City of Joplin — City Council Agenda Item

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2015

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2015-531
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Department Head: Leslie Haase
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City Attorney: Peter Edwards
City Manager: Sam Anselm

INTRODUCTION:
This Council Bill changes certain existing fees, as well as establishes new commercial inspection fees in the fire department.

DISCUSSION:
The City recently completed the bi-annual user fee review, which was discussed with City Council at the budget work session on September 16, 2015. 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.

The last major change to the fire prevention fee ordinance was in 2008. As detailed in the bi-annual user fee review, certain user fees need to be increased to recover more of the costs associated with providing these services. Additionally, the recommendation is to establish two new commercial inspection fees.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Change the commercial fire plan review fee. The recommended change is to increase the multiplier from .00075 to .001 of the building permit value.
- Establish a minimum fire plan review fee based on the Building Safety Journal.
- Increase the Operational Permit from $50.00 to $100.00.
- Increase the Fireworks Stand Fee from $50.00 to $100.00.
- Create two new commercial inspection fees. This ordinance creates an underground sprinkler inspection fee of $100.00 and a hood suppression inspection fee of $50.00.

The fee changes will be effective on January 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:
City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on first reading.