

ORDINANCE NO. 2020- O-11

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION A1.05.003 TO APPENDIX "A" CHAPTER 1 "GENERAL PROVISIONS", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS TO ADD THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PROCESSING FEES AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1.05.003 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALACIOS; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City Administration has previously determined that the credit/debit card processing fees by the City of Palacios for the payment for all permit fees, utility bills, municipal court fines, municipal court costs, and another other payments to the city should be added so that the City can recover a larger percentage of the costs it incurs for the credit/debit card processing fees; and

WHEREAS, the City incurs costs for the credit/debit card processing fees, and needs to assess a charge for such; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Palacios has determined the charges are reasonable and will better preserve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Palacios; and

WHEREAS, these previously approved charges should be moved to the fee schedule of the City contained at Appendix "A" of the Code of Ordinances in order to facilitate the public's ability to find the various charges and fees set by the City Council;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That Article A1.05, Finances of Appendix "A" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Palacios, Texas is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

Article A1.05 Finances

Sec. 1.05.003 Credit and Debit Card processing fees

Processing Fee: A five percent (5%) shall be added to the amount of such payment.

SECTION 2: If any provisions, section, exception, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances, shall for any reason be held unconstitutional, void or invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance or their application to other persons or sets of circumstances and to this end all provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed; provided however, that such repeal shall be only to the extent of such inconsistency and in all other respects this ordinance shall be cumulative of other ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered by this ordinance.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall become effective after its approval and adoption upon second and final reading.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading this 11th day of August, 2020.

August, 2020. PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on second and final reading this 20th day of

CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS



GLEN SMITH, Mayor

ATTEST:



CLISSA MILLS, City Secretary



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RANDALL B. STRONG
City Attorney