

## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Administrative Code - Eliminating Fines for Overdue Library Materials]

**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to eliminate fines for overdue library books and other materials and equipment, and forgiving outstanding patron debt for overdue fines.**

### Existing Law

Existing law authorizes the Public Library to collect fines for overdue books, materials, and equipment.

### Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would amend the Administrative Code to eliminate all overdue fines the Public Library is currently authorized to collect. The proposed ordinance would also forgive all outstanding debt that patrons owe the Public Library for overdue fines.

### Background Information

On January 17, 2019, the Library Commission adopted a resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance eliminating overdue fines. The Library Commission resolution notes that such fines disproportionately impact low income San Franciscans and impose an unfair barrier of access to the Library for such individuals. On March 21, 2019, the Library Commission adopted a resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to pass an ordinance forgiving outstanding patron debt arising from overdue fines.

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