     |               |

Fund(s):

**Comments:** No historical data is available to determine the financial impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends acceptance of donated items to settle overdue fees.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance