CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-554 – Approving certain health department fee changes related to business licenses and adding a new business license fee for EV Charging Stations

MEETING DATE
December 15, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2025-554 Ordinance

REVIEWED BY
Department Head: Leslie Haase; Health Director: Ryan Talken; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill changes certain existing health department fees related to business licenses and adding a new business license fee for EV Charging Stations.

BACKGROUND
The City recently completed the biennial user fee review, which was discussed with City Council at the budget work session on September 23, 2025. 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 related to business license fees.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Change the Health Permit-Low Risk fee from $130.00 to $140.00
- Change the Health Permit-Medium Risk fee from $260.00 to $280.00
- Change the Health Permit-High Risk fee from $390.00 to $420.00
- Change the Health Permit Mobile Vendor-Low Risk fee from $130.00 to $140.00
- Change the Health Permit Mobile Vendor-Medium Risk fee from $260.00 to $280.00
- Change the Health Permit Mobile Vendor-High Risk fee from $390.00 to $420.00
- Change Swimming Pool-Seasonal Facility from $142.00 to $150.00
- Change Swimming Pool-Yearly Facility from $340.00 to $370.00
- Change Health Permit Tattoo Parlor Inspection from $130.00 to $140.00
- Add a new fee for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations based on gross receipts with a minimum fee of $200.00 per ten stations at one location. Each additional ten charging stations at one location will be assessed an additional $200.00 annually.

The fee changes will be effective on April 1, 2026.

FUNDING SOURCE
This revenue is included in the fiscal year 2026 general fund budget.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends this council bill be approved on first reading.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-554 ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 30-121, License Classifications and Fees, of Article III, Licenses, Division 2, Schedule of Fees, of Chapter 30, Businesses, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 30-121, License Classifications and Fees, of Article III, Licenses, Division 2, Schedule of Fees, of Chapter 30, Businesses, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain classification 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; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Joplin desires to establish new fees and make certain fee changes to help recover the cost of services provided by the health department.

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

Section 1. That Section 30-121, License Classifications and Fees, of Article III, Licenses, Division 2, Schedule of Fees, of Chapter 30, Businesses, be repealed and a new Section 30-121, License Classifications and Fees, of Article III, Licenses, Division 2, Schedule of Fees, of Chapter 30, Businesses of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin be enacted in lieu thereof to read as follows:

"DIVISION 2. SCHEDULE OF FEES

Sec. 30-121. License classifications and fees.

Except as otherwise indicated in this article, the annual schedule of license fees and classification of occupations, trades, pursuits, businesses and vocations shall be as follows:

Abstracting Business …The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), with a minimum license fee of $100.00 per year in any case.

Accountant, Auditor, Bookkeeper ……The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), with a minimum license fee of $100.00 per year in any case.

Advertising Agencies or Services ……....100.00

Agent or Agency not enumerated ……100.00

Ambulance Services or Companies, ……175.00

Amusement Centers, Card Tables, Recreation

A) Bowling Alley, Per Alley……..15.00
B) Billiard or Pool Hall, Per Table ……15.00
C) Dancehall ……100.00
Per Month……..10.00
Per Day …….. 5.00
D) Miniature Golf ……100.00
E) Domino Parlor
Per Table …… …15.00
F) Shuffleboard or Card Table
Per Table …….15.00
G) Any Other Amusement Type Activity, Per Activity……15.00

Apartment Houses and Complexes……25.00
Plus each unit offered for rent……..2.00

Architects

1-25 Employees…….……125.00
26-100 Employees…….200.00
101-300 Employees…… ……..……300.00
301 and more Employees……...500.00

Armored Car Services ……..……The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), with a minimum license fee of $100.00 per year in any case.

Artist, per year ……30.00

Auction House or Business …….The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), with a minimum license fee of $100.00 per year in any case.

Auctioneer ……150.00

Automobile Dealers-New and/or Used ..... The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), with a minimum license fee of $175.00 per year in any case.

Automobile Dealer Tags

A) First Tag …….10.00
B) Each Additional Tag ……5.00

Automobile Leasing or Renting…… The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), with a minimum license fee of $100.00 per year in any case.

Automobile Parking Lots or Storage Garage …… The fee provided in section 30-92 (1).

Automobile Washing, Waxing or Polishing
Establishments, Power Washers …….. The fee provided in section 30-92 (1).

