



Department of Public Works  
Milwaukee Water Works

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To the Honorable  
The Common Council  
City Hall – Room 205

Dear Council Members:

The purpose of this communication file is to allow Milwaukee Water Works (MWW) to accept Discover credit card payments for municipal services bills. The file is submitted in accordance with File 981375 and City Ordinance section 50-41.

In 2007, in accordance with File 981375, MWW received permission from Finance & Personnel Committee and the Purchasing Director to accept credit card payments for municipal services bills. The communication file to F&P (070311) allowed the use of MasterCard via telephone and MasterCard and e-check by internet for these payments. (Pursuant to Public Service Commission rules, the credit card fees are paid by the bill payer for each transaction.)

US Bank has offered MWW the use of the Discover Card at the same rates as MasterCard, so we would like to make that option available to our customers. This option would be available for both phone and internet payments.

If approved by Finance & Personnel Committee, the other requirements of the ordinance (notification to various city administrators, and notification to the credit card contractor by Purchasing Director) will follow.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Carrie M. Lewis, Superintendent  
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