



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Treasurer –Tax Collector
Department No.: 065
For Agenda Of: October 6, 2009
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Bernice James, Treasurer – Tax Collector
Director(s) (805) 568-2490
Contact Info: Clint Donati, Treasurer-Tax Collector Operations Manager
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SUBJECT: Adopt a resolution authorizing the County Treasurer-Tax Collector to provide for the acceptance of credit cards, debit cards, and electronic funds transfers as mediums of payment for services provided by County departments and for other amounts as described in Government Code Section 6159.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Select_Other

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the County Treasurer-Tax Collector to provide for the acceptance of credit cards, debit cards, and electronic funds transfers as mediums of payment for services provided by County departments and for other amounts as described in Government Code Section 6159.

Summary Text:

The County of Santa Barbara has accepted credit card payments as a medium of payment for property taxes and for payment of services provided by County departments since 1994. This resolution seeks to further expand methods of payment to include debit cards and electronic funds transfers.

Background:

On September 13, 1994 your Board adopted a resolution authorizing the acceptance of credit cards for payment of services provided by the County in accordance with Government Code 6159. This code

section has been amended to also permit the use of debit cards and electronic funds transfers for payment of County services and fees including: fees, costs or penalties, services rendered, or any fee, charge or tax due the County. Allowing credit cards, debit cards, and electronic fund transfers provides the public with payment flexibility and improves County collection efforts.

Prior to imposing any fees for the use of a credit or debit card or electronic funds transfer, County Departments shall seek approval of the fees from the Board of Supervisors pursuant to California Government Code Section 6159(g).

Performance Measure: To Promote an Efficient and Responsive Government.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

none

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
None

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please forward three dated resolutions with original signatures to the Santa Barbara County Treasurer – Tax Collector, Attention: Clint Donati

Attachments:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TREASURER – TAX COLLECTOR TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARDS, DEBIT CARDS, AND ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS AS MEDIUMS OF PAYMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND FOR OTHER AMOUNTS AS DESCRIBED IN GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 6159

Authored by: Clint Donati, Treasurer-Tax Collector Operations Manager

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