Banking, Trust, or Mortgage Company
Having Deposit Market Share inside Joplin of in (000's):
$0-$20,000…….. ……100.00
$20,001-$50,000……..200.00
$50,001-$100,000……300.00
$100,001-$200,000……..400.00
$200,001 and Up……..500.00

Barbers and Beauty Operators, without a place of business
Per year……10.00

Barbershops and Beauty Parlors
Per Chair or Per Operator ……5.00

Billboard Business, Outdoor Advertising Companies … The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), with a minimum license fee of $100.00 per year in any case.

Bondsmen, Bail
A) Professional Bondsmen ……....100.00
B) Agent/Employee……..50.00

Brokers and Brokerage Companies …….100.00

Business or Correspondence School, For Profit ….The fee provided in section 30-92 (1).

Carnivals, For Profit
A) Per Day ……250.00
B) Per Week ……..…1,000.00

Carnivals, Not for Profit (excluding school functions)
A) First Ten Days, Per Day …….10.00
B) Each Day After, Per Day ……..5.00

Carnivals, Inside Facility for more than 30 days….The fee provided in section 30-92(1).

Cash Register Agency ……. The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), with a minimum license fee of $100.00 per year in any case.

Caterer (other than as part of a licensed restaurant)……50.00

Circus, For Profit
A) First Day ……..300.00
B) Each Day After, Per Day …….200.00

Circus, Not for Profit (excluding school functions)
A) First Ten Days, Per Day……10.00
B) Each Day After, Per Day ……5.00

Cleaners of Windows, Buildings, Carpet & Rugs,
Furniture & Similar Items ……..…… The fee provided in section 30-92 (1)

Coin Operated Devices
(1) Operator's License for any type Coin
Operated Machine, Amusement/Prophylactic Machine ……50.00
Operated Machine, Vending Machine ……...30.00
A) Amusement Machine, Each …… 10.00
B) Vending Machine, Each …… …2.00
C) Prophylactic Device Machine, Each ……..10.00

Cold Storage Warehouse & Locker Plants ……100.00

Collection Agency, Credit Bureau or Retail Credit Association ……100.00

Contractors
A) General Builders, Commercial ……500.00
B) General Builders, Residential ……...200.00
C) Subcontractor or Specialty (Including Demolition) ……150.00
D) Electrical
(1) First Master ……150.00
(2) Renewal Master ……...100.00
(3) First Journeyman ……25.00
(4) Renewal Journeyman ……15.00
(5) Apprentice ……5.00
E) Plumber
(1) First Master ……150.00
(2) Renewal Master ……...100.00
(3) First Journeyman ……25.00
(4) Renewal Journeyman ……15.00
(5) Apprentice ……5.00
F) Mechanical
(1) First Master ……150.00
(2) Renewal Master ……...100.00
(3) First Journeyman ……25.00
(4) Renewal Journeyman ……15.00
(5) Apprentice ……5.00

Dental Laboratories …….…… The fee provided in section 30-92 (1)

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations ……. The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), with a minimum license fee of $200.00 per year for up to ten charging stations in one location. An additional $200.00 per year for each additional ten charging stations in any one location.

Employment Agency ……...100.00

Engineer or Engineering Company
- 1-25 Employees…….……125.00
- 26-100 Employees…….200.00
- 101-300 Employees…… ……..……300.00
- 301 and more Employees……...500.00

Florist, Greenhouse, Nurseries …….…… The fee provided in section 30-92 (1)

Fortunetelling ……50.00

Garage Repair Shop ……. The fee provided in section 30-92 (1)

Health Permit
- Low Priority ……..…..140.00
- Medium Priority ……..280.00
- High Priority ……420.00
- Mobile Vendor-Low Priority ……..140.00
- Mobile Vendor-Medium Priority ……280.00
- Mobile Vendor-High Priority ……..420.00
- Temporary Food Vendor, per event ……..75.00
- Pre-Opening Inspection ……150.00
- Tattoo Parlor Inspection ……..……140.00
- Swimming Pools, Public and Semi-Public, Seasonal ……..…150.00
  - Each Additional Seasonal Facility…….15.00
- Swimming Pools, Public and Semi-Public, Year-Round ……370.00
  - Each Additional Yearly Facility…….50.00

Hospital, Private ……500.00

Hotels and Motels
- A) First Room ……15.00
- B) Each Additional Room ……...1.00

House Mover …….50.00

Ice Cream Stand …….50.00

Ice Dealer
- A) First Delivery Vehicle ……..30.00
- B) Each Additional Vehicle ……..10.00

Insurance Adjusters & Claim Agents or Agencies ……175.00

Insurance Agent, Agency or Broker
Representing Fire, Casualty, Bonding, Plate Glass, Accident or Life Insurance Companies
A) Not more than 1 Person ……...100.00
B) For each additional Partner, Member of the Firm or Officer of the Company engaged in the Sales Part of the Business…….10.00

Internet Service Providers…….$2 per employee, with a minimum license fee of $30.00 per year in any case.

