

## **ORDINANCE # 04 - 10**

To amend the code of the City of Hahira, Georgia so as to authorize acceptance of credit card payments for money due the City; to provide for procedures; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAHIRA:

1.

Chapter 2 of Article VI. FINANCE of the Code of the City of Hahira, relating to Administration, is hereby amended by adding new code sections to read as follows:

### **SECTION 2-91. ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS.**

All sums due the City including, but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, occupation taxes, fines, forfeitures, penalties, license fees, permit fees and registration fees, may be paid by the use of credit cards.

- (a) The City Finance Director, with the approval of the City Manager, shall establish the procedures for acceptance of credit card payments for amounts due the City. The City Manager with approval of the Mayor is authorized to enter into agreements with credit card issuers to facilitate the acceptance of credit card payments by the city.
- (b) A credit card agreement may provide for the acceptance of the credit card payments from the credit card company at a discount from the face amount of the payment or for the withholding of administrative fees from the face amount of the payment. Such discounted fee is granted in exchange for the improved governmental cash flow, reduction of administrative expenses and increased public convenience as a result of credit card payments.
- (c) Any agreement with a credit card issuer for the acceptance or payments via credit shall contain a provision that the agreement may be canceled at any time by the City.
- (d) No person making payment by credit card to the City is relieved from liability for the underlying obligation except to the extent that the city actually receives final payment of the obligation in cash or its equivalent. If final payment is not made by the credit card issuer or other guarantor of payment in the credit card transaction, the underlying obligation for the money due is not extinguished. All applicable penalties, interest and collection fees on the unpaid amount shall be due from the person making the payment by credit card.

- (e) Such penalties, interest and fees on an unpaid amount shall accrue from the date the unpaid obligation was first due under the applicable statute or ordinance. The City shall follow the collection procedures for the unpaid amount that would have otherwise been applicable had the credit card payment not been attempted."

2.

This ordinance shall become effective on November 5, 2004.

3.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

The above Ordinance was read and approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hahira, Georgia on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2004.

  
Myron Crowe, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Marilyn Brady, City Clerk

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