

ORDINANCE NO. 9798-123

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF
PAYMENTS BY CREDIT CARD

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, a Home Rule City, has determined that the matter of acceptance of payment of fines, fees, charges, taxes or costs owing to or collected by the City of Urbana by credit card, is a matter pertaining to the government and affairs of the City of Urbana; and

WHEREAS, Public Act No. 90-518 which became effective on August 22, 1997, provides statutory authority also for the payment of fines, fees, charges, taxes or costs owing to or collected by a unit of local government; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is intended as a blend of the authority under both the Home Rule powers of the City of Urbana and the statutory powers granted in Public Act No. 90-518; and

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of May, 1998, a public hearing was held by the Urbana City Council which date was not sooner than ten (10) days nor later than thirty (30) days from the date of the publication of notice. The notice of public hearing stated that the Urbana City Council was considering the acceptance of payment for the following authorized obligations (as defined in Public Act No. 90-518):

Fines -- \$100.00 maximum, including parking fines, fines paid to exercise the option to not appear in Court for an ordinance violation; fines imposed by Court for ordinance violations, and any associated fees and costs in relation to such fines.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. That the Urbana City Council finds that acceptance of credit card payments for the authorized obligations as defined in the Local Government Acceptance of Credit Card Act and specified in the Notice of Public Hearing as set forth above, is in the best interests of the City of Urbana and its citizens.

Section 2. And therefore, the Urbana City Council elects to accept credit card payments for parking fines, and fines, fees, charges, taxes or costs owing to or collected by a unit of local government with a One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) maximum per fine.

Section 3. That the Urbana City Council approves of the agreement with First of America - Illinois and Vitalchek Network, Inc. to facilitate the acceptance and processing of credit card payments, which agreements identify specific services to be provided and itemized fees, if any, charged and the means to pay such fees, a true copy of each such contract as attached hereto; the Comptroller is authorized to sign such contracts on behalf of the City.

Section 4. The Urbana City Council determines that any reduction in revenue resulting from any processing or discount fee charged as set forth in the contract with First of America - Illinois, is nevertheless in the best interest of the City considering the improved governmental cash flow, the reduction in government overhead, and improved governmental financial security and the benefit of public convenience.

Section 5. The Comptroller is authorized to collect, in addition to the amount owed, a fee that does not exceed the lesser of Five Dollars (\$5.00) or five percent (5%) in connection with the payment of any fine, provided, however, the Comptroller is authorized to charge a minimum fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) with respect to any such transaction. And, provided further, however, that no such fee shall be imposed unless allowed under the operating rules and regulations of the credit card involved.

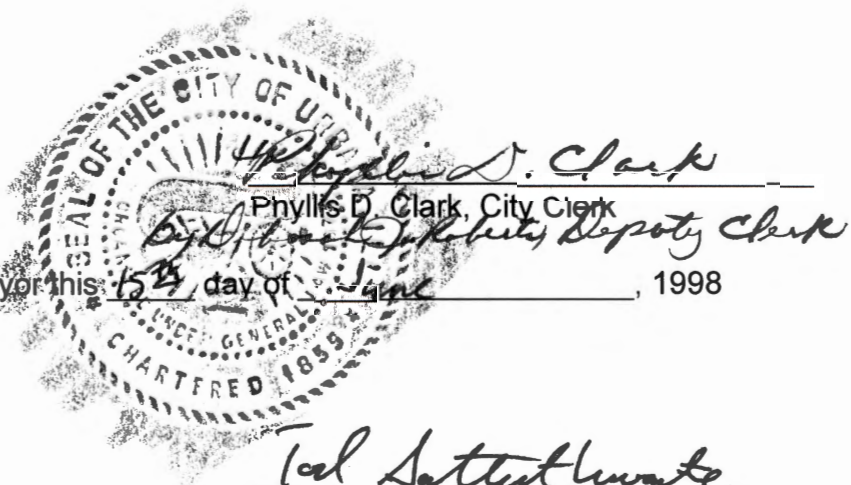
PASSED by the City Council this 1st day of June, 1998.

AYES: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor, Wheilan

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

APPROVED by the Mayor this 1st day of June, 1998



Tod Satterthwaite
Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor