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Board of Supervisors James City County, VA

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 233

AN ORDINANCE TO SUSPEND CERTAIN CONVENIENCE FEES

- WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources declared a public health emergency in response to the spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19 (the "virus"); and
- WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the spread of the virus; and
- WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency, beginning March 1, 2020, in response to the spread of the virus; and
- WHEREAS, at 11:30 a.m. on March 13, 2020, the James City County Director of Emergency Management declared a local State of Emergency (the "declaration") in James City County (the "County") due to the outbreak of the virus in the County and the resulting danger to the public's health, safety, and welfare due to the transmission and contraction of the virus; and
- WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors of James City County (the "Board") convened in a special meeting, confirmed the declaration, and further found the emergency to be a "disaster" and amended the declaration accordingly; and
- WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, the Board adopted a Continuity of Government Ordinance to ensure that the County could continue essential operations while dealing with the effects of the virus; and
- WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, the Board adopted an Emergency Ordinance to waive all convenience fees for payments made to the County through midnight of August 5, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, the Board has found that emergency measures are necessary to mitigate the ongoing emergency and disaster that is occurring in the County and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens; and
- WHEREAS, Section 15.2-1427(F) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, (the "Virginia Code") authorizes counties to adopt Emergency Ordinances without notice to be effective for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days unless readopted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Virginia Code.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the County Code, Administrative Regulations, Adopted Budget, internal regulations, or otherwise, all convenience fees are waived for payments made to the County between the date of this Ordinance and December 30, 2020.
- BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Board has determined that there is an existing emergency and this Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.

James O. Icenhour, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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Deputy Clerk to the Board

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Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 28th day of July, 2020.

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