



**Austin City Code Amendment
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 5
AGENDA DATE: Thu 02/05/2004
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SUBJECT: Amend Ordinance No. 030908-04, the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Schedule of Fees, Fines, and Charges, to add a fee to be charged by the Library Department in an amount of \$10.00 for each delinquent customer account referred to a collection vendor.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING Library
DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Brenda Branch**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Eyna Canales-Zarate, Library Services Administrator/ 974-7446; Dana McBee, Financial Manager/ 974-7433

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Ordinance No. 030908-04 authorizing fees, fines, and other charges to be charged by various City departments and amending the City Code, was approved on September 8, 2003, on Council Member Alvarez' motion, Council Member Dunkerley's second on a 7-0 vote.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

The Library Department has outstanding library material fees and fines that are 60 to 120 days old totaling approximately \$321,000. The Austin Public Library is successful in clearing approximately 55% of delinquent accounts internally. After internal collection efforts are exhausted, the Library will refer all pending cases that are 60 to 90 days past due to the collection vendor. The annual collection rate of these referred cases is estimated at 80%.

The Library will assess a \$10.00 delinquent account fee to customer accounts that are referred to the vendor for collection. This fee will help cover the cost of those accounts that are referred and recovered as well as offset the cost for those accounts that are referred but not recovered. In FY 2005, the Library will include both the cost of the outsourcing and the total anticipated revenue amount in the budget.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY 2003-2004 SCHEDULE OF FINES, FEES, AND CHARGES OF ORDINANCE NO. 030908-04 TO ADD A LIBRARY DELINQUENT CUSTOMER ACCOUNT FEE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council amends the FY 2003-2004 Schedule of Fees, Fines, and Charges of Ordinance No. 030908-04 to add a library delinquent customer account fee as follows:

Approved 2003-2004

Library Department

Delinquent Customer Account Fee

\$10.00

PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2004.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2004

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk