

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-4

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TREASURY OF THE CITY OF HARDY TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARD AND ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS FOR CITY RECEIPTS

WHEREAS, Ark. Code 14.59.109 (a) states "All funds received are to be formally receipted at the time of collection or the earliest opportunity by the use of prenumbered receipts or mechanical receipting devices."; and

WHEREAS, Ark. Code 14.59.110 (b)(1) states "All items of receipts shall be posted to and properly classified in the cash receipts journal or electronic receipts listing." and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Hardy, Arkansas, has determined that accepting payments by credit card or electronic means is warranted given the technical capabilities of its citizenry and the distancing restrictions required to mitigate the spread of virus, and

WHEREAS, the City of Hardy, wishes to continue to provide timely and safe services to continue uninterrupted operation, and

WHEREAS, the City of Hardy, anticipates that the advantages such payment services will provide may result in more timely customer payments and reduce the City of Hardy cost of service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARDY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The City Treasurer shall have the authority to accept credit card and electronic payments and may take the necessary measures to facilitate credit card and electronic payment for all City of Hardy services including water/sewer payments, licensing fees, building permit fees, park rental fees and other fees deemed reasonable by the Treasurer.


Section 2. The City Treasurer may establish a bank account to be used as a pass-through account for receipt of all credit card and electronic payments. Monies received to this pass-through account shall be distributed to the appropriated City Fund and account within 60 days of receipt.


Section 3. The processing costs charged by the service provider of providing the payment service shall be paid from Hardy Water Works receipts.

Section 4. Emergency Clause. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance being necessary in the need to continue to engage in the safe and efficient service and prevent disruption of service to the city residents and businesses and to ensure the health and safety and welfare.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARDY, ARKANSAS ON THIS 2nd DAY OF June, 2020.

ATTEST:


Greg Bess, City Clerk/Treasurer


Ernie Rose, Mayor

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City of Hardy
Arkansas Clerk