

**CITY OF JOPLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM**

Council Bill 2019-525 – Approving certain fee changes in the parks department

**MEETING DATE**

November 18, 2019

**ORIGINATING DEPT**

Finance

**ATTACHMENTS**

CB 2019-525 Ordinance

**REVIEWED BY**

Department Head: Leslie Haase; Parks Director: Paul Bloomberg; City Attorney: Peter Edwards;  
City Manager: Dan Pekarek

**SUMMARY**

This Council Bill changes certain existing fees in the parks 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 parks department fees.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Change the lot space fee from \$500.00 to \$600.00
- Change the grave opening/close fee from \$500.00 to \$600.00
- Change the grave marker per square inch fee from \$0.35 to \$0.50
- Change the cremains fee from \$200.00 to \$250.00
- Change the cremains including set up fee from \$275.00 to \$300.00
- Change the columbarium-single niche fee from \$750.00 to \$850.00
- Change the columbarium-companion niche fee from \$1,100.00 to \$1,200.00
- Change the additional fee for weekends or evenings from \$100.00 to \$150.00

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.