

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM

Council Bill 2019-524 – Approving certain fee and language changes in the public works department

MEETING DATE

November 18, 2019

ORIGINATING DEPT

Finance

ATTACHMENTS

CB 2019-524 Ordinance

REVIEWED BY

Department Head: Leslie Haase; Public Works Director: David Hertzberg; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Dan Pekarek

SUMMARY

This Council Bill changes certain existing fees and related language in the public works department.

BACKGROUND

The City recently completed the biennial user fee review, which was discussed with City Council at the budget work session on September 24, 2019. User fees are fees for services for specific users. User fees should recover most of the related cost of providing the service, so general taxes are not supporting services for specific users. Under Hancock provisions, the City is only allowed to recover the cost of providing the service. As detailed in the biennial user fee review, certain user fees need to be increased to recover more of the costs associated with providing these services.

In the fee review, staff proposed various changes to public works department fees.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Remove “Except that no fees for permit or inspection shall be charged an individual making his own repairs”. This is to ensure the work is completed to city standards.
- Create a new commercial stormwater permit in the amount of \$100.00
- Create a new traffic control plan review fee in the amount of \$50.00

The fee changes will be effective on January 1, 2020.

FUNDING SOURCE

This revenue is included in the fiscal year 2020 general fund budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends this council bill be approved on first reading.