

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 2-262, UNDER CHAPTER 2-ADMINISTRATION – ARTICLE VII – FINANCE – DIVISION 1 – GENERALLY AND AMENDING APPENDIX B – SCHEDULE OF FEES, RATES AND CHARGES, CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2-300 TO CHANGE TO SECTION 2-262 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, TO INCLUDING PROCESSING FEES FOR CREDIT CARD AND ELECTRONIC CHECK TRANSACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK:

WHEREAS, City Council is amending the processing fee section to allow for charging the person creating the transaction a processing fee for using a credit or debit card for the below listed types of payments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDANIED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK TEXAS:

I.

That Section 2-262 under Chapter 2 – Administration – Article VII – Finance – Division I – Generally be created with the following language:

Sec 2-262 – Processing Fees

The fees listed in the Appendix B Schedule of Fees under Chapter 2 – Administration, Sec 2-262 will cover processing fee costs for using a debit or credit card for listed transactions plus other fees as noted.

II.

That Appendix B – Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges, Chapter 2 – Administration, Section 2-300 be changed to Section 2-262 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Deer Park is hereby amended in full to read as follows:

Chapter 2-262

Processing Fees	Fee
Returned unpaid or dishonored check, draft, order or other instrument or form of remittance	\$30.00

Credit or debit card transactions made for utility services, permits, inspections, the fire department, emergency medical services, animal control services, or records requests	2.5% of the transaction
Credit or debit card transactions made for municipal court fines or fees	3.95% of the transaction, \$2.50 minimum
Electronic check transactions made for utility services, permits, inspections, the fire department, emergency medical services, animal control services, or records requests	\$1.95

III.

The above fees shall be effective on December 1, 2025

IV.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

V.

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted, was open to the public and the public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

VI.

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the City Charter, this Ordinance was introduced before the City Council of the City of Deer Park, Texas, **passed, approved and adopted** on this the ____ day of _____, 2025 **by a vote of** _____ **“Ayes” and** _____ **“Noes”.**

MAYOR, City of Deer Park

ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED:

City Attorney