

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM

Council Bill 2021-529 – Approving certain fee changes in the parks department

MEETING DATE

November 15, 2021

ORIGINATING DEPT

Finance

ATTACHMENTS

CB 2021-529 Ordinance

REVIEWED BY

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

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 28, 2021. 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 \$600.00 to \$650.00
- Change the grave opening/close fee from \$600.00 to \$650.00
- Change the columbarium-single niche fee from \$850.00 to \$900.00
- Change the columbarium-companion niche fee from \$1,200.00 to \$1,300.00

The fee changes will be effective on January 1, 2022.

FUNDING SOURCE

This revenue is included in the fiscal year 2022 general fund budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends this council bill be approved on first reading.