

To: Gahanna City Council

Clerk of Council

From: Priya D. Tamilarasan, Esq. City Attorney

Cc: Laurie Jadwin, Mayor

Joann Bury, Finance Director

Date: November 6, 2025

Re: Department of Law – Request for Council Action (November 10, 2025 COTW Meeting)

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM #1: RESOLUTION TO ENTER IN DISCOVER CARD SETTLEMENT

Discover Card Merchant services recently entered into a Class Action Settlement that would entitle any entities that accepted Discover Card payments to a portion of settlement funds. The main allegation of the Class Action Lawsuit is that Discover Card was misclassifying certain Discover-issued consumer credit cards as commercial credit cards, which in turn caused merchants to incur excessive interchange fees from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2023. There are multiple departments within the City of Gahanna that accept credit card payments, including Discover Card; as such, we are within the Settlement Class.

In order to participate in this settlement, the Department of Law is requesting a resolution authorizing the City Attorney to complete the Claim Form and participate in the Settlement on behalf of the City.

Requested Legislation and Funding

Legislation Needed: Resolution Emergency/Waiver: N/A

Attachments

LEG-ATT Discover Card Merchant Class Action Settlement Notice