

1 CITY OF CENTRAL

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3 BY COUNCILMEMBER MOAK

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5 PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2019-____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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44 The City of Central hereby establishes a convenience fee to be assessed for
45 payments of local charges made via payment devices of the transaction fee charged

1 by the payment processor not to exceed four percent of the local charge per
2 transaction.
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4 **Section 3. Conflicts**

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6 The specific terms and conditions of this Ordinance shall prevail against prior ordinances of the
7 City to the extent there is any conflict.
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9 **Section 4. Severability**

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11 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of
12 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of
13 the Ordinance as a whole, or parts thereof, other than the part declared invalid. The remainder of
14 the Ordinance shall not be affected by the declaration of invalidity and shall remain in force and
15 effect.
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17 **Section 5. Effective Date**

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19 This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.
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21 Introduced before the Council on November 26, 2019.
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23 This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:
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25 For:

26 Against:

27 Absent:
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29 Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2019.
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31 Signed this ____ day of _____, 2019.
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33 Delivered to Mayor on the ____ day of _____, 2019:
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36 Mark Miley, City Clerk
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38 Approved:
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41 David R. Barrow, Mayor
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43 Received from Mayor on the ____ day of _____, 2019:
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45 _____
46 Mark Miley, City Clerk
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Adopted Ordinance published in The Advocate on the ____ day of _____, 2019.