

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, APPROVING A FINE-FREE LIBRARY AND WAIVER OF ALL CURRENT LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS' ACCOUNT BALANCES AT THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami Public Library ("North Miami Public Library") is desirous of becoming a Fine-Free library that aims to waive all current library card holders' account balances for overdue items; and

WHEREAS, by becoming a Fine-Free library, the North Miami Public Library will no longer charge late fees for overdue items such as DVDs, books, and magazines; and

WHEREAS, the North Miami Public Library will continue to assess fines for lost and damaged materials; and

WHEREAS, there is mounting evidence that indicates eliminating fines for overdue items increases library card adoption and library usage consistent with the policy adopted by the Liverpool Public Library attached as Composite Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, monetary fines present economic barriers to access library materials and services while absorbing valuable staff time applying, collecting, and managing dues, and causes patrons to discontinue visiting the library due to economic hardship of having to pay a fee for unreturned items, and

WHEREAS, the North Miami Public Library desires to suspend the practice of imposing fines for overdue items on patrons to provide open access to all library customers; and

WHEREAS, as of May 20, 2022, the total account balance for all registered library borrowers is Five-Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Two-Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars and 00/100 cents (\$524,257.00), which is less than one percent (1%) of the library revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to approve a Fine-Free Library policy and waive all current library card holders' account balances at the North Miami Public Library to benefit the residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Designation. The City of North Miami Public Library is hereby designated as a Fine-Free library and will no longer charge late fees for overdue items.

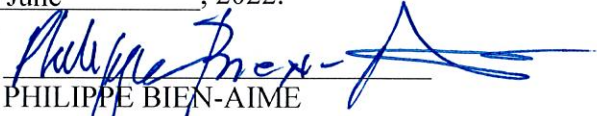
Section 2. Approval of Fee Schedule. The Mayor and City Council hereby approve the revised fee schedule attached as Exhibit "B."

Section 3. Waiver of Past Due Account Balances. The Mayor and City Council hereby waive the account balances for all registered library customers in the amount of Five-Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Two-Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars and 00/100 cents (\$524,257.00) and hereby direct the City Manager to do all things necessary to effectuate the removal of the above stated account balances.

Section 4. Authorization. The Mayor and City Council hereby authorize the City Manager to do all things necessary to effectuate the removal of the above stated account balances.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be affective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 14th day of June, 2022.


PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Estimé-Irvin

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)