CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2024-516 – Approving certain fee changes in the Planning Chapter of the Code of Ordinances and the Joplin Development Code

MEETING DATE
November 4, 2024

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2024-516 Ordinance; Streetlight Memo

REVIEWED BY
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SUMMARY
This Council Bill revises the Joplin Development code by moving the fees section to the Planning Chapter of the Code or Ordinances and adopts a new streetlight fee for new subdivisions.

BACKGROUND
The City Subdivision Regulations currently requires developers of new subdivisions to be responsible for providing the infrastructure for streetlights in accordance with City standards. The regulations also set forth that the developer is responsible for the costs of providing street lighting equipment. However, the Subdivision Regulations do not establish the cost. This Council Bill establishes the cost based on the average cost of $4,000.00 per streetlight in the subdivision, which is due when the plan review is submitted and approved.

While the developer is responsible for the infrastructure, including the conduit, power lines, and the primary power distribution box, Liberty owns the poles and the mastheads. The City is responsible for the electric charges and the ongoing maintenance of streetlights based on the facility usage fee set by Liberty. This fee recovers the average facility usage fee assessed by Liberty and incurred by the City.

This Council Bill moves all zoning and planning fees from the Joplin Development Code to Chapter 94 of the Code of Ordinances.

The fee changes will be effective on January 1, 2025.

FUNDING SOURCE
This is not applicable for this item.

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