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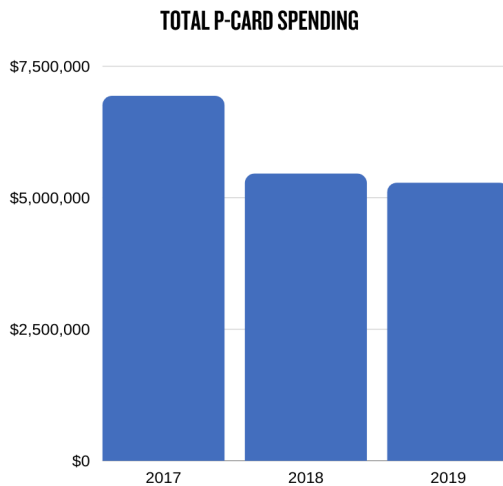
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### Mayor Andy Schor Saves City of Lansing Taxpayer Dollars with Purchasing Reforms

(LANSING) – Mayor Andy Schor today announced major savings for the City of Lansing after the administration introduced a number of purchasing card (p-card) reforms since he took office in January 2018.

Total p-card spending the year prior to Schor's inauguration was nearly \$7 million. Schor's early reforms reduced that amount by nearly \$1.5 million in his first year and another \$173,044 by the end of 2019.



2017 total P-card spending = \$6,932,411  
**\*Mayor Schor took office January 1, 2018.**  
2018 total P-card spending = \$5,452,312  
2019 total P-card spending = \$5,279,268

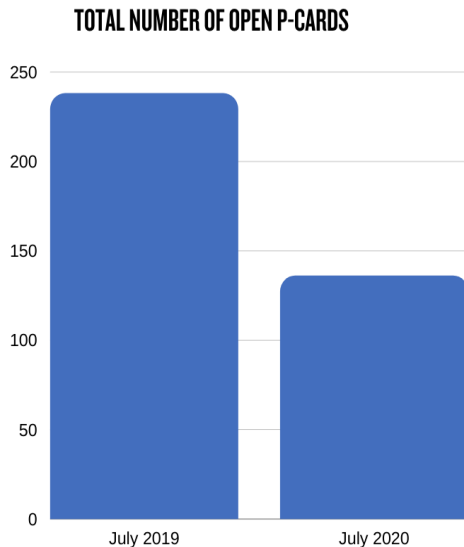
“I am proud that my administration has been able to reduce spending and create a savings of more than \$1.65 million during my first two years in office,” Schor stated. “We have limited the number of purchasing cards and tightened up processes, ensuring that employees are able to purchase the things needed by the City while still following the proper protocols.”

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In August 2019, the City of Lansing’s first Chief Strategy Officer (CSO) was hired, as recommended by Lansing’s Financial Health Team (FHT), to look at short-term expenditures and long-term debts, as well as review and further evaluate other processes, like procurement, within the City. Further p-card reforms were instituted, including cutting the number of active p-cards from 238 to 136, updating the p-card manual with clearer guidelines for usages, instituting new user agreements and creating new forms to better manage spending for all conferences and out-of-state travel.

**P-Card Reform Timeline**

- **December 2017:** P-card spending total for 2017 is \$6,932,411.
- **January 2018:** Mayor Schor takes office, begins spending reforms.
- **December 2018:** P-card spending total for 2018 is \$5,452,312. After one year in office, p-card spending reduced by \$1,480,099.
- **August 2019:** CSO hired and additional p-card reforms are introduced.
- **October 2019:** Conversation with cabinet members about further reducing the number of active p-cards.
- **November 2019:** Reduced the number of active cards from 238 to 136.
- **December 2019:** P-card spending total for 2019 is \$5,279,268. An additional savings of \$173,044 over 2017 spending, for a total savings of \$1,653,143 in two years.
- **January 2020:** The p-card manual was updated, and new agreements were sent to each cardholder. In addition, new forms were created to manage out-of-state travel and conferences.



**\*CSO reduced total number of active p-cards leading to an additional savings of \$173,044 over 2017 spending.**

**July 2019: 238**

**July 2020: 136**

“Ensuring Lansing’s fiscal stability is critical during these uncertain times,” Schor concluded. “I will continue to work within my administration, City Council and our partners across the city to find further savings that we can invest back into programs and resources for residents, and ways to keep our budget and future financial health on track.”