

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-12-10-E

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING, AUTHORIZING AND SETTING A FEE FOR PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD OR ELECTRONIC MEANS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Ranger, Texas is a home rule municipality located in Eastland County, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Chapter 132 allows the governing body of a municipality to authorize the collection of fees, fines, court costs, or other charges by acceptance of payment by credit card, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 132 further allows the governing body of a municipality to authorize the collection of a fee for processing payment by credit card and sets rules governing such collection and fees, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ranger, Texas finds it in the best interest and efficient operation of the City to allow the acceptance of payment by credit card and to authorize a processing fee for such payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1.

- (A) That the Mayor or his designee is authorized to accept payment by credit card of a fee, fine, court cost, or other charge; and
- (B) That the Mayor or his designee is authorized to collect a fee for processing the payment by credit card, in amount not to exceed 5% of the amount of the fee, court cost, or other charge being paid; and
- (C) That the processing fee shall be set in an amount that is reasonably related to the expense incurred by the City in processing the payment by credit card; and
- (D) That the City may amend or to modify these fees or to add additional fees for other services from time to time as determined by the City Council.

SECTION 2.

This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances and of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ranger, Texas, as amended, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 4.

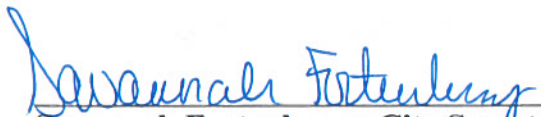
This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so ordained.

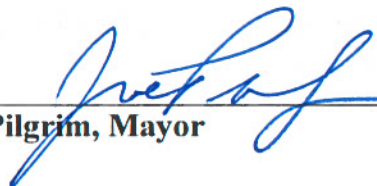
FIRST READING PASSED AND APPROVED, this 13th day of November 2018.

SECOND READING PASSED AND APPROVED, this 10th day of December 2018.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS


Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary


Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

