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Convenience Charge Notice:

This is to advise that Texas Business & Commerce Code section 604A.0021 prohibits the imposition of a sur-charge for use of credit cards.

Sec. 604A.0021. IMPOSITION OF SURCHARGE FOR USE OF CREDIT CARD. (a) In a sale of goods or services, a seller may not impose a surcharge on a buyer who uses a credit card for an extension of credit instead of cash, a check, or a similar means of payment.

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) a state agency, county, local governmental entity, or other governmental entity that accepts a credit card for the payment of fees, taxes, or other charges; or

(2) a private school that accepts a credit card for the payment of fees or other charges, as provided by Section [111.002](#).

(c) This section does not create a cause of action against an individual for violation of this section.

In Texas, a business cannot penalize a purchaser for paying with a credit card. Businesses that add a surcharge to those who pay by credit card might be violating provisions of the Texas Business & Commerce Code. However, businesses can discount the regular retail price of an item for consumers who pay cash. Please note that consumers may file a complaint with the attorney general's office if they believe a business is charging extra for credit card purchases.

For more information, visit  
<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cpd/credit-cards>