

## **TOWN OF RUTLAND - CREDIT CARD POLICY**

**PURPOSE.** Credit cards provide a convenient method of obtaining goods and services for the Town. However, by their nature, credit cards provide an opportunity for unauthorized purchases and fraudulent activity. The purpose of this policy is to establish criteria for the proper use of credit cards when conducting Town business.

**CARD HOLDERS AND LIMITS.** The selectboard will determine which officers and employees of the Town will be authorized to use a Town credit card and will establish appropriate limits for each purchase. Cards will be issued in the names of authorized officers and employees.

**CREDIT CARD USE.** Credit cards issued under this policy may only be used by the named cardholder to conduct Town business. Credit cards may not be used for personal purchases, cash advances, or purchases that exceed the cardholder's authorized purchase limit. A cardholder who makes unauthorized purchases or advances will be liable for the amount of such purchases or advances, plus any administrative fees charged by the bank in connection with the misuse. Employees may be subject to disciplinary action for misuse of a Town credit card, up to and including termination.

**SECURITY.** Authorized credit card users are responsible for the card's protection and custody and shall immediately notify the Selectboard Chair, The Town Treasurer, and the credit card company or bank if the credit card is lost or stolen, or if fraudulent activity is suspected.

**DOCUMENTATION.** Each month, with submission of the credit card bill to the treasurer, authorized credit card users shall submit documentation detailing the goods or services purchased, the cost of the goods or services, the date of the purchase, and the official business for which it was purchased. For over-the-counter purchases, documentation will include the invoice and customer copy of the charge receipt. For internet purchases, documentation will include a copy of the receipt and order conformation page. For telephone purchases, documentation will include a faxed / emailed / scanned copy of the receipt from the vendor. Statements will be included in the orders for Board approval

**SEPARATION.** Prior to separation from the Town, the cardholder will surrender the credit card to the selectboard chair.

**PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT.** The preferred method of payment will remain the purchase order and prior approval by the Selectboard. The credit card will only be used when a PO cannot be used or is impractical because of time constraints.

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Authorized user

Chairperson

Treasurer

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Date

Date

Date

Adopted by the Town of Rutland Selectboard on this 25th day of October 2022.

Donald Chioffi, Chair



Joseph Denardo, Clerk

Mary Ashcroft

Sharon Russell

Kurt Hathaway

