

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-12-F

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TRANSACTION FEE
ON PAYMENTS MADE TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
WITH CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the acceptance of credit and debit cards as a payment method has become virtually universal within the private sector and is more common within the public sector; and

WHEREAS, there is a cost to the Village associated with accepting credit and debit cards as a payment method in the Police Department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Greenhills, State of Ohio, 6 members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1.

That the Council of the Village of Greenhills hereby authorizes the transaction fees associated with accepting credit and debit be passed to the users of the credit and debit cards when paying the Greenhills Police Department.

SECTION 2.

That in addition to the fee charged, there shall be a transaction fee of four percent (4%) of the total fee amount charges per transaction, which fee is intended to cover the merchant fee paid by the Village of Greenhills to the credit card company. No credit or debit card will be accepted without this transaction fee being charged.

SECTION 3.

That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare, and shall be effective immediately upon its passage. The reason for said declaration of emergency is the need to eliminate the credit card transaction fees expenditure at the earliest possible date.

Passed this 6th day of March, 2012.

Fred Murrell, MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/