



Tompkins County Legislature

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 10/17/17 05:30 PM
Department: Finance Department
Category: Fiscal
Functional Category: Fiscal (Budget)

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION NO. DOC ID: 7335

1 **Authorization to Implement the Acceptance of Credit and Debit**
2 **Cards**

3 WHEREAS the Finance Department has researched the benefits of implementing the acceptance of credit and
4 debit cards for payments in the Treasury Division, and

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6 WHEREAS the Government Operations Committee has deliberated upon the merits of accepting credit and
7 debit cards for payments in the Treasury Division of the Finance Department, and

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9 WHEREAS a variety of customers of the Treasury Division of the Finance Department would be able to make
10 payments by credit card or debit card for the following fees, taxes, and charges, including, but not limited to:

- 11 • Real estate taxes
- 12 • Retiree health insurance premiums
- 13 • Occupancy taxes
- 14 • Tax searches and copies, and

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16 WHEREAS payments by credit and debit cards would be voluntary and no taxpayer or customer would be
17 required or forced to pay by credit or debit card, and

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19 WHEREAS Systems East, Inc., the current provider of the Finance Department's Tax Collection software,
20 offers a module called Xpress-pay that would allow the Treasury Division of the Finance Department to accept credit
21 and debit card payments from its customers, at no cost to the County, and

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23 WHEREAS it has been determined it would be in the best interest of Tompkins County to enter into an
24 arrangement with Systems East, Inc., 6 Locust Avenue, Cortland, NY 13045 to provide Tompkins County with
25 Xpress-pay as a means to accept credit and debit card payments in person and by computer or mobile device, now
26 therefore be it

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28 RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That:

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30 1. Tompkins County Finance Department is hereby authorized to enter into an arrangement with the Systems
31 East, Inc., to provide Tompkins County Finance Department with the ability to accept online payments, which
32 is the ability to accept payments via credit or debit card. There will be no cost for Tompkins County; any
33 transaction fees will be paid by the customer.
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35 2. The County Administrator, or his designee, be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all contractual
36 agreements with Systems East, Inc., to effectuate the implementation of online payments, which is the ability
37 to accept payments via credit or debit card.

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39 RESOLVED, further, That information will be provided to taxpayers regarding service charges and fees
40 associated with payment by credit card.

41 **SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**

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44 Vote at Committee

- 1 Ayes - 3 (Klein, John, Burbank)
- 2 Noes - 2 (Chock and Kiefer)