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Maryville Public Library Policy

Section D: PUBLIC ACCESS & SERVICES

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Non-Resident Fee

The Maryville Public Library is funded mostly by a library tax on real estate and personal property paid by residents and businesses within the taxing district of the City of Maryville. Individuals who do not own property inside the City of Maryville taxing district do not pay any taxes that fund the Maryville Public Library. The library does not receive funding from any sales tax collected with Maryville city limits.

In 2014-15 it was estimated that between 25% and 33% of library use is by individuals living outside of the library's taxing district. In order to continue to provide a current and relevant collection, a safe and pleasant environment, and quality services for all, the library must be adequately funded by all of its users. This is the purpose of the non-resident fee.

Anyone living outside the city limits of Maryville will need to pay a non-resident fee in order to obtain a library card. The fee covers all members of the current household. A library card is required for borrowing privileges and for some services the library offers. The formula used to determine the amount of the non-resident fee is as follows:

The total real estate and personal property tax income collected during the last fiscal year shall be divided by the local population to determine the cost of service per capita. That number shall then be multiplied by the average number of persons per household in the community to obtain the average cost per household. Data from the most recent Census should be used and the final number shall be rounded to the nearest dollar.

As of January 1, 2019, the nonresident fee shall be \$68* per household.

**\$371,056 in tax revenue collected in FY2018, divided by 11,972 (Maryville population) and multiplied by 2.2 (persons per household).*

The nonresident fee should be recalculated at least once every five years.

Persons living outside the city limits, but providing a tax statement as proof of payment of real estate and personal property taxes to Maryville will not be charged the fee. The card will be renewable yearly on the expiration date. This card is for all family members at one address. It is not transferable to persons not living with the cardholder.

History of MPL's nonresident fee:

In 1981, it was necessary to augment the cost of serving residents outside the Library's tax base with a \$10.00 non-resident fee. At that time, over 25% of the Library's borrower's cards were county residents.

On April 6, 1993, residents of Nodaway County had the opportunity to support county-wide library service. The election was unfavorable and support for expanded county service was defeated. The nonresident fee was raised to \$25 soon after that election. On April 6, 2015, residents of Nodaway County were again presented with an option to fund countywide library service in the form of a City-County Library system. The library asked Nodaway County voters living outside of Maryville city limits to approve a 15-cent per \$100 Assessed Valuation to join Maryville residents in funding a library system that would fully serve the county. The proposal was defeated. In October of 2015, the Maryville Public Library Executive Board of Directors approved the formula described above to calculate annual non-resident fees.