

CHANGE FOR CREDIT CARD USERS

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

Thurston County's credit card vendor will charge a fee for each credit card transaction. The fee will be 2.35% of the transaction total or \$2, whichever is greater.

The transaction fee is charged by the credit card company. The fee goes to the credit card company, not to Thurston County. This will not affect cash or check transactions.

- If you pay by credit card, the transaction fee appears as a separate line item on the receipt we give you. Your card statement will show one combined charge.
- For charges of \$85 or less, the credit card transaction fee is \$2. For charges of \$86 or more, the fee is 2.35% of the transaction total.
- WHY? As the use of credit cards increases, the County is no longer able to absorb the increasing costs of credit card fees. By accepting alternative forms of payment such as checks or cash, we hope we can meet the needs of all our customers, while continuing to offer the option to use a credit card.
- WHO DECIDED TO MAKE THIS CHANGE? The Board of County Commissioners authorized the change as recommended by the County's Finance Management Committee.
- If your bank allows you to use your debit card as a credit card, we can process it as a credit transaction, but not as a debit. The transaction fees noted above will apply.
- The fee is charged per transaction. If you pay for multiple permit applications in a single transaction, only one fee is charged.



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