COUNCIL BILL NO. 2015-502 ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE amending Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Division 6, Rates and Charges, of Chapter 118, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin, by amending Section 118-206, Billing and Collection Procedures, to implement certain fee language changes.

WHEREAS, the City assumed the sewer billing and collection services from a third-party, and,

WHEREAS, the City charges a fee for sewer services and bills such fees on a periodic basis to its citizens and residents and the adjacent area; and,

WHEREAS, the City is obligated to collect delinquent sewer bills from its citizens and residents so served; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri enacted RsMO. 250.140.1 that generally addresses the collection of delinquent sewer fees on rental property; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to enact the same provision within the sewer billing and collecting code.

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

Section 1. That Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 6, Rates and Charges, of Chapter 118, Utilities, be amended in Section 118-206, Billing and Collection Procedures, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 6, Rates and Charges, of Chapter 118, Utilites, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin be enacted to read as follows:

"Sec. 118-206. Billing and collection procedures.

...

(f) When the occupant of rental property is delinquent in payment of sewer fees, the City of Joplin shall make a good faith effort to notify the owner of the premises receiving such service of the delinquency and the amount thereof. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, when an occupant of rental property is delinquent more than ninety days, the owner shall not be liable for sums due for more than ninety days of service. The City shall make a good faith effort to notify both the occupant and owner of the premises of any termination of service.

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Section 2. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor and City Council.

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

_____ day of _____, 2015.

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Michael L. Seibert, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney