

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution No. 26-80

Resolution to Waive Convenience Fee for Online Card Transactions

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-6-617(3)(a) of the Montana Code Annotated, a county may charge a convenience fee of up to 3% on the payment to people who make payments with a credit card, debit card, charge card, etc; and

WHEREAS, Yellowstone County currently charges a 2.5% convenience fee for people who make payments with a card. The County would like to waive the 2.5% fee for online card transactions only.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners waives the convenience fee Yellowstone County charges for online only card transactions effective as of July 1, 2026. All other card transactions will maintain the current convenience fee.

Passed and Adopted on the 30th day of June 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA

Mark Morse, Chairman
Yellowstone County Commissioner

Michael J Waters, Member
Yellowstone County Commissioner

Chris White, Member
Yellowstone County Commissioner

Attest:

Jeff Martin
Yellowstone County Clerk and Recorder

7-6-617. Payment of fees and taxes by credit card and other commercially acceptable means

(1) A local government entity may accept payment by credit card, debit card, charge card, or other commercially acceptable means from a person making payment to the entity of taxes or fees that are legally authorized and imposed.

(2)(a) If the payment is made by credit card, debit card, charge card, or similar method, the tax or fee liability is not discharged and the person has not paid the tax or fee until the local government entity receives payment or credit from the institution responsible for making the payment or credit. Upon receipt of the payment or credit, the amount is considered paid on the date on which the charge was made by the person paying the tax or fee.

(b) Upon notice of nonpayment, the local government entity may charge the person who attempted the payment of the tax or fee an amount not to exceed the costs of processing the claim for payment of the tax or fee. The amount that the local government entity charges must be added to the tax or fee due and collected in the same manner as the tax or fee due.

(3)(a) A person who makes payments to a local government entity as provided in this section may be required to pay a convenience fee of up to 3% of the amount of the payment.

(b) The local government entity shall deposit the convenience fees collected in the appropriate fund.

(4)(a) The local government entity may negotiate and enter into agreements with and pay required fees to financial institutions or credit card companies as necessary to facilitate implementation of this section.

(b) A financial institution or credit card company may not prohibit collection of the convenience fee provided for in subsection (3).

(c) Fees paid to a financial institution or credit card company must be paid from an appropriate fund of the local government entity.

(5) A local government entity may enter into cooperative agreements with state agencies as necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.