

**Trini Lopez**  
Mayor

**Sergio Cox**  
At Large

**Josie Trillo**  
District 1



**Mary E. Perez**  
District 2 / Mayor Pro Tem

**Victor Perez**  
District 3

**Al Gutierrez**  
District 4

**Carol Garcia**  
City Manager

**ORDINANCE NO. 258**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE  
PAYMENT AND FEES AND OTHER COSTS BY  
CREDIT CARD OR ELECTRONIC MEANS FOR THE PAYMENT  
OF FEES, FINES, COURT COSTS OR OTHER CHARGES  
FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO,  
TEXAS, THAT:**

**Section One:** Pursuant to Section 132.002(b) of the Texas Local Government Code, the City Council authorizes its municipal officials to accept by credit card a fee, fine, court cost, or other charge and to collect a fee for processing the payment by credit card.

**Section Two:** Pursuant to Section 132.003(b) of the Texas Local Government Code, a fee is hereby set in the amount of five (5%) percent of the amount of the fee, fine, court cost, or other charge being paid.

**Section Three:** Pursuant to Section 132.004 of the Texas Local Government Code, if, for any reason, a payment by credit card is not honored by the credit card company on which the funds are drawn, the City shall collect a service charge from the person who owes the fee, fine, court cost, or other charge. This service charge is in addition to the original fee, fine, court cost, or other charge and is for the collection of the original amount. The amount of the service charge shall be the same amount as the fee charged for the collection of a check drawn on an account with insufficient funds or \$25.00, whichever is greater.

**Section Four:** Pursuant to Section 132.006 of the Texas Local Government Code, the municipal officer collecting a fee or charge under this Ordinance shall deposit the fee or charge in the general fund of the City.

**If any section of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.**

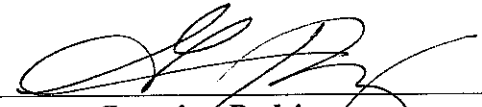
**Enactment**

That this Ordinance was duly enacted with all the requisites and formalities incident thereto the enactment of ordinances, and such is evidenced by the below signatures.

**SIGNED AND ENACTED this 15th day of February, 2007.**

  
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**Trini Lopez**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Georgina Rodriguez**  
City Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
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**Richard Contreras**  
City Attorney

First Reading: February 4, 2007  
Second Reading: February 15, 2007