CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2019-504 – Approving an increase in swimming pool admission fees.

MEETING DATE
February 4, 2019

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2019-504 Ordinance

REVIEWED BY
Department Head: Leslie Haase; Parks Director: Paul Bloomberg; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Sam Anselm

SUMMARY
This Council Bill approves an increase in swimming pool admission fees as was presented in the financial sustainability report.

BACKGROUND
The City has not raised pool fees in six seasons, since Schifferdecker Aquatic Center was opened in 2013. In 2017, the pools operated at a loss of approximately $245,000. As a result, staff recommended increasing the pool admission fees as an option in the financial sustainability report and received informal approval from council to proceed. Staff also reviewed the pool admission fees at Pittsburg, Miami, Lamar, and St. Joseph. The comparison indicates the City can adjust the admission fees to help recover more of the operational costs of the pools, while remaining accessible to the community and competitive with surrounding pools.

This council bill increases the swimming pool admission fees as follows:

- Ewert-Children from $2.50 to $3.00 and Adults from $3.50 to $4.00
- Cunningham-Children from $3.00 to $4.00 and Adults from $4.00 to $5.00
- Schifferdecker-Children from $4.00 to $5.00 and Adults from $5.00 to $6.00

The effective date of this fee change will be April 1st in order to prepare for the upcoming swimming season.

FUNDING SOURCE
The increase in revenue is included in the swimming pool revenue line in the adopted fiscal year 2019 budget.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of this council bill on first reading.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2019-504 ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE amending 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, by amending Section 86-152, Admission Fee, to implement fee changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the City increased the Swimming Pool Fees on January 1, 2013 as set forth in Ordinance 2013-074; and,

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

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 amended in 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 to read as follows:

"Sec. 86-152. Admission Fee.

(a) The pool admission fee for Schifferdecker Family Aquatic Center shall be $6.00 for adults over 15 years of age, and $5.00 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 $4.00 for adults over 15 years of age, and $3.00 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 $5.00 for adults over 15 years of age, and $4.00 for children 15 years of age and under, except that children age two and under, shall be admitted without charge.

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Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on April 1, 2019.

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

_____ day of _____, 2019.

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Gary L. Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney