



Regular-General Government #
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Board of Supervisors

Library

Meeting Date: 03/09/2021

Brief Title: Elimination of Library Extended Use Fees

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Subject

Receive update on the impacts of Library extended use fees and authorize the Library to cease charging and collecting extended use fees. (No general fund impact) (Fink)

Recommended Action

County staff are recommending that the Board take the following actions should they be supportive of the elimination of extended use fees charged by the Library.

- A. Receive and file a presentation on the elimination of Library extended use fees;
- B. Authorize the Library to cease charging and collecting extended use fees effective April 1, 2021; and
- C. Direct the Department of Financial Services to eliminate fees formally as part of the June 2021 Master Fee update process.

Strategic Plan Goal(s)



Thriving Residents

Reason for Recommended Action/Background

Effective April 1, 2021, the Library's current extended use fees on regular items, special materials, and electronic equipment are proposed to be eliminated. The Library eliminated extended use fees for youth in January 2019, and this action resulted in a 28% increase in the borrowing of items on children's and youth accounts compared to 2018. Moreover, this finding is consistent with results nationwide that the elimination of extended use fees reduces barriers for customers to access library resources and leads to increased use for all of our customers. This change in practice is consistent with the Library's mission to provide access for all, to ideas that inform, entertain, and inspire.

Collaborations (including Board advisory groups and external partner agencies)

Department of Financial Services
County Counsel

Competitive Bid Process

N/A

Attachments

Att. A. Presentation

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