



Press Release

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County Treasurer, Andy Stebbing
Renew plates with credit or debit cards
625 N 46th St Lincoln, NE

County Treasurer Andy Stebbing, announced today that beginning July 1, Lancaster County residents will be able to use credit or debit cards in person to license their motor vehicles at 625 N 46th St.

The Lancaster Board of Commissioners has authorized County Treasurer Andy Stebbing to make the change, provided there is no cost to the county. Stebbing assured the board that all costs would be paid by Certified Payments No. 1 LTD, based in Carrollton, TX. The company serves 50 counties in Nebraska and 13 states.

Beginning July 1, people still can license their motor vehicles online or pay in person with a cash or check, but they will have the third option of using credit or debit cards.

People who pay over the counter with credit or debit cards after July 1 will pay 2.5% of the transaction amount. "Many of our transactions are around \$100", Stebbing said. The 2.5% charge would go to Certified Payments and not the county.

Stebbing added that citizens wanting to pay with a credit card in person at our Motor Vehicles Department needs to be aware of the fact that the Visa card company prohibits us and others from allowing the processing fees to be paid by the customer for motor vehicle fees. "We would prefer the ability to take VISA and I have urged VISA to take a different approach" Stebbing said.

Stebbing hopes adding credit and debit card services will make the process more convenient and reduce long lines, as well as the number of insufficient fund checks.