

# A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEW FINES AND FEES SCHEDULE FOR THE ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 6485

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2020, the Albany Public Library Board approved changes to the fines and fees policy regarding non-resident fees (see Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the library board recommends that these changes be approved by the Albany City Council; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2020, the library board approved raising the fee threshold from \$50 to \$80 annually; and

WHEREAS, the library board approved payment of \$40 biannually; and

WHEREAS, the library board recommends that these changes be approved by the city council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Albany City Council that it does hereby adopt fees by Resolution Exhibit A for the Albany Public Library.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 6485 is hereby repealed.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 16th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

POLICY NO. 7.1

SUBJECT: FINES AND FEES REVISION DATE: 12/17/2020

## Overdue Materials

- 1. It shall be the policy of the Albany Public Library to charge a fine (nonrefundable) for overdue materials.
- 2. Fines are charged for overdue materials based upon the current fee schedule. Patrons may continue to check out library materials until they have accumulated \$15.00 in charges. Patrons with more than \$15.00 in charges will <u>not</u> be permitted library privileges until the fines are paid such that the total charge is-less than \$15.00. If overdue items are returned before the fifth day overdue, the patron will not be fined for the first four days. Charges for days 1-4 will be removed from the balance.
- 3. A library card renewal will not be processed until all overdue materials are returned and/or fines paid.
- 4. Fines for overdue library materials are:
  - a. All materials (except those listed below): \$.20 per item per day; to a maximum cost of material or \$5.00, whichever is lower, including patrons sent to collections.
    - 1) Paperbacks (uncatalogued) no fines charged.
    - 2) Fines may be forgiven at the discretion of the staff person or the Librarian-in-Charge in the event of illness, death in the family, or other extraordinary circumstances.

At the end of each calendar year, fines over three years old or missing material charges over five years old will be dropped except those \$100 and over. Missing material charges over five years will be reviewed by the Library Director prior to being dropped.

# Lost Material

- 1. Generally, the replacement charge for a lost item is the retail price of the item plus a nonrefundable processing fee of \$5.00 per item. If replacement charges are paid for a lost or damaged item within three months of the due date, no late fees will be charged. If items are more than three months overdue, the borrower will be charged both replacement charges and any applicable fines.
- 2. To determine the retail price of items online sources will be consulted.
- 3. Receipts are to be given on all lost or damaged material transactions.
- 4. No replacement copies will be accepted, except at the discretion of the Library Director, or designee.
- 5. Lost book charges may be forgiven at the discretion of the Library Director, or designee, in the event of extraordinary circumstances.

## **Damaged Materials**

1. Materials that have been damaged beyond repair or use to the Library are charged at replacement cost, as listed below. The material may then be kept by the patron after the barcode is removed and

2. Damaged materials that may still be circulated will be subject to the following charges:

\$2.00 or **Barcode** 

Price of book if damage is significant

\$2.00 or **RFID Tag** 

Price of book if damage is significant

**Spine Label** \$2.00 or

Price of book if damage is significant

Plastic Book Cover **\$2.00** per book

\$2.00 DVD/BluRay/Game Case (the plastic case)

DVD/BluRay/Game Display Box (the cardboard picture insert & plastic case) \$10.00

\$10.00 **Plastic Hanging Bag** 

**CD Case Only** 1-4 capacity \$2.00 CD Case Only 5-6 capacity \$4.00

**Videos** Replacement cost

**Compact Disc** Replacement cost

**Compact Disc liner notes** Replacement cost of CD

#### Fees - Suspension of Library Privileges

The library privileges of any patron having \$15.00 or more in fines, any unreturned material, and any returned checks will be suspended until the charges are cleared.

#### Fees - Nonresident

Nonresident: Those living outside the Albany city limits who wish to borrow materials from the Albany

Public Library may purchase a borrower's card in lieu of the property tax assessed to the

residents of Albany for the support and operation of the Library.

\$80.00/year. All members of the household living at that address receive a borrower's card Fee:

valid for one year and enjoy the full privileges of a resident borrower. A patron may purchase

a non-resident card biannually for \$40.

#### Fees - Interlibrary Loans

A nonrefundable \$3.00 fee is assessed in advance for each item requested. **Basic Request** 

Occasionally, the loaning library will charge extra costs, in which case the patron will

be so notified.

Microfilm A microfilm loan is the same as the basic interlibrary loan except for microfilm

borrowed from the American Genealogical Lending Library. The loan fee is \$3.25 plus \$3.00 postage in a check or money order made payable to American Genealogical Lending Library and any additional charges after microfilm has been received. All fees for basic requests are to be paid when ILL request is submitted.

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