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CITY OF VALLEJO TO OFFER RESIDENTS MORE PAYMENT OPTIONS

VALLEJO – Beginning July 31 residents in Vallejo will be able to pay their water bills or other fees over the telephone or via the Internet 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Along with eliminating the need to stand in line or drive to City Hall, the City is working with EPOS Corporation to provide this service to residents free of charge as well.

“This is just one more step in our effort to accommodate our residents,” said Auditor/Controller Jon Oiler. “I hope everyone takes advantage of this service.”

Residents and others making payments will be able to call a toll-free telephone number - 1-888-633-3345 - or log on to the City’s web site (www.ci.vallejo.ca.us) and make payments on their water bill, business license, or Marina bill using their credit card, debit card or checking account through the EPOS Data Center and PaySelect automated payment service.

PaySelect is a secure, easy-to-use and reliable alternative to face-to-face or paper-intensive traditional payment methods.

The system is completely managed by EPOS with all equipment and software housed in the EPOS Data Center in Alabama. In addition to the security and reliability of a 24/7 managed network, EPOS personnel provide all technical and maintenance support.

“Our first step was offering credit card and debit card payments at City Hall,” said City Manager David Martinez. “This new system will allow residents to take care of their City business from the comfort of their homes through the telephone or via the Internet.”

The City is also working on adding online permitting and other online services to its web site. A new GIS application was added recently as well.

“People spend a lot of time in front of their computers nowadays,” said Gonzalo Gonzalez, Chief Information Officer for the City of Vallejo. “This application will make their computer even more valuable and save them time and money as well.”