

CITY OF STANWOOD
Stanwood, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 1317

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD,
WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 3.30.020 OF THE
STANWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING PAYMENT
REQUIREMENTS AND ADDITIONAL FEES.**

WHEREAS, the City Council has the authority to establish fees and charges by ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the city desires the ability to pass along processing costs for accepting credit card and debit card payments on non-utility payments or transactions,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD,
WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. SMC Sections 3.20.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.30.020 Payment requirements and additional fees.

The city reserves the right to charge an amount in excess of the fees in this chapter, when the stated fees do not cover the city's costs.

1. Payment methods.

The city is authorized to accept payments by credit and debit card for payment of non-utility city imposed fees, fines, rates and charges. A payer desiring to pay by one of these methods may be required to bear the cost of processing the transaction in an amount to be determined by the finance department. Such determination shall be based on the actual cost incurred by the city including handling, collection, discount, disbursing and accounting for the transaction.

2. Authorization to set limits.

The finance director or city administrator are authorized to approve the acceptance of credit cards or debit cards by a city department for the payment of non-utility city imposed fees, fines, rates and charges. No department shall accept credit or debit cards without such approval. The finance department is further authorized to establish appropriate internal control procedures and set any limitations concerning the acceptance of these alternative payment methods on participating departments.

3. Each department authorized to use one of the alternative payment methods shall be responsible for the associated costs. The finance department will establish the

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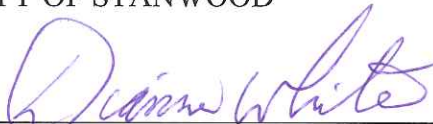
accounting system to track associated costs with the use of the alternative payment methods and will charge the costs back to the accepting departments on a monthly basis.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word 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, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 14th day of June, 2012.

CITY OF STANWOOD

By


DIANNE WHITE, Mayor

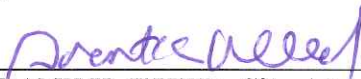
ATTEST:

By


MELISSA COLLINS, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

By


GRANT K. WEED, City Attorney

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