

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-03-11

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENT BY CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS, AND ALSO AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF MAHOMET AND CREDIT CARDS PROCESSING PROVIDERS

WHEREAS, the Local Government Acceptance of Credit Cards Act (50 ILCS 345/1 *et seq.*) (the "Act"), provides authority for a unit of local government to accept payment of funds by credit and debit cards; and

WHEREAS, the Office of State Treasurer (the "State Treasurer") has implemented the Illinois Funds E-Pay Electronic Payment Services Program (the "Program") to provide for payment service via telephone and internet; and

WHEREAS, various payment processing service providers, such as Payment Service Network, Inc. and PayPal, provide for payment services by a credit card, as defined by the Act, via in-person, mobile apps, telephone and internet, among other means of electronically transferring funds for payment of goods and services (the "Payment Processors"); and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to be a Participant in the Program and contract with various Payment Processors in order to facilitate payment of and for various goods, services, expenses, fines, and other payments made to the Village by credit card, as defined by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires public notice and a public hearing prior to a unit of local government accepting payment of funds by credit card, as defined by the Act; and

WHEREAS, after said public notice and hearing, it is found to be in the best interests of the citizens and the Village to authorize acceptance of payment by credit card, as defined by the Act, and to enter into a Participant Agreement with the State Treasurer and agreements with Payment Processors to facilitate such payments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Mahomet, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1 – That the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Mahomet, Illinois hereby approves and authorizes the acceptance of payment of funds by credit card, as defined by the Act. Consumers using this method of payment may be assessed a convenience fee or processing charge per transaction, at cost to the payor, to wholly offset the processing fee charged by the credit card companies and/or Payment Processors.

Section 2 – That the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Mahomet, Illinois hereby approves and authorizes the President to execute the appropriate agreements, applications, and any further documentation necessary to effectuate this ordinance on behalf of the Village, including agreements with the State Treasurer and Payment Processors.

Section 3 – The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective following its passage and approval.

Upon motion by Trustee Harpet, seconded by Trustee Lynn, passed by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Mahomet, Illinois this 24th day of March, 2015, by roll call vote, as follows:

Voting "aye" (names): Colrany, Cook, Harpet, Lynn, Wedener
Voting "nay" (names): _____
Abstained (names): _____



PASSED and APPROVED this 24th day of March, 2015.

S. M. W.
Village President

Attest:

Christy Spradell
Village Clerk