

Sponsor: Brown / Jones

ORDINANCE NO. 24-14

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CONVENIENCE FEES TO BE PAID BY CITY UTILITY CUSTOMERS THAT USE CREDIT CARDS AND/OR DEBIT CARDS TO PAY UTILITY BILLS, CAUSING THE CITY TO INCUR TRANSACTIONAL FEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City provides utilities in the form of electric, water, sewer and refuse collection and collects fees for the utilities; and

WHEREAS, a number of utility service clients pay these fees with credit cards and/or debit cards resulting in the City incurring transactional fees that are estimated to be in excess of \$30,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the City to minimize fees associated with its utility payments and this matter constitutes an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the transactional device supplied to the City to accept and process credit cards and/or debit cards can be programmed to calculate, at the time of the transaction, the transaction fees that are established by contract between the City and its vendor for transactional service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON AS FOLLOWS:

THERE IS ESTABLISHED A CONVENIENCE FEE TO BE PAID BY THE UTILITY CUSTOMER PAYING WITH A CREDIT CARD AND/OR DEBIT CARD;

THE UTILITY CUSTOMER SHALL BE INFORMED AT THE TIME OF THE TRANSACTION THAT THEY WILL BE CHARGED A CONVENIENCE FEE BY THEIR CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD PROVIDER;

THE CONVENIENCE FEE SHALL BE EQUAL TO THAT FEE OTHERWISE PAID BY THE CITY AS ESTABLISHED BY CONTRACT WITH THE VENDOR PROVIDING THE CITY WITH THE TRANSACTION DEVICE;

THE TRANSACTION FEE ESTABLISHED BY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ITS VENDOR SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE CITY AUDITOR;

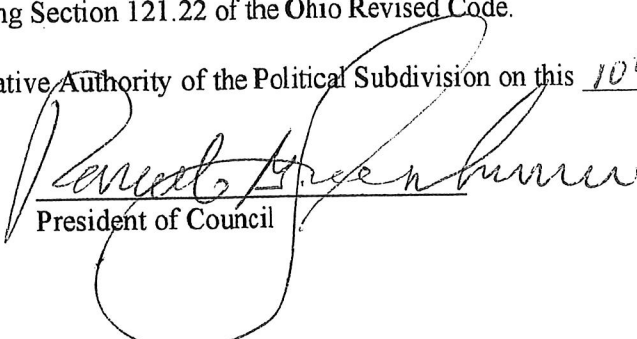
THE CONVENIENCE FEE SHALL BE CHARGED BEGINNING AT THE EARLIEST DATE THAT THE CITY HAS MADE CHANGES TO ITS PAYMENT SYSTEM SO AS TO BE ABLE TO DETERMINE THE FEES AT THE TIME OF EACH TRANSACTION;

THIS MATTER IS DECLARED AN EMERGENCY AND IS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITY AND ITS CITIZENS.

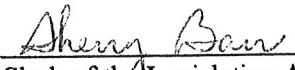
In the event this Ordinance receives a majority vote for passage but fails to receive the required number of votes to pass as an emergency, then this Ordinance shall be deemed to have passed but with no emergency clause, and shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

It is hereby found and determined that all formal acts of this council concerning and relating to adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this council and that the deliberations of the council and any of its committees resulted in such formal action, wherein meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Legislative Authority of the Political Subdivision on this 10th day of March, 2014.


President of Council

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Legislative Authority

Approved this 10th day of March, 2014.


Mayor