

ORDINANCE NO.: 608

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA ADOPTING FEES RELATING TO THE CITY'S UTILITIES MORE SPECIFICALLY A CONVENIENCE FEE FOR CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS; A FEE FOR SERVICE CALLS; AND A FEE FOR HYDRANT RENTALS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Joe, Florida provides numerous facilities and programs for the benefit of the public; and

WHEREAS, these programs and facilities require considerable expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the actual users of these facilities and programs to bear a portion of the costs thereof; and

WHEREAS, the fees herein adopted are related to utilities and therefore must comply with the notice procedures required in Chapter 180.136 Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City Commission and the people of the City of Port St. Joe to adopt the fees enumerated below relating to utilities; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted by the people of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, as follows:

1. The City Commission hereby adopts the Convenience Fee for credit card transactions, the Service Fee for service calls, and the Fee for Hydrant Rental as contained in the attached Exhibit "A" which is made a part hereof.
2. REPEAL. All ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Utility User Fees

Exhibit (A)

- **Convenience Fee- 3% for all Credit Card Transactions.**
- **Service Fee- \$50 for all calls for service after 5:00 P.M. M-F, Weekends, and Holidays observed by the City.**
- **Hydrant Rental Fee- \$500 Deposit , \$200 Flat Rate Fee, Plus gallons used per location.**

4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption pursuant to Florida law.

THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED this 16th day of January, 2024.

**BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**



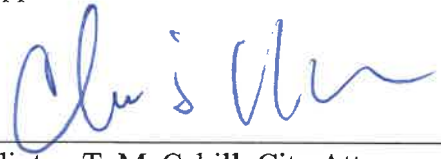
REX BUZZETT
MAYOR-COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



CHARLOTTE M. PIERCE
CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:



Clinton T. McCahill, City Attorney