

## ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-9

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1.05.003, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS TO APPLY PROCESSING FEES TO PAYMENTS MADE TO THE CITY OF PALACIOS; TO ADD THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE TO APPENDIX "A" 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 Council of the City of Palacios has determined that credit/debit card processing fees should be amended as provided in Section A1.05.003 of the schedule in Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Palacios; NOW THEREFORE

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

SECTION 1: That Chapter 1, Section 1.05.003, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Palacios, Texas is hereby amended by deletion of the provisions marked by strikeouts and addition of the underlined provisions to read as follows:

Sec. 1.05.003 Credit/Debit card processing fee

(a) The City treasurer is authorized to accept payment by credit card for all permit fees, utility bills, municipal court fines, municipal court costs, and any other payments to the city, unless otherwise provided by other sections of this code.

(b) ~~Whenever a cost, fine, fee or other payment owed to the city has been authorized to be made by credit card, an additional five percent processing fee shall be added to the amount of such payment.~~ Credit/Debit card fees shall be provided in Section A1.005.003 of the fee schedule in Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Palacios

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SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed; provided however, that such repeal shall be only to the extent of such inconsistency and in all other respects this ordinance shall be cumulative of other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 and its publication pursuant to law.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on second and final reading this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS

  
GLEN SMITH, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
CLISSA MILLS, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
RANDALL B. STRONG, City Attorney

