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Dear Mountain Home City Council -

The purchase amount of a nonresident card is stated in the Library’s circulation policy (Section 4.0, Number 2a) which states that:

“Non-resident card costs will be no less than the amount of the per household residential support (operating income per capita), plus Idaho sales tax.”

This calculation is determined yearly by dividing the Library’s Grand Total Income by the Library’s Total Population Served. Idaho Public Library Statistics – FY23 is currently the most recent complete report.

This formula was approved by the Library Board on October 1, 2020 and calculations are updated annually.

During the Library Board Meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Library Board approved the nonresident card rate increase determined by the referenced statistics:

Grand Total Income – \$646,283

Total Population Served – 16,194

Operating Income per Capita (rounded) + Idaho Sales Tax

2024 Non-Resident Rates					2025 Non-Resident Rates				
Type	Cost	Tax	Total	% Increase	Type	Cost	Tax	Total	% Increase
6 Months	\$17.50	\$1.05	\$18.55	9.38%	6 Months	\$20.00	\$1.20	\$21.20	14.28%
1 Year	\$35.00	\$2.10	\$37.10	9.38%	1 Year	\$40.00	\$2.40	\$42.40	14.28%
Student	\$3.00	\$0.18	\$3.18	0%	Student	\$3.00	\$0.18	\$3.18	0%

If approval is given by the board, with the increase being more than 5%, it is recognized that a public hearing is required and given to the City Council for approval. I have included with this letter a copy of the library policy regarding library cards as well as statistical data to reflect the number of cards issued for the past 5 years. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have before the public hearing.

Best regards,

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# Mountain Home Public Library

Year	Card Rate	Non-residents cards
2020	\$35.50	1,556 cards
2021	\$42.00	660 cards
2022	\$45.00	878 cards
2023	\$32.00	1,104 cards
2024	\$35.00	1,102 cards
<b>Total</b>		

Average number of cards in the past 5 years = 1,060

Potential partnerships with the Friends of the Mountain Home Public Library to promote National Library Week in April or Get a Library Card month in September could help cover the cost for those who may struggle to afford a card.