

# THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 23-118

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Antoskiewicz, Marnecheck, Vos, Barath

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS FINANCIAL FIRMS, BANKS, CREDIT CARD, SOFTWARE AND SIMILAR COMPANIES TO ALLOW FOR THE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR THE CONVENIENCE INHERENT THEREIN AND FOR SUCH TRANSACTIONAL FEES CHARGED BY THE VENDORS TO THE CONSUMERS AS MAY BE REASONABLE IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: The City of North Royalton, as part of its duties, charges members of the public certain fees for licenses, permits and other such fees, expenses and costs; and

WHEREAS: The fees and charges required of the public are traditionally paid to the city by mail and in person or by credit card; and

WHEREAS: There are additional and technologically improved methods available that would minimize the inconvenience to the public and allow for the payments to be made in digital/electronic form that include relatively small transaction fees to be retained by the vendor for the convenience offered; and

WHEREAS: The Ohio Revised Code Section 113.40 calls for legislative approval of such transactional fees; and

WHEREAS: Council desires to allow the use of the accepted modern means for the payment of fees and charges and to approve of the transactional fees that accompany those services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. Council does hereby grant to the Mayor and the Finance Director the authority to enter into contracts with various financial firms, banks, credit card, software and similar companies to allow for the electronic payment of fees and charges for municipal services by members of the public for the convenience inherent therein and for such charges and fees charged by the vendors as determined to be reasonable by the Mayor and Finance Director.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the city, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to allow the use of the accepted modern means for the payment of fees and charges and to approve of the transactional fees that accompany those services.

THEREFORE, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of a majority of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Paul F. Marnecheck  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Larry Antoskiewicz  
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: October 17, 2023

DATE APPROVED: October 18, 2023

ATTEST: /s/ Dana A. Schroeder  
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading suspended  
Second reading suspended  
Third reading October 17, 2023

YEAS: Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci,  
Dietrich, Webber, Vos

NAYS: none