

CITY OF CENTRAL

BY COUNCILMEMBER MOAK

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-54

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL FORMS OF PAYMENT AND A REDUCTION IN THE CONVENIENCE FEES FOR PAYMENT OF LOCAL CHARGES AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the City of Central's services provider, Institute for Building Technology and Safety ("IBTS"), intends to change the permitting software from FIT to GovMotus;

WHEREAS, Value Payment Systems ("VPS"), the payment processor for GovMotus, charges flat fees which are less than the 4% convenience fee currently authorized;

WHEREAS, VPS accepts credit cards and Apple Pay not currently accepted by Central;

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Central desires to accept additional forms of payment and to reduce the convenience fees on permits to the actual fee;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Central, State of Louisiana as follows:

Section 1. Title 1, Chapter 4, Section 1:401(b) of the City of Central Code of Ordinances enacted by Ordinance No. 2012-11 and amended by Ordinance No. 2013-15 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

(b) Payment of local charges may be made via online checks, bank drafts, credit cards, other electronic payment methods for the payment of any local charge exceeding \$10. Acceptance of a local charge via a payment device shall not discharge the liability therefore, until final settlement or payment of the local charge is received. The local charge will be deemed paid on the date the payment device was initially received unless the payment is returned for insufficient funds. If any payment is returned for insufficient funds, any license or permit issued shall not be valid until final payment for all local charges and costs incurred for the returned payment is received.

Section 2. Title 1, Chapter 4, Section 1:403 of the City of Central Code of Ordinances enacted by Ordinance No. 2012-11 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

The City of Central hereby establishes a convenience fee to be assessed for payments of local charges made via payment devices of the transaction fee charged by the payment processor not to exceed four percent of the local charge per transaction.

Section 3. Conflicts

The specific terms and conditions of this Ordinance shall prevail against prior ordinances of the City to the extent there is any conflict.

Section 4. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or parts thereof, other than the part declared invalid. The remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected by the declaration of invalidity and shall remain in force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

Introduced before the Council on November 26, 2019.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

For: Evans, Freneau, McKinney, Moak, Myer, Wells
Against: None
Absent: Roy

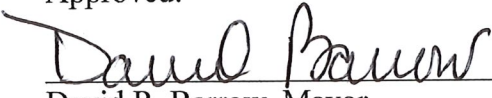
Adopted this 10th day of December, 2019.

Signed this 13th day of December, 2019.

Delivered to Mayor on the 16th day of December, 2019:


Mark Miley, City Clerk

Approved:


David R. Barrow, Mayor

Received from Mayor on the 16th day of December, 2019:


Mark Miley, City Clerk

Adopted Ordinance published in The Advocate on the 25th day of December, 2019.