

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
ESTABLISHING A CONVENIENCE FEE FOR CREDIT AND DEBIT CARD
TRANSACTIONS

WHEREAS, Payment by debit and credit card for City water utility services, permit fees, business licenses, recreation classes, police and other City services have become increasing popular;

WHEREAS, State law authorizes a city to adopt and implement fees, rates, and charges for municipal services, provided that such fees, rates, and charges do not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing such services;

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 6159 permits government agencies to accept credit or debit card payments and impose a fee not to exceed the costs incurred by the agency for providing the service;

WHEREAS, the City has entered into an agreement with Fidelity National Information Services, Inc. (FIS) to provide electronic payment services;

WHEREAS, the convenience fee for credit and debit card transactions established herein are based on the actual cost of providing the services, including labor, materials, and overhead, and do not exceed the cost imposed by FIS to provide electronic payment services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the use of debit and credit cards is more convenient to the public and a convenience fee added to the amount charged helps reduce the cost incurred by the City to accept this method of payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garden Grove does hereby establish a convenience fee for credit and debit card transactions in the amount of \$2.99 per transaction for utility payments and 2.49% of each transaction amount with a minimum fee of \$1.99 for all other City services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the convenience fees shall become effective on May 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to provide the public an easy-to-understand schedule of fees, the City Clerk is directed to compile and make available upon request an updated schedule of fees and charges for City services that combines: (1) the list of previously-established service fees and charges that are not addressed by this Resolution, with (2) the fee and charge established by this Resolution. The combined list is for public information purposes, and clerical or other errors or omissions in the preparation of the list shall not have the effect of increasing, decreasing, invalidating, or waiving adopted fees or charges.