

ORDINANCE NO. 321

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS AS AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR THE PAYMENT OF CITY IMPOSED FINES AND FEES; AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH A SERVICING BANK OR THIRD PARTY TO IMPLEMENT THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS IN SELECTED CITY DEPARTMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A DEPARTMENT OR DEPARTMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS FOR PAYMENT OF CITY IMPOSED FINES AND FEES; AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE BUSINESS PRACTICES AND SET ANY LIMITATIONS CONCERNING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARD ON PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS.

WHEREAS, the effective and efficient management of the City's cash resources requires expeditious revenue collection and aggregation; and

WHEREAS, the use of credit cards has become a customary and economical business practice to improve cash management that the City should consider and use when appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the policies, procedures, and practices of cash management should be reviewed and revised as required to ensure that the City achieves the most effective cash management possible; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the necessity to best accommodate its citizens by facilitating their payment of governmentally imposed fines and fees by accepting credit cards;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE, WASHINGTON DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Authority to Contract. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to and on behalf of The City of Woodinville to execute an agreement or agreements with one or more banks or third party for the use of credit cards for payment by the public of fees, charges and fines imposed by the City of Woodinville. The agreement shall provide for acceptance of Visa and/or MasterCard credit cards; may provide for acceptance of other credit cards; may provide for payment by the City of fees in accordance with the bank's or third party's schedule of fees for accounts of similar volume subject to change from time to time; and may provide for use of equipment provided by the bank or third party. The City reserves the authority to execute agreements with other companies offering credit card services for the payment of city imposed fines and fees.

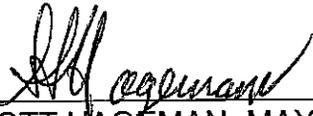
Section 2. Authority to approve credit card acceptance by departments and set limits. Effective upon execution of the agreement authorized in section 1. The City Manager is authorized, at his or her discretion, to approve a city department or departments to accept credit cards for the payment of city imposed fines and fees. No department shall accept credit cards for the payment of city imposed fines or fees without such approval. The Finance Director is further authorized to establish appropriate business practices and set any limitations concerning the acceptance of credit cards on participating departments.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an exercise of power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, is not subject to referendum and shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of the ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of the title, which is approved by the City Council.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE THIS
22nd DAY OF APRIL 2002.

APPROVED:



SCOTT HAGEMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



SANDRA PARKER/CMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

By: 

CITY ATTORNEY

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