

**CITY OF JOPLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM**

Council Bill 2019-504 – Approving an increase in swimming pool admission fees.

**MEETING DATE**

February 4, 2019

**ORIGINATING DEPT**

Finance

**ATTACHMENTS**

CB 2019-504 Ordinance

**REVIEWED BY**

Department Head: Leslie Haase; Parks Director: Paul Bloomberg; City Attorney: Peter Edwards;  
City Manager: Sam Anselm

**SUMMARY**

This Council Bill approves an increase in swimming pool admission fees as was presented in the financial sustainability report.

**BACKGROUND**

The City has not raised pool fees in six seasons, since Schifferdecker Aquatic Center was opened in 2013. In 2017, the pools operated at a loss of approximately \$245,000. As a result, staff recommended increasing the pool admission fees as an option in the financial sustainability report and received informal approval from council to proceed. Staff also reviewed the pool admission fees at Pittsburg, Miami, Lamar, and St. Joseph. The comparison indicates the City can adjust the admission fees to help recover more of the operational costs of the pools, while remaining accessible to the community and competitive with surrounding pools.

This council bill increases the swimming pool admission fees as follows:

- Ewert-Children from \$2.50 to \$3.00 and Adults from \$3.50 to \$4.00
- Cunningham-Children from \$3.00 to \$4.00 and Adults from \$4.00 to \$5.00
- Schifferdecker-Children from \$4.00 to \$5.00 and Adults from \$5.00 to \$6.00

The effective date of this fee change will be April 1<sup>st</sup> in order to prepare for the upcoming swimming season.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

The increase in revenue is included in the swimming pool revenue line in the adopted fiscal year 2019 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of this council bill on first reading.