



**MOTION: FINN**

**March 24, 2026  
Regular Meeting  
Ordinance No. 26-03**

**SECOND: HOLMES**

**RE: Amending City Code § 2-196 to Provide Flexibility and Efficiency to the Treasurer as to Payments to Jurors and Banking with a Qualified Institution**

**ACTION: APPROVED: Ayes: 7; Nays: 0**

**FIRST READ: March 10, 2026 SECOND READ: March 24, 2026**

**Sec. I. Introduction.**

City Code § 2-196 governs the manner in which the treasurer may make payments on behalf of the City. Upon review, the current language is unduly constraining and/or operationally inefficient as to depository institutions for which State Code provisions separately set safeguards for investments.

Furthermore, requiring all payments to be made "by check, wire, or other electronic payment method" is, in the experience of the treasurer's office, operationally inefficient for payments made to jurors under City Code § 2-197. The Code of Virginia, § 17.1-619, allows for additional methods of paying jurors (including by cash payment). Therefore, the treasurer's office recommends amending this provision to allow for the flexibility to make such payments in cash or other method authorized by state law.

**Sec. II. City Code Amendment**

Therefore, it is hereby enacted that City Code § 2-196 be amended to delete the language stricken through below and add the underlined language:

**§ 2-196. ~~Payments to be made by check;~~ Procedure for payments.**

All monies to be paid by the City shall be paid by the treasurer out of monies of the City ~~deposited in a bank within the City~~, and shall be by check, wire, or other electronic payment method, in payment of a voucher issued to ~~him~~ the juror and signed by the City Manager or by such alternate as the City Manager may designate, and presented to the treasurer for payment. Payments to jurors pursuant to City Code § 2-197(A)(1) may be paid in cash or by any other method authorized by the Code of Virginia, § 17.1-619(A), as may be amended.

**Sec. III. Effective date.**

This ordinance shall be effective immediately.

**Votes:**

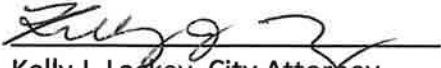
**Ayes:** Devine, Finn, Frye, Gerlach, Graham, Holmes, Mackintosh

**Nays:** None

**Absent from Vote:** None

**Absent from Meeting:** None

Approved as to form:

  
Kelly J. Lackey, City Attorney

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***Clerk's Certificate***

*I certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. 26-03 adopted at a meeting of the City Council held March 24, 2026 at which a quorum was present and voted.*

  
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**Brenda T. Martin**  
**Clerk of Council**