Investment Company ……100.00
A) Plus, Each Salesman or Solicitor …….10.00

Junk, Scrap, Salvage Dealer …….. The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), with a minimum license fee of $100.00 per year in any case.

Land Surveyor
1-25 Employees…….……125.00
26-100 Employees…….200.00
101-300 Employees…… ……..……300.00
301 and more Employees……...500.00

Laundry, Cleaning and Pressing …… The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), with a minimum license fee of $100.00 per year in any case.

Laundry, Self-Service ……..50.00

Lead-Litharge Smelting …….The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), with a minimum license fee of $1,200.00 per year in any case.

Liquor
A) Dealers at Retail in Intoxicating Liquor-
for consumption on premises where sold ……..450.00
B) Dealers at Retail in Intoxicating Liquor-
in original package ……200.00
C) Dealers at Retail in Intoxicating Liquor-
restaurant bars ……450.00
D) Dealers at Retail in Intoxicating Liquor-
not in excess of 5% alcohol by weight
for consumption on premises where sold ……...100.00
E) Dealers at Retail in Intoxicating Liquor-
not in excess of 5% alcohol by weight
for sale in original package ……100.00
F) Dealers at Retail in Nonintoxicating Beer (3.2%)

in original package ……..50.00
G) Dealers at Retail in Nonintoxicating Beer (3.2%)
for consumption on premises where sold ……75.00
H) Dealers at Wholesale & Solicitation in Intoxicating Liquor-
all intoxicating liquor ……600.00
I) Dealers at Wholesale & Solicitation in Intoxicating Liquor-
containing not in excess of 22% alcohol by weight ……..300.00
J) Dealers at Wholesale & Solicitation in Intoxicating Liquor-
containing not in excess of 5% alcohol by weight ……150.00
K) Dealers at Wholesale in Nonintoxicating Beer (3.2%) …….100.00
L) Wine, malt beverages, and distilled spirits tasting permit ……..25.00

Locksmith & Gunsmith …… The fee provided in section 30-92 (1)

Manufacturer ……..The fee provided in section 30-92 (1)

Masseurs, Physical Therapy, Weight Control,
Exercise or Health Studios or similar establishments ……..……..…100.00

Merchants, Wholesale & Retail ……..…….. The fee provided in section 30-92 (1)

Merchant, Temporary
Temporary Merchant means any person who sells or offers for sale merchandise or wares on a temporary basis and shall include special events, which constitutes less than on an annual basis.
A) Each Event …….5.00
B) Per Week ……..……10.00
C) Per Month …….20.00

Messenger Service …….100.00

Mobile Home Park
A) First Mobile Home Lot ……15.00
B) Each Additional Lot ……..2.00

Mortuary, Undertakers or Funeral Establishments …… The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), with a minimum license fee of $100.00 per year in any case.

Nurseries, Daycare, Preschools
A) First five children ……..10.00
B) Each Additional child ……..1.00

Nursing, Convalescent or Old-Age Homes ……30.00

Office Buildings
A) First Ten Rooms ……25.00
B) Each Additional Room ……1.00

Optical Goods, Manufacturing, Wholesale or Retail …….……. The fee provided in section 30-92 (1)

Parcel Delivery or Express Company
A) For 1 Vehicle ……..30.00
B) Each Additional Vehicle …….10.00

Pawnbroker, which shall include the buying and selling of gold, silver and jewelry …
The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), with a minimum license fee of $200.00 per year in any case.

Peddlers
A) Conducting Business on foot
1. Per Special Event……5.00
2. Per Week ……..…10.00
3. Per Month ……..…20.00
4. Per Year …….50.00

B) Using a wagon, automobile, cart or other vehicle or conveyance, which shall include concession trailers, per such vehicle
1. Per Special Event……5.00
2. Per Week ……..…10.00
3. Per Month ……..…20.00
4. Per Year …….50.00

Pest, Vermin Control …… The fee provided in section 30-92 (1)

Photographer …….50.00
A) Plus each agent or solicitor per day ……..5.00

Printing Establishment
Printing, typesetting or linotype, mimeographing, photostating, engraving, photocopying or lithographing services …… The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), with a minimum license fee of $100.00 per year in any case.

