

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
WATSONVILLE RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 170-04 (CM) AND  
ELIMINATING THE COLLECTION OF FEES FOR WATSONVILLE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY MATERIALS THAT ARE RETURNED LATE**

**WHEREAS**, the American Library Association has found that monetary fines present an economic barrier to access library materials and services; and

**WHEREAS**, contrary to popular expectation, overdue materials are returned earlier when fines are eliminated; and

**WHEREAS**, monetary fines ultimately do not serve the core mission of the modern library; and

**WHEREAS**, a growing number of state and local library jurisdictions have reduced or eliminated various fines, fees, or costs in consideration of the impact of these financial burdens on youth and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Watsonville has a Library Board of Trustees as set forth in Section 910 of Article IX of the Charter of the City of Watsonville; and

**WHEREAS**, the Library Board desires to eliminate overdue fines for library materials going forward; and

**WHEREAS**, the Library Board of Trustees approved the action on August 18, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. This action is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 15000 et. seq.), including without limitation,

Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Code of Regulations 15378 as this is not a “project” that may cause a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment and because the action constitutes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Additionally, even if a “project,” the action would be exempt under the “common sense” exception (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this action may have a significant effect on the environment.

2. That City Council hereby rescinds Resolution No. 170-04 (CM) and approves to eliminate the collection of daily fines for overdue library materials.

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