

**IN THE CITY OF META, MISSOURI**

**BILL NO. 2019-23**

**ORDINANCE NO. 550**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF META, MISSOURI TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF META IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, A municipal office, department, agency, board, or commission can accept credit card payments for municipal services if authorized by the municipal governing body.

WHEREAS, the City of Meta, Missouri has determined that it is in the best interest of its citizens and the business community to accept credit card payments.

**SECTION 1: PAYMENTS BY CREDIT CARD**

1. Any office, department, agency, board, or commission of the City is authorized to accept payment by credit card, charge card, and debit card (hereinafter referred to collectively as "credit card") issued by any bank, or credit card. Payment by credit card may be for utility payments, with the possibility of accepting credit/bank cards for other fees in the future if so approved by the board of alderman.
2. A surcharge or convenience fee shall be added to any credit card payment in an amount not to exceed the transaction fee charged by the credit card issuer or processor. Payment of the surcharge or convenience fee is not refundable.
3. With the approval of the City Council, the Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement with CourtMoney, credit card payment processor, to facilitate the acceptance of credit card payments, without the need for competitive bidding to select such party or parties.
4. No person or entity making payment by credit card shall be relieved of liability for the face amount of the payment except to the extent that the City realizes full and final payment of the underlying obligation in cash or its equivalent. If full and final payment is not made by the credit card issuer or other guarantor of payment in the credit card transaction, the underlying obligation shall survive and the City shall retain all remedies for

enforcement which would have applied if the credit card transaction had not occurred.

5. A City employee who accepts a credit card payment in accordance with this section and any applicable policy, rule, or regulation of the City shall not thereby incur any personal liability for the final collection of such payments.
6. The finance director is authorized to establish policies, rules, and regulations governing the acceptance of payment for municipal services by credit card and to disseminate them to all employees.

**SECTION 2: IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION**

1. In the event that credit card payments to the City that are made over the internet are processed through a third-party service provider, such third-party service provider shall certify that it has an adequate identity theft prevention program in place that is applicable to such payments.
2. Account statements and receipts for covered accounts shall include only the last four (4) digits of the credit or debit card or the bank account used for payment of the covered account.

**SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY**

1. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any provision, section, paragraph, sentence, or part thereof shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect or impair the remainder of this Ordinance, it being the legislative intent to ordain and enact each provision, section, paragraph, sentence, and part thereof separately and independently of each other.

**SECTION 4: REPEALER**

1. All City Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, insofar as they conflict, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE**

1. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately and be in full force after final passage.

**FIRST READING HELD ON THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.**

**SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE HELD ON THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 2019.**

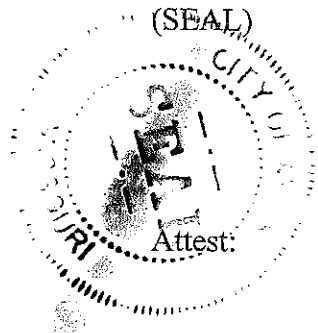
**Aldermen**

Lawrence Hoffman  
Steven Sherrell  
Ivie Helton  
Otto Wankum  
Mayor Harold Libbert (in case of a tie vote)

**Aye**

**Nay**

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Harold Libbert  
Harold Libbert, Mayor

Deidra Buechter  
Deidra Buechter, City Clerk