

1st Reading - Feb. 20th, 2020  
2nd Reading - March 5th, 2020

Sponsor: Hudson

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF WELLSTON LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY  
AMENDING A RELEVANT SECTION OF CHAPTER 51 OF THE WELLSTON CODE  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS** the Auditor for the City of Wellston and Clerk for the City of Wellston desire to offer the convenience of accepting credit/ debit card payments for city utility services, and;

**WHEREAS** the City of Wellston Council has established Water and Sewer Charges regulations for the City of Wellston and have codified those Rules as Chapter 51 of the Wellston Codified Ordinances

**WHEREAS** the legislative authority for the City has received recommended amendments to various rules and regulations for Chapter 51 of the Wellston Codified Ordinances, specifically Sections 51.09, Service Related Charges and Fees, a copy of the proposed amended section is attached hereto as Exhibit A

**WHEREAS** the Auditor for the City of Wellston desires to offer the convenience of taken credit/ debit card payments for city utility services, and;

**WHEREAS** the Council has reviewed and given input on the Rules and

**WHEREAS** the Council has determined that it is in best interest of the health safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City to adopt the proposed amended Sections of Chapter 51, specifically Sections 51.09, Service Related Charges and Fees, a copy of amended sections is attached as Exhibit A

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council that:

**Section One:** Sections 51.09 of Chapter 51 of the Wellston Codified Ordinances as detailed in the attached Exhibit A shall be adopted and hereby codified as Sections 51.09 of the Wellston Codified Ordinances so as to establish a fee for making credit/ and or debit card payments. Any prior versions of Sections 51.09 is hereby repealed and replaced by the language in the attached Exhibit which is incorporated herein. All other Sections of Chapter 51 shall remain unchanged.

**Section Two.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety of the City of Wellston. Therefore this Ordinance shall go into effect upon passage and approval by the Mayor, as provided in the Ohio Revised Code Section 731.30.

**Section Three:** In the event this Ordinance receives a majority vote for passage but fails to receive the required number of votes to pass as an emergency, the this Ordinance shall be

deemed to have passed but with no emergency clause, and shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

**Section Four:** It is hereby found and determined that all formal acts of this council concerning and relating to adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this council and the deliberations of the council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

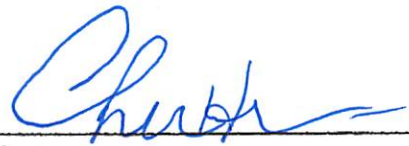
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the legislative authority of the City of Wellston this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
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Council President

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of Council

Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
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Mayor

Posted 3-6-20 through 3-20-20 at The Store, Wellston City Hall, Wellston Senior Citizens' Center, the Wellston Public Library and the Post Office.

Prepared by: Randy H. Dupree, Law Director, City of Wellston

**EXHIBIT A**

**§ 51.09 SERVICE RELATED FEES.**

- (A) Checking for water leaks and "bucket tests" inside the area whose service is registered by water meter: \$40.
- (B) Re-reading meter when reading does not result in correction of initial reading: \$40.
- (C) Tampering fee: \$100.
- (D) Disconnection fee:
  - (1) First shut off: \$40;
  - (2) Second shut off: \$80; and
  - (3) Third shut off: \$120.
- (E) Credit/ Debit Card Payment Convenience Fee: \$2