Private Investigators and Security Guards …….…….50.00

Processing Services
Those processing establishments or processing services not otherwise enumerated …… The fee provided in section 30-92 (1)

Promoters or Booking Agents or Agencies
Promoters of all types of entertainment where an admission is charged to the public for profit or the expectation of profit ……..50.00

Radio Stations ……..150.00

Railroads or Railways ……...500.00
This item shall apply to every person operating a railroad or railway company and transacting business within the city (but not including business done to or from points within the state and not including any business done for the government of the United States, its officers or agents), and every person operating a railroad or railway company operating its trains or keeping and maintaining its tracks across, upon or along any street, alley or other public place in the city, by means of any surface track, bridge, viaduct or tunnel, and every person operating a railroad or railway company occupying any portion of any street, alley or other public place of the city with its roadbed, tracks, ties, switches, bridges, viaducts, tunnels or other structures

Real Estate Agent, Agency or Broker …….....100.00
A) Plus, for each salesman ……15.00

Rental Businesses ……..……. The fee provided in section 30-92 (1)

Repair Establishments ……. The fee provided in section 30-92 (1)

Restaurants, Café, Cafeteria's & Lunchrooms…The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), but in no case shall a restaurant license be more than $500 per year.

Sales/Service Agent or Agency
Receiving gross annual commissions, fees, charges or compensation of
A) $25,000 or less per year ……25.00
B) More than $25,000 and not more than $50,000, per year…….….35.00
C) More than $50,000 and not more than $100,000 per year ……50.00
D) More than $100,000 and not more than $250,000 per year ……100.00
E) More than $250,000 and not more than $500,000 per year …….250.00
F) More than $500,000, per year ……..400.00

Septic Tank Cleaning ……..75.00

Service Center (all other service businesses not enumerated)……..…..$2 per employee, a minimum license fee of $30.00 per year in any case.

Service Station, Filling Station, Gasoline Station … The fee provided in section 30-92 (1)

Shows, Transient

Tent shows, exhibits, exhibitions or other attractions held indoors or outdoors or in automotive or other conveyances, other than carnivals or circuses

A) First day ……10.00
B) Each additional day ……5.00

Sign Makers and Sign Painters ……75.00

Skating Rinks, Ice or Roller ……...150.00

Sound Recording and Reproduction Services ….. The fee provided in section 30-92 (1)

Stocks and Bonds, Sale or Purchase …….……100.00

Stockyard ……500.00

Storage Houses and Warehouses ……. The fee provided in section 30-92 (1), with a minimum license fee of $100.00 per year in any case.

Street Stand, Temporary in nature, Special Events Only

A street stand is any place near to or adjoining any sidewalk, alley, or other public way, or any common area, whether such common area is enclosed or open, where articles are eaten or drunk or articles of ornament or necessity are sold, offered or exposed for sale, this item shall not apply for purposes of stands near to or adjoining any sidewalk, alley or other public way or any common area operating for the sale of fireworks.

A) Each Special Event …….……5.00
B) Per Week ……10.00
C) Per Month ……...20.00
D) Per Year ……..50.00

Tailoring Business …… The fee provided in section 30-92 (1)

Tattoo Parlor's, per year ……125.00

A) Plus, per operator ……25.00

Taxicab Business

A) Base fee ……..50.00
B) Plus, each cab, per year ……..50.00

Taxicab Drivers
A) Original License ……5.00
B) Each renewal ……3.00

Taxidermists ……..30.00

Theaters and Moving Picture Houses
Those having a seating capacity of:
A) 500 or less ……100.00
B) 501 to 1,000 ……150.00
C) 1,001 to 1,500 ……..175.00
D) 1,501 to 2,000 ……..200.00
E) 2,001 or more ……...250.00

Towel Supply Company ……..50.00

Transfer & Moving Van Companies
A) First vehicle ……30.00
B) Each additional vehicle ……...10.00

Travel Agencies or Agents ……30.00

Tree Surgeons ……..150.00
Those persons engaged in the occupation of tree surgeons, tree trimming, tree and plant treating or spraying services

Truck Terminal or Truck Loading & Unloading Depot ……..150.00

Welding Company …….. The fee provided in section 30-92 (1).

No individual annual occupational license shall exceed $50,000."

Secs. 30-123--30-140. Reserved.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on April 1, 2026.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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Keenan T. Cortez, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney