

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01

RESOLUTION URGING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT ORDINANCE AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO AMEND LIBRARY FINES AND FEES SCHEDULE TO ELIMINATE ALL OVERDUE FINES.

WHEREAS, Section 8.21-2 of the San Francisco Administrative Code sets the fines and fees schedule for the San Francisco Public Library ("Library") system; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors last amended the Library's fines and fees schedule set forth in Section 8.21-2 in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, In the time since the fines and fees schedule was last amended, the Library has recognized that the application of fines for overdue materials imposes an unfair barrier to access, which disproportionately impacts residents of lower socioeconomic status; and,

WHEREAS, To correct this disproportionate impact and ensure access to library services is equitable for all patrons, the proposed changes to the fines and fees schedule contained in Section 8.21-2 would eliminate overdue fines for all Library materials and equipment; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 2.109 of the City Charter, the fines and fees schedule cannot be amended without approval by the Board of Supervisors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Library Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to adopt the ordinance attached hereto modifying Section 8.21-2 of the San Francisco Administrative Code as stated in this resolution.

Approved on January 17, 2019

By a vote of: 6 - 1

AYES: Dunning, Huang, Mall, Ono, Wardell-Ghirarduzzi and Wolf

NAYS: Lee



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Library Commission Secretary

Attachment: Draft Ordinance