

Resolution

City of Portland, Tennessee

No. 22 - 45

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PORTLAND TO CHARGE A FEE FOR RETURN PAYMENTS

WHEREAS, Portland accepts cash, money orders, checks, e-checks, credit cards and debit cards as payment for goods and services; and

WHEREAS, Payments are consider returned to the City when it is not honored by the financial institution of said payments; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated authorizes local governments to assess a handling charge for return payments not to exceed \$30.00; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated authorizes local governments to assess a 1% charge of any return payment over \$3,000.00; and

WHEREAS, If two returned payments are received by the same payor or for the same account, check, e-check or ACH bank draft will no longer be an accepted form of payment for the customer's account; and

WHEREAS, In order to avoid disruption of services because of a return payment, Portland requires the original amount of the payment and the fee for the return payment to be made within 3 days of notice in the form of cash or money order.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Portland, Tennessee that a charge of \$30.00 or 1% of the amount of the payment, whichever is greater, shall be assessed against the maker or drawer of any payment not paid because the maker or drawer did not have an account with or sufficient funds with the financial institution, or the payment has an incorrect or insufficient signature thereon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Mike Callis, Mayor

Patricia Keen, City Recorder

Approved this 4th day of April, 2022