

ORDINANCE NO. 1469

AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS OF PUBLIC TAXES, LICENSES, FEES AND OTHER MONEY TO BE COLLECTED BY THE CITY OF MANCHESTER

WHEREAS T.C.A. 9-1-108(c) authorizes any municipal officer to receive in payment of public taxes, licenses, fines, fees or other moneys by credit or debit card; and

WHEREAS T.C.A. 9-1-108(c) requires the officer collecting the payment to set and collect a fee equal to the amount of the third-party processing fee paid the third-party processor not to exceed the five percent (5%) of the amount of payment collected by the credit or debit card; and

WHEREAS T.C.A. 9-1-108(c) permits collection of a service charge for processing the transaction if payment is declined unless an electronic device is used; the card and cardholder are present and the officer learns of the declination of payment at the time the transaction is processed; and

WHEREAS T.C.A. 9-1-108(c) requires the amount of the processing fee or the actual fee imposed be stated on the notice to the person owing the tax, fine, fee or other money.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE that the City of Manchester and any and all of its Departments accept credit card and debit card payments for any taxes, licenses, fine, fee or other money due the City.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE that added to each payment so made is a processing fee equal to the amount paid to the City's third-party processor, not to exceed five percent (5%).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE that a service charge of Thirty Dollars (\$30) be imposed on any transaction that is not honored by the credit card company issuing the card or entity upon which the funds are drawn unless the card and cardholder are present and the declination is communicated to the officer at the time the transaction is processed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE that any notice to the person owing the tax, fine, fee or other money state the percentage or amount of the processing fee.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE that all arrangements for acceptance of credit or debit cards be made through the Finance Director.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE that the Mayor and Finance Director are authorized to execute any agreements to effect the intent of this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE that this Ordinance shall take effect on and after its publication and passage, the public welfare of the City of Manchester, Tennessee requiring it.

PASSED FIRST READING: August 4, 2015

PASSED SECOND READING: August 18, 2015

PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING: September 1, 2015

Signatures on the original in file.