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ORDINANCE NO. 28423

An ordinance amending Section 13-28.3 of CHAPTER 13, "COURTS, FINES AND IMPRISONMENTS," and Section 27-32 of CHAPTER 27, "MINIMUM URBAN REHABILITATION STANDARDS," of the Dallas City Code, as amended; adjusting the convenience charge for certain payments of fines, penalties, court costs, and other fees assessed by the municipal court when paid through the internet or through an interactive voice response telephone system; adjusting registration fees for multi-tenant properties; providing a penalty not to exceed \$2,000; providing a saving clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That Section 13-28.3, "Convenience Charge for Certain Payments through the Internet or an Interactive Voice Response Telephone System," of Article II, "Municipal Court of Record," of CHAPTER 13, "COURTS, FINES AND IMPRISONMENTS," of the Dallas City Code, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. 13-28.3. CONVENIENCE CHARGE FOR CERTAIN PAYMENTS THROUGH THE INTERNET OR AN INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE TELEPHONE SYSTEM.**

(a) Pursuant to Chapter 132 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, the municipal clerk shall collect a convenience charge of \$3.50 [~~2~~] for each payment of fines, penalties, court costs, or other fees assessed by the municipal court made through:

- (1) the internet, when the payment is made by check or credit card; or

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(2) an interactive voice response telephone system, when the payment is made by credit card.

(b) The convenience charge collected under this section must be deposited in the general fund of the city.”

SECTION 2. That Section 27-32, “Registration Fees,” of Article VII, “Registration and Inspection of Multi-Tenant Properties,” of CHAPTER 27, “MINIMUM URBAN REHABILITATION STANDARDS,” of the Dallas City Code, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 27-32. REGISTRATION FEES.**

(a) The fee for a certificate of registration for a multi-tenant property is an amount equal to \$10.00 [~~6.54~~] times the total number of units in the multi-tenant property, whether occupied or unoccupied.

(b) No refund of a registration fee will be made.”

SECTION 3. That, unless specifically provided otherwise by this ordinance or by state law, a person violating a provision of this ordinance governing fire safety, zoning, or public health and sanitation, including dumping of refuse, is, upon conviction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,000 and that a person violating any other provision of this ordinance is, upon conviction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

SECTION 4. That CHAPTERS 13 and 27 of the Dallas City Code, as amended, will remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance. Any proceeding, civil or criminal, based upon events that occurred prior to the effective date of this ordinance are saved, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 5. That the terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable and are governed by Section 1-4 of CHAPTER 1 of the Dallas City Code, as amended.

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SECTION 6. That this ordinance will take effect on October 1, 2011, and it is accordingly so ordained.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

THOMAS P. PERKINS, JR., City Attorney

By *Fachal Oliver*  
Assistant City Attorney

Passed SEP 28 2011

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**ADDENDUM  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2011**

ADDITIONS: (Continued)

CONSENT ADDENDUM (Continued)

**Court & Detention Services**

6. Authorize payment to Dallas County for processing and housing prisoners at the Lew Sterrett Criminal Justice Center, pursuant to Amendment No. 4 to the Criminal Justice Center Memorandum of Agreement with Dallas County, previously approved on June 11, 1997, by Resolution No. 97-1995, for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 - Not to exceed \$7,851,819 - Financing: Current Funds (subject to appropriations)

**Sustainable Development and Construction**

7. An ordinance granting an amendment to Planned Development District No. 799 in an area bounded by Lovers Lane to the north, Amesbury Drive to the east, Milton Street to the south and Matilda Street to the west - Z101-201 - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget Items

**Office of Financial Services**

8. \* Final reading and adoption of appropriation ordinances for the proposed FY 2011-12 City of Dallas Operating, Grants and Trusts, and Capital Budgets - Financing: No cost consideration to the City
9. \* An ordinance setting the tax rate at \$0.7970 per \$100 valuation and levying ad valorem taxes for the City of Dallas, Texas for FY 2011-12 - Financing: No cost consideration to the City
10. \* An ordinance amending Chapters 13 and 27 of the Dallas City Code to: (1) adjust the convenience charge for certain payments of fines, penalties, court costs, and other fees assessed by the municipal court when paid through the internet or through an interactive voice response telephone system; and (2) adjust registration fees for multi-tenant properties - Estimated Revenue: \$887,776