

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-08

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARDS TO PAY DEBTS TO THE CITY, ADOPTING RELATED RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH A COMPANY TO FACILITATE THE ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

WHEREAS, § 11-103-1 of the *Code of Alabama* (1975), authorizes the City Council of the City of Pinson, Alabama (“the City”) to contract for the acceptance of credit cards to pay debts to the City; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Ordinance, the term “credit card” shall include credit cards, charge cards, and debit cards issued by any bank, foreign lender, domestic lender, or credit card bank as defined in Section 5-20-3 of the *Code of Alabama* (1975).

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINSON, ALABAMA, while in regular session on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., as follows:

1. The use of credit cards for any payments made to the City and its offices, departments, agencies, boards, and commissions is hereby authorized by the City Council.
2. The use of credit cards for any payments made pursuant to this Ordinance shall be accepted pursuant to the “City of Pinson, Alabama, Credit Card Acceptance Rules and Regulations,” a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** hereof, and which is hereby enacted as the official policy of the City.
3. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, the City Clerk/Treasurer or the Assistant City Clerk (collectively, the “Authorized Signer”) to enter into an appropriate agreement with Automated Merchant Systems, a registered service provider of Merrick Bank Corporation, to facilitate the acceptance of credit card payments. The agreement may not provide for the receipt

of payments at a discount from the amount that would be owed were credit cards not accepted for the payment or withholding of administrative fees from the actual amount of the payments. Per § 11-103-2 of the *Code of Alabama*: (a) the agreement may be canceled without penalty at any time by the City Council upon reasonable notice; and (b) the term of the agreement shall not exceed three years, but the Authorized Signor is hereby authorized to renew the agreement for such period as he/she deems appropriate unless otherwise directed by the City Council.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of March, 2023.


JOE COCHRAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

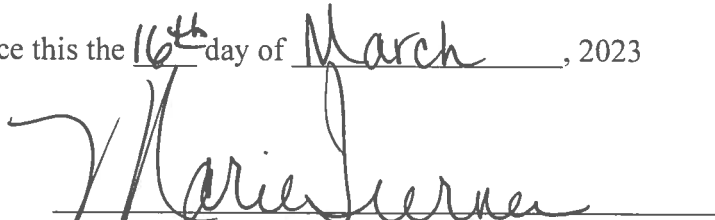

MARIE TURNER, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK/TREASURER

STATE OF ALABAMA)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

I, Marie Turner, as City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Pinson, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Pinson, Alabama, on the 16th day of March, 2023.

Witness my hand and seal of office this the 16th day of March, 2023


MARIE TURNER, CITY CLERK/TREASURER