

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM

Council Bill 2021-512 – Approving swimming pool fee changes in the parks department

MEETING DATE

April 19, 2021

ORIGINATING DEPT

Finance

ATTACHMENTS

CB 2021-512 Ordinance

REVIEWED BY

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

SUMMARY

This Council Bill changes swimming pool fees in the parks department.

BACKGROUND

The City increased lifeguard and cashier hourly wage rates by 9% to meet the current State of Missouri minimum wage. This increase in labor costs will increase the overall cost of services for swimming pools. In order to offset this increased cost, this bill changes the swimming pool fees by a corresponding amount.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Change the Adult Schifferdecker pool daily admission from \$6.00 to \$6.50 and the child admission fee from \$5.00 to \$5.50
- Change the Adult Cunningham pool daily admission from \$5.00 to \$5.50 and the child admission fee from \$4.00 to \$4.50
- Change the Adult Ewert pool daily admission fee from \$4.00 to \$4.50 and the child admission fee from \$3.00 to \$3.50
- Change the Swimming Pool family season pass fee from \$150.00 to \$170.00
- Change the Swimming Pool adult season pass fee from \$75.00 to \$85.00
- Change the Swimming Pool youth season pass fee from \$65.00 to \$75.00
- Change the Swimming Pool senior season pass fee from \$65.00 to \$75.00

The fee changes will be effective on May 24, 2021.

FUNDING SOURCE

This is not applicable for this item.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends this council bill be approved on first reading.

AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 86-152, Admission Fee, of Article V, Swimming Pools, of Chapter 86, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 86-152, Admission Fee, of Article V, Swimming Pools, of Chapter 86, Parks and Recreation, 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 is increasing the hourly wage for lifeguards in order to meet the current State of Missouri minimum wage, which will increase the cost of services; and,

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

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

Section 1. That Section 86-152, Admission Fee, of Article V, Swimming Pools, of Chapter 86, Parks and Recreation, be repealed and a new Section 86-152, Admission Fee, of Article V, Swimming Pools, of Chapter 86, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin be enacted in lieu thereof to read as follows:

"ARTICLE V. SWIMMING POOLS

Sec. 86-152 Admission Fee.

- (a) The pool admission fee for Schifferdecker Family Aquatic Center shall be \$6.50 for adults over 15 years of age, and \$5.50 for children 15 years of age and under, except that children age two and under, shall be admitted without charge.
- (b) The admission fee for Ewert Family Aquatic Center shall be \$4.50 for adults over 15 years of age and \$3.50 for children 15 years of age and under, except that children age two and under, shall be admitted without charge.
- (c) The admission fee for Cunningham Family Aquatic Center shall be \$5.50 for adults over 15 years of age and \$4.50 for children 15 years of age and under, except that children age two and under, shall be admitted without charge.
- (d) The supervisor, with the approval of the parks and recreation board, shall have authority to set certain times when there shall be no admission fee for swimming in the municipal pools, and the park supervisor shall have the authority to place certain restrictions on free admission.
- (e) Season passes for all municipal swimming pools.

- (1) A family (three or more) season pass shall be \$170.00 per family per year.
- (2) An adult individual, aged 18 years and older, season pass shall be \$85.00 per person per year.
- (3) A youth individual, aged 17 years and under, season pass shall be \$75.00 per person per year.
- (4) A senior citizen season pass shall be \$75.00 per person per year.
- (f) For purposes of this section “family” is defined as a maximum of two adults and dependent children residing at one residence. “Dependent” has the same meaning as “dependent” under federal income tax law. A person shall not be considered a dependent under this section unless the person was claimed as a dependent on their federal income tax filing for the most recent tax reporting period.
- (g) For purposes of this section, “senior citizen” shall mean any person permanently and totally disabled from employment at any age, or any person age 60 and above.
- (h) The director of parks and recreation is hereby authorized to establish a program granting a reduced rate, up to 50 percent for pool memberships based upon family income.”

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on May 24, 2021.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day
of _____, 2021.

Ryan D. Stanley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney