



CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Milwaukee County

JOHN BARRETT • Clerk of Circuit Court/Register in Probate

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Clerk of Circuit Court John Barrett announced that his office can now accept credit/debit cards in person for the payment of fines, forfeitures and civil filing fees. Previously, credit/debit cards could only be used when paying fines and forfeitures by telephone or on-line.

"We are pleased to be able to offer this service to the users of the court system," Barrett said. "While the main purpose is to provide a convenient alternative to writing a check or paying in cash, we also hope it will enhance the collection of fines and forfeitures," Barrett said.

A change in state law and a county resolution were needed to make this practical and cost-effective for the Clerk's office. Customers will be charged a 3% service fee on each transaction. At this time, MasterCard and Visa are the only cards that can be used. Payments can be made in Room 117 of the Safety Building for fines and forfeitures, and Room 104 of the Courthouse for filing fees and other payments related to civil, family and small claims matters.