Ordinance No. 1405

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IOWA PARK, TEXAS AMENDING ARTICLE 1.08 TO ADD SECTION 1.08.003 AND ARTICLE A1.000 TO ADD SECTION A1.001 TO ALLOW THE ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARDS FOR PAYMENT OF FEES, FINES, COURT COSTS OR OTHER CHARGES AND TO ALLOW PROCESSING FEE FOR THE USAGE OF SAID CREDIT CARDS.

Whereas, the City of Iowa Park accepts credit card payments for fees, fines, court costs, and other charges; and

Whereas, the City of Iowa Park incurs expenses in processing payment by credit cards; and

Whereas, the governing body of a municipality may authorize a municipal official who collects fees, fines, court costs, or other charges in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code (Chapter 132) to (1) accept payment by credit card of a fee, fine, court cost, or other charge; and (2) collect a reimbursement fee for processing the payment by credit card the Texas Local Government Code (Chapter 132) authorizes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF IOWA PARK, TEXAS that:

Section 1.

Section 1.08.003 at Article 1.08 is hereby added as follows:

Sec. 1.08.003 Payment accepted for fees, fines, court costs, or other charges

Payments of fees, fines, court costs, or other charges may be made in person, by mail, or by electronic means.

Payments of fees, fines, court costs, or other charges may be made in person at City Hall or other locations authorized by the City Manager.

All fees, fines, court costs, or other charges paid by credit card, either in person or by electronic means, shall be assessed an additional credit card processing fee as set forth in the fee schedule in Appendix A of this code.

Section 2.

Section A1.001 at Article A1.000 is hereby added as follows:

Sec A1.001 Credit Card Processing Fee

Credit Card Processing Fee: An additional 5% of any fees, fines, court costs, or other charges paid by credit card either in person or by electronic means.

Section 3.

This ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2024.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th day of December, 2023.

Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

City Secretary Janice Newman