

# **Johnson County Credit Card Policy**

1. When possible, County purchases should be made using direct billing by the vendor.
2. The Finance Department will facilitate the issuance of County credit cards, with the assistance of the Treasurer's Office.
3. Only credit cards authorized by the Board of Supervisors will be allowed. Currently, the VISA card issued through a local financial institution by the Treasurer's Office/Finance Department is the only allowable credit card.
4. Elected officials and department heads will work with the Finance Department to determine the correct number of credit cards for their office or department, and discuss the proper credit card limits. Annually the Board of Supervisors will review the listing of departmental credit cards and the credit limits on each card.
5. Each department or office will assign one person as the designated controller of the credit cards. It will be that person's responsibility to maintain a listing of all credit cards in that department or office and compare annually to the listing held in the Finance Department.
6. It will also be the controller's responsibility to ensure all credit card invoices are turned into the Auditor's Office timely to avoid late fees.
7. Monthly credit card bills must be paid in full by the department to avoid interest charges. Late fees on credit card invoices are determined to be an improper use of taxpayer money and could result in an audit comment on our annual financial audit. Additionally, the users are responsible, to the best of their ability, for ensuring that they are not charged sales tax for transactions or that they receive a credit if charged, due to the County's "tax-exempt" status.
8. Original itemized receipts and invoices from credit card charges must be turned over to the departmental controller in a timely manner (to be determined by the department head or elected official) after the date of the transaction or returning from a trip or conference with any additional information to show the public purpose of the purchase. Additionally, the departmental controller should inspect the goods purchased.
9. Credit card purchases are allowed for County business expenses only. Cash advances, purchases of alcoholic beverages or the purchase of personal items are not allowed under any circumstances.

10. It is the responsibility of the Elected Official/Department Head or designated controller to notify the Finance Department on or before the credit card holder's last day of employment so the credit card can be closed.
11. Lost or stolen credit cards must be reported to the Finance Department immediately, either by email or phone call.
12. Finance will perform an annual audit of each department or office to determine proper use of the credit card. Audit results will be reported to the Board of Supervisors and elected office holders.
13. Failure to comply with these policies and procedures may result in your credit card privileges being revoked or even disciplinary action, if necessary, at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors or elected office holders.