



Legal Notice

Date: 03/23/2023

Subject: An ordinance of the City of Littleton, Colorado, amending Title 6, Chapter 9 of the municipal code repealing section 6(B)5 to eliminate late charges on overdue library materials

Passed/Failed: Passed on first reading

CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO

**ORDINANCE 03
SERIES 2023**

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7 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON,
8 COLORADO, AMENDING TITLE 6 CHAPTER 9
9 REPEALING SECTION 6 (B) 5 TO ELIMINATE LATE
10 CHARGES ON OVERDUE LIBRARY MATERIALS

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12 WHEREAS, Current City Code and Charter requires for each day that library material(s) are not
13 returned past such library materials' due date, there is a per item, per day late charge to be
14 established by the library according to material type; and

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16 WHEREAS, Bemis Public Library wants to eliminate overdue fines and eliminate a barrier to
17 library use to make the library a more inclusive and welcoming place, by increasing access to the
18 library for people who benefit from library resources the most; and

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20 WHEREAS, The majority of libraries in the Denver metro area have eliminated overdue fines
21 and report an increase in circulation, an increase in items returned, and an increase in new library
22 cardholders; and

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24 WHEREAS, The cost to collect overdue fines is greater than the amount of fines collected.

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26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
27 THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:

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29 Section 1: Littleton City Code Title 6 Chapter 9 Section 6 (B) 5 pertaining to library
30 overdue fines is hereby repealed.

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32 Section 2: Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or
33 phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the
34 validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance. The city council hereby declares that it would
35 have passed this ordinance, including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase
36 hereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or
37 phrases may be declared invalid.

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39 Section 3: Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict
40 with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that this repealer shall not repeal the repealer
41 clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.

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44 INTRODUCED AS A BILL at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council
45 of the City of Littleton on the 21st day of March 2023, passed on first reading by a vote of 7

46 FOR and 0 AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library,
47 the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

48 PUBLIC HEARING on the Ordinance to take place on the 4th day of April, 2023,
49 in the Council Chamber, Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, at the
50 hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

51 PASSED on second and final reading, following public hearing, by a vote of ___ FOR and
52 ___ AGAINST on the 4th day of April, 2023 and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center,
53 Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

54 ATTEST:

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56 Colleen L. Norton
57 CITY CLERK

Kyle Schlachter
MAYOR

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59 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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61 _____
62 Reid Betzing
63 CITY ATTORNEY

