



## Legislation Text

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TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH OFFICIAL PAYMENTS CORPORATION FOR ONLINE PAY PROVIDER SERVICES; AND TO RESCIND ORD-0129-2013.

WHEREAS, the City wishes to offer online bill pay services to our customers; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate online payments, it is necessary to partner with a pay provider that interfaces with the customer and processes the payment; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the Service Department formed a committee that included representatives from Utility Billing and Finance to interview and receive proposals from multiple online pay providers; and

WHEREAS, after a full review of the pay providers' services, costs, and experience in the industry, the committee unanimously chose Official Payments; and

WHEREAS, ORD-0129-2013 was passed in 2013 and a contract was signed with Official Payments but for reasons having nothing to do with Official Payments, the Service Department was unable to implement the online bill pay service; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 multiple vendors were again evaluated and Official Payments was the leader; and

WHEREAS, the agreement has an initial term of five years with automatic one-year renewals and either party has the right to terminate the agreement by issuing their desire sixty days prior to the end of the contract term; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Service requests we move forward with an agreement with Official Payments and implement online bill pay services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into Services Agreement with OFFICIAL PAYMENTS, 705 Westech Drive, Norcross, Georgia 30092; Agreement attached as EXHIBIT A, and made a part herein.

Section 2. That funding was set aside in the 2016 Appropriations to cover the herein costs.

Section 3. That ORD-0129-2013 is rescinded.

Section 4. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage by this

Council and 30 days after date of signature approval by the Mayor.