CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-509 – Approving certain fee and language changes in the public works department

MEETING DATE
January 21, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2025-509 Ordinance

REVIEWED BY
Department Head: Leslie Haase; Public Works Director: Dan Johnson; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill changes certain Public Transit existing fees in the public works department.

BACKGROUND
The City will be restarting the Public Transit Trolley services at the beginning of February. IN preparing for this, staff evaluated the current fees as compared to the cost of providing the services. 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 determined during the evaluation, the Trolley fee needs to increase from $1,00 per ride to $2.00 per ride, with the discounted fare increasing from $.50 per ride to $1.00 per ride with a Transit ID Card.

The fee changes will be effective on February 4, 2025.

FUNDING SOURCE
This is not applicable for this item.

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

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-509 ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE enacting Article XIII, Public Transit, Section 114-846, Public Transit Fees and Section 114-847 through Section 114-850, Reserved of Chapter 114, Traffic of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain fees; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the Public Transit Fees and the cost of services has increased and exceeds revenues; and,

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

WHEREAS, a new Article VIII in Chapter 114 needs to be enacted.

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

Section 1. That a new Article XIII, Public Transit, Sections 114-846, Public Transit Fees and Section 114-847 through Section 114-850, Reserved, of Chapter 114, Traffic of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin be enacted to read as follows:

"**ARTICLE XIII. PUBLIC TRANSIT**

"Sec. 114-846. Public Transit Fees.

(1) *Fees.*

(a) A fare of $2.00 shall be paid for each ride on the Trolley. Each discounted ride shall be $1.00 with a current Transit ID Card. In order to be eligible to receive a Transit ID Card, a person must be either aged 60 or above or be disabled. An application is required providing proof of age or disability status for a Transit ID card.

(b) An adult fare of $4.00 shall be paid for each MAPS ride. Each discounted ride shall be $2.00 with a current Transit ID Card. In order to be eligible to receive a Transit ID Card, a person must either be aged 60 or above or be disabled. An application is required providing proof of age or disability status for a Transit ID Card.

(c) A fare of $2.00 shall be paid for each MAPS ride for any teenage person between the ages of 13 and 18. A fare of $1.00 shall be paid for each MAPS ride for any child below the age of 13 riding with an adult.

(d) There is no fee for the initial Transit ID Card. There shall be a fee of $5.00 for the replacement of a Transit ID Card.

(2) *Fee Review Process.*

City Council shall review the costs of services with all user fees at least on a biennial basis during the budget process to determine the appropriateness of the fees charge.

Sec. 114-847 – 114-850. Reserved."

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on February 4, 2025.

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