

**RESOLUTION NO. 97- 90**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL COURT CREDIT CARD MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.**

WHEREAS, the Statutes of the State of Oklahoma provide for acceptance by the court clerks of nationally recognized bank cards for the payment of court fines, fees and costs; and

WHEREAS, the use of nationally recognized credit cards is determined to be an efficient method for cash transactions; and

WHEREAS, the availability of this method for paying fines would benefit both the citizens of Lawton requiring municipal court services and the City of Lawton court operations reducing the number of times many files must be handled due to defendants appearing without sufficient cash to dispose of their charges, and

WHEREAS, the number of credit card transactions anticipated in the municipal court should provide for a competitive bid of less than 3% handling fee by the successful bidder; and

WHEREAS, the cost of key pad electronic data transmission equipment and other startup cost cannot by statute cause the clerk to incur a loss of court funds,

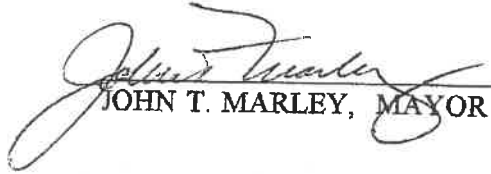
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, that:

**SECTION 1.** The Municipal Judge is directed to authorize payment of municipal court fines and fees by selected nationally recognized bank credit cards and the City Manager is directed authorize the Chief Administrative Officer of the Court to implement a system allowing citizens the option of payment of fines and costs by said credit cards, to purchase or lease the necessary dial terminal/printer pad equipment for electronic draft capture (EDC), and to implement procedures or court rules promulgated by the judge pursuant to this resolution.

**SECTION 2.** Five dollars (\$5.00) of the court cost collected in each case shall be deposited into a separate Municipal Court Credit Card Maintenance Account with the funds in said account to pay projected annual bank charges for acceptance of selected credit cards and other credit card annual operating cost. Any moneys remaining in said maintenance account at the end of each fiscal year shall lapse and be paid into the General Revenue Fund.

**SECTION 3.** The Finance Director is authorized to terminate the account and provide for budgeting the credit card maintenance during the regular appropriation process once sufficient experience exists to establish the amount needed annually for that purpose.

22nd PASSED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of Lawton, Oklahoma, this  
day of July 1997.

  
JOHN T. MARLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
BRENDA SMITH, CITY CLERK

APPROVED as to form this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

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FELIX A.D. CRUZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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