

Agenda Item C.1
DISCUSSION
Meeting Date: March 1, 2021

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TO: Library Advisory Commission

FROM: Allison Gray, Library Director

SUBJECT: Fines-Free Model

RECOMMENDATION:

Make a recommendation to the Library Director and the City Council about whether the Library should move to a Fines-Free model.

DISCUSSION:

The Library Advisory Commission received a presentation by Director Gray during the February 1, 2021 meeting on the possibility of moving to a Fines-Free model of service as most other local libraries have done.

The Library Advisory Commission members should continue their discussion on this topic and make a recommendation to the Director and the City Council. The Commission could opt to recommend continuing charging fines for overdue items and therefore retain the approximate 1% of the overall Revenue income it brings in. Alternatively, the Commission members could recommend discontinuing charging fines, but make the lost item payment process timelier to increase the likelihood of either getting the overdue materials back or receiving payment for them.

Review By:

Approved By:

Allison Gray Library Director Kristine Schmidt Assistant City Manager