

**CITY OF JOPLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM**

Council Bill 2019-530 – Approving certain fee changes in public works

**MEETING DATE**

November 18, 2019

**ORIGINATING DEPT**

Finance

**ATTACHMENTS**

CB 2019-530 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 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:

- Change the waste hauler fee from .03 per gallon to .04 per gallon
- Change the sewer saddle fee from \$175.00 to \$200.00
- Change the sewer riser locate fee from \$75.00 to \$100.00
- Add a new sewer extension fee inside the city at \$300.00
- Add a new sewer extension fee outside the city at \$400.00

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

**FUNDING SOURCE**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends this council bill be approved on first reading.

AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 118-211, Hauled Wastewater Fee, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 6, Rates and Charges, and Section 118-235, Permit fee, Connection Fee, and other Sewer Fees, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 7, Building Sewers, of Chapter 118, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin, and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 118-211, Hauled Wastewater Fee, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 6, Rates and Charges, and Section 118-235, Permit Fee, Connection Fee, and other Sewer Fees, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 7, Building Sewers, of Chapter 118, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain fee changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the City performed the biennial fee review and the cost of services has increased and exceeds revenues; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Joplin desires to increase fees to meet the reasonable expenditures of this function.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, as follows:**

Section 1. That Section 118-211, Hauled Wastewater Fee, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 6, Rates and Charges, of Chapter 118, Utilities, be repealed and a new Section 118-211, Hauled Wastewater Fee, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 6, Rates and Charges, of Chapter 118, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin be enacted in lieu thereof to read as follows:

“ARTICLE II. SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Division 6. Rates and Charges

**Sec. 118-211. Hauled wastewater fee.**

Hauled wastewater may be introduced into the POTW pursuant to the provisions of Section 11989 and any other applicable provision of this Code. A fee of \$0.04 shall be assessed for each gallon of hauled wastewater so introduced.”

Section 2. That Section 118-235, Permit Fee, Connection Fee, and other Sewer Fees, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 7, Building Sewers, of Chapter 118, Utilities, be repealed and a new Section 118-235, Permit Fee, Connection Fee, and other Sewer Fees, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 7, Building Sewers, of Chapter 118, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin be enacted in lieu thereof to read as follows:

“ARTICLE II. SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Division 7. Building Sewers

**Sec. 118-235. Permit fee, connection fee, and other sewer fees.**

(1) *Fees.*

- (a) A sewer reconnection permit and inspection fee of \$100.00 shall be charged for any sewer reconnection service inside the limits of the City of Joplin.
- (b) A sewer reconnection permit and inspection fee of \$125.00 shall be charged for any sewer reconnection service outside the limits of the City of Joplin.
- (c) A sewer new connection permit and inspection fee of \$300.00 shall be charged for any new sewer connection service inside the limits of the City of Joplin.
- (d) A sewer new connection permit and inspection fee of \$400.00 shall be charged for any new sewer connection service outside the limits of the City of Joplin.
- (e) A sewer extension permit and inspection fee of \$300.00 shall be charged for any new sewer extension inside the limits of the City of Joplin.
- (f) A sewer extension permit and inspection fee of \$400.00 shall be charged for any new sewer extension outside the limits of the City of Joplin.
- (g) There shall be an additional fee of \$200.00 as determined by the director of public works when sewer connection work as described in this section is performed on concrete and/or clay pipes.
- (h) There shall be an additional sewer riser locate permit fee of \$100.00 for city personnel to inspect or locate a sewer connection point to the city sewer main.”

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2020.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Gary L. Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney