

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-7**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALEM ADOPTING COUNCIL POLICY L-2, MAIN LIBRARY PARKADE FEES**

**Whereas**, the City Council has the authority and responsibility of developing and approving policies specific to the conduct of the City’s business; and

**Whereas**, the City desires to regulate parking within the main library parkade in a manner that prioritizes the needs of library patrons.

**Whereas**, it is a primary long-term strategic goal of the Salem Public Library to offer services that are easily accessible to all members of the community and updating the parking system and fee structure at the main library parkade offers a critical opportunity for achieving this goal; and

**Whereas**, research into best practices indicates that financial costs are one of the most common barriers that library patrons face. In recognition of this, the Library Bill of Rights adopted by the American Library Association states that, “Libraries should examine policies and procedures, particularly those involving fines, fees, or other user charges, and actively move toward eliminating any that may create potential barriers to access or academic achievement.”; and

**Whereas**, Staff, the Library Advisory Board, and Council’s Seismic Retrofit Subcommittee all recommend that parking at the main library parkade should be provided at no cost to the public for a certain period of time; and

**Whereas**, Council Policy L-2, will help to make the library welcoming to all and is consistent with the City’s values.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SALEM RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Council Policy L-2, “MAIN LIBRARY PARKADE FEES,” as provided in "Exhibit 1," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference is hereby adopted.

**Section 2.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Approved by City Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

Checked by: S. Strahl