



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3709.42 Authorization for use of credit card account.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Board of health" means a board of health of a city or general health district or the authority having the duties of a board of health under section 3709.05 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Credit card account" means any bank-issued credit card account, store-issued credit card account, financial institution-issued credit card account, financial depository-issued credit card account, affinity credit card account, or any other card account allowing the holder to purchase goods or services on credit or to transact with the account, and any debit or gift card account related to the receipt of grant moneys. "Credit card account" does not include a procurement card account, gasoline or telephone credit card account, or any other card account where merchant category codes are in place as a system of control for use of the card account.

(B) A board of health may authorize an officer or employee of the board to use a credit card account held by the board. Not later than three months after the effective date of this section, a board of health that holds a credit card account on the effective date of this section shall adopt a written policy for the use of credit card accounts. Otherwise, a board of health shall adopt a written policy before first holding a credit card account.

The policy shall include provisions addressing all of the following:

(1) The officers, positions, or appointees authorized to use a credit card account;

(2) The types of expenses for which a credit card account may be used;

(3) The procedure for acquisition, use, and management of a credit card account and presentation instruments related to the account including cards and checks;



- (4) The procedure for submitting itemized receipts to the fiscal officer or the fiscal officer's designee;
 - (5) The procedure for credit card issuance, credit card reissuance, credit card cancellation, and the process for reporting lost or stolen credit cards;
 - (6) The credit card account's maximum credit limit or limits;
 - (7) The actions or omissions by an officer or employee that qualify as misuse of a credit card account.
- (C) The name of the board of health shall appear on each presentation instrument related to the account including cards and checks.
- (D) If the fiscal officer of the board of health does not retain general possession and control of the credit card account and presentation instruments related to the account including cards and checks, the board of health shall appoint a compliance officer to perform the duties enumerated under division (E) of this section. The compliance officer may not use a credit card account and may not authorize an officer or employee to use a credit card account. The fiscal officer is not eligible for appointment as compliance officer.
- (E) The compliance officer and the board of health, at least quarterly, shall review the number of cards and accounts issued, the number of active cards and accounts issued, the cards' and accounts' expiration dates, and the cards' and accounts' credit limits.
- (F) If the fiscal officer retains general possession and control of the credit card account and presentation instruments related to the account including cards and checks, and the board of health authorizes an officer or employee to use a credit card, the fiscal officer may use a system to sign out credit cards to authorized users. The officer or employee is liable in person and upon any official bond the officer or employee has given to the board of health to reimburse the health fund of the city or general health district the amount for which the member or employee does not provide itemized receipts in accordance with the policy described in division (B) of this section.
- (G) The use of a credit card account for expenses beyond those authorized by the board of health



constitutes misuse of a credit card account. An officer or employee or a public servant as defined under section 2921.01 of the Revised Code who knowingly misuses a credit card account held by the board of health violates section 2913.21 of the Revised Code.

(H) The fiscal officer or the fiscal officer's designee annually shall file a report with the board of health detailing all rewards received based on the use of the board's credit card account.