

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 2-79 "FEES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY DEFINING LOST ITEM, REFERRING ACCOUNTS WITH A LOST ITEM TO COLLECTION, MODIFYING LOST ITEM FEE PROCESSING, AUTHORIZING REPLACEMENT LIBRARY CARD FEE, AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN OVERDUE FEES FOR AUDIO/VISUAL ITEMS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 2-79 is revised to read as follows: Sec. 2-79. - Fees.

- (a) Overdue fees:
 - (1) Each library item, per day.....\$0.25 for books, \$1.00 for recordings, audiocassettes, compact discs, videocassettes, and DVDs
 - (2) Maximum overdue fee.....Actual replacement cost or original cost of item, whichever is greater
- (b) Collection fee:\$10.00
Any account with a "Lost" item or any account of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more that is unpaid for sixty (60) days or more, and is referred for collection to a private vendor, shall be assessed a ten-dollar (10.00) collection fee.
- (c) Photocopy fee, per page:\$0.15
- (d) Lost library item processing fee: ~~\$5.00 per lost library item, in addition to payment of list price for replacement of the lost item. The \$5.00 lost library item processing fee will be refunded if the item is found and returned to the library.~~ An item is deemed lost on the 31st day after date due. At that time, patron is assessed the cost of the item or actual replacement cost, whichever is greater, plus a \$5.00 processing fee.
 - (1) If a lost item is returned in good condition after patron has paid the cost of the item and fees, the \$5.00 processing fee is refunded and accrued fees paid or up to half the cost of the item, whichever is less is refunded.

(2) If a lost item is returned in good condition and patron has not paid the cost of the item and fees, patron is charged accrued fees or up to half the cost of the item, whichever is less, and is not charged the \$5.00 processing fee.

(3) If a lost item is not in good condition when returned, the cost of the item or actual replacement cost, whichever is greater will be assessed plus the \$5.00 processing fee.

(e) Annual nonresident library fee:\$25.00

The annual nonresident library fee shall not apply to the following:

- (1) Members of the armed forces (and their dependents) stationed (i) within the City limits or (ii) at the Coast Guard Station, Port Aransas, Texas;
- (2) Temporary residents residing within the City limits for six (6) weeks or more;
- (3) Students currently enrolled at (i) Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi or (ii) Del Mar College; and
- (4) Nonresidents who own real property within the City limits.

(f) Interlibrary loan service fees:

- (1) Residents of the city, per item:\$2.75
- (2) Nonresidents of the state, per item:\$15.00

Residents of the city will also be charged for the full cost of any fees assessed by the lending library.

(g) Replacement Library Cards: Lost or stolen cards must be reported immediately. There is a \$2.00 charge for replacement cards.

SECTION 2. The effective date of this ordinance is August 1, 2012.

SECTION 3. If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

SECTION 4. Publication shall be made one time in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi as required by the City Charter of the City of Corpus Christi.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the _____ day of _____, 2012, by the following vote:

Joe Adame	_____	David Loeb	_____
Chris N. Adler	_____	John Marez	_____
Kelley Allen	_____	Nelda Martinez	_____
Larry Elizondo, Sr	_____	Mark Scott	_____
Priscilla G. Leal	_____		

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the _____ day of _____, 2012 by the following vote:

Joe Adame	_____	David Loeb	_____
Chris N. Adler	_____	John Marez	_____
Kelley Allen	_____	Nelda Martinez	_____
Larry Elizondo, Sr	_____	Mark Scott	_____
Priscilla G. Leal	_____		

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2012.

ATTEST:

Armando Chapa
City Secretary

Joe Adame
Mayor