CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-546 – Approving certain fee changes in the fire department

MEETING DATE
November 17, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2025-546 Ordinance

REVIEWED BY
Department Head: Leslie Haase; Fire Chief: Gerald Ezell; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill changes certain existing fees in the fire department.

BACKGROUND
The City recently completed the biennial user fee review, which was discussed with City Council at the budget work session on September 23, 2025. 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 detailed in the biennial user fee review, certain user fees need to be increased to recover more of the costs associated with providing these services.

In the fee review, staff proposed various changes to fire department fees.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Change the land clearing fee from $50.00 to $150.00 and extend the permit period from three days to five days
- Change the hood suppression inspection fee from $75.00 to $150.00
- Change the underground sprinkler inspection fee from $100.00 to $150.00
- Change the fireworks stand fee from $225.00 to $250.00

The fee changes will be effective on January 1, 2026.

FUNDING SOURCE
This revenue is included in the fiscal year 2026 general fund budget.

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