

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AS AMENDED, BY DELETING SECTION 1-19(b) IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 1-19(b) THEREBY AUTHORIZING THE PROCESSING FEE AN APPROVED VENDOR MAY CHARGE FOR PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD OF FEES, FINES, COURT COSTS AND OTHER CHARGES NOT TO EXCEED FIVE PERCENT; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, with the passage of Ordinance No. 4396 on October 19, 2015, the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas ("City Council"), authorized the use of credit cards for the payment of fees, fines, court costs and other charges; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds and determines that the amount of any processing fee charged by an approved vendor not exceeding five percent of the fees, fines, court costs and other charges paid by credit card is reasonably related to the expense incurred for accepting payments by credit card.

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


SECTION 1. That Chapter 1 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, as amended, is hereby amended by deleting Section 1-19(b) in its entirety and adding a new Section 1-19(b) to read as follows, in all other respects said Code, Chapter and Section to remain in full force and effect:

The processing fee for payment by credit card shall be in an amount equal to the amount of any transaction fee charged by an approved vendor providing services in connection with payments made by credit card but not to exceed five percent of the amount of the fee, fine, court cost or other charge being paid.

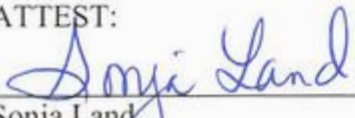
SECTION 2. That all ordinances or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed. To the extent that such ordinances or portions thereof are not in conflict herewith, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That should any word, sentence, clause, paragraph or provision of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 18th day of April, 2016.



Stan Pickett
Mayor

ATTEST:


Sonja Land
City Secretary

APPROVED:


B. J. Smith
City Attorney