

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CONVENIENCE FEES
FOR CERTAIN ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Rolling Meadows, Cook County (the “City”), is a municipality and a home rule unit of government under Section 6 of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority, pursuant to its home rule powers and the Illinois Local Government Acceptance of Credit Cards Act (50 ILCS 345/1 *et seq.*), to accept credit cards and other electronic payments for municipal obligations and to impose a convenience fee upon a cardholder making payment by credit card and electronic means; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities deem it to be in the best interest of the City to impose a convenience fee upon a cardholder making an electronic payment in order to offset the amount of any processing fee incurred by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The facts and statements contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

Section 2: Division 6, entitled “Director of Finance”, of Article III, entitled “Officers”, of Chapter 2, entitled “Administration”, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rolling Meadows, Illinois, is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2-375, to be entitled “Authority to Collect Convenience Fees for Certain Electronic Payments”, to read as follows:

Sec. 2-375 – Authority to Collect Convenience Fees for Certain Electronic Payments.

The director of finance is authorized to collect a convenience fee of 3% that shall be applied to the total payment charged to each electronic form of payment, including credit card, debit card or other electronic payment transactions, subject to the exception that this convenience fee shall not be assessed against any payment made by eCheck or the payment of any utility bill paid in person at city hall. The convenience fee shall be in addition to the total amount of the original fee, fine, or bill owed to the city, plus any applicable interest, penalty, or late charge. When a payor elects to make an electronic payment and a convenience fee is imposed, the payment of the convenience fee shall be deemed voluntary by the payor and shall not be refundable.

Section 3: The Finance Director is authorized to implement the convenience fee established herein simultaneously with the City’s implementation of the Payments and Tyler Resident

Access payment processing programs, or at such other time determined appropriate by the Finance Director and the City Manager.

Section 4: If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or the application thereof held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5: That all ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded.

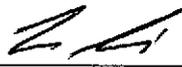
Section 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect following its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Rolling Meadows, Cook County, Illinois this 8th day of October, 2024.

AYES: Koehler, McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Boucher, Reyez

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0



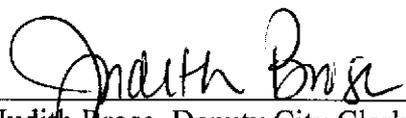
Lara Sanoica, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judith Brose, Deputy City Clerk

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