COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-151 **ORDINANCE NO.**

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 118, Utilities, Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Division 6 Rates and Charges, of the Joplin City Code, by repealing sections 118-201 through 118-202, inclusive, of Division 6 in their entirety and enacting new sections 118-201 through 118-202, inclusive of Division 6, Rates and Charges; dealing generally with the establishment of sewer rates for the City of Joplin, Missouri.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, as follows:

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Council of the City of Joplin established a sewer rate based upon the cost of providing and maintaining the sewer infrastructure and the cost of treating, on a per usage basis, the waste stream; and, for industrial and commercial users with additional surcharges for usage and wastewater strength; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Joplin heard a rate study report regarding the proposed rates at the August 12, 2024 work session of the Council; and,

WHEREAS, in 2024 the consulting firm of Burns and McDonnell have reviewed the City's wastewater treatment system and have provided rate recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, the rates increase each year, 2025 through 2029; and,

WHEREAS, only those residential, commercial, industrial and governmental persons or entities utilizing the system will be responsible for payment of sewer fees; and,

WHEREAS, the rate charged to out-of-town users is higher, in part, because those users do not bear the potential liability associated with a wastewater treatment system that City residents may incur; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Joplin has determined that the rate structure proposed is the most equitable way to balance the cost of maintaining an environmentally compliant and effective sewerage system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That Sections 118-201 through 118-202, inclusive, of Division 6. Rates and Charges. of Division II. Sewers and Sewage Disposal. of Chapter 118. Utilities. of the Joplin City Code, are hereby repealed in their entirety, and a new Division 6. Rates and Charges., Sections 118-201 through 118-202 are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to read as follows:

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DIVISION 6. RATES AND CHARGES

Sec. 118-201. Generally.

Sewer service charges are hereby levied against every residential, commercial, industrial and governmental user connected to public sewers in accordance with the rate recommendation documented in the 2024 Burns and McDonnell rate study, said rate study is incorporated herein by reference as Appendix 1. The proceeds of such charges so derived will be used first, for the purpose of retiring the debt for the public wastewater treatment works and then for the purpose of operation, maintaining and replacing the sewer system and equipment.

Sec. 118-202. - Rates and surcharges.

(a) All residential, commercial, industrial and governmental establishments shall be charged for sewer service in accordance with the following rate table. The sewer service charge shall consist of a monthly facility charge based upon the size of water meter plus a charge based upon the gallons of water used per month. The charges shall become effective on the dates listed in the table. The rate effective on April 1, 2025, shall be effective thereafter until changed.

RATE TABLE I

¾ Inch Meter or Smaller

Effective Date	Facility Charge Per Month		Volume Charge Per 1,000 Gal.	
	In City	Out of City	In City	Out of City
Present Rate	40.29	52.35	2.64	3.43
April 1, 2025	41.20	53.56	2.80	3.64
April 1, 2026	42.13	54.77	3.02	3.93
April 1, 2027	43.08	56.00	3.26	4.24
April 1, 2028	44.05	57.27	3.52	4.58
April 1, 2029	45.04	58.55	3.80	4.94

1 Inch Meter

Effective Date	Facility Charge Per Month		Volume Charge Per 1,000 Gal.	
	In City	Out of City	In City	Out of City
Present Rate	51.71	67.20	2.64	3.43
April 1, 2025	52.87	68.73	2.80	3.64
April 1, 2026	54.06	70.28	3.02	3.93
April 1, 2027	55.28	71.86	3.26	4.24

April 1, 2028	56.52	73.48	3.52	4.58
April 1, 2029	57.79	75.13	3.80	4.94

1½ Inch Meter

Effective Date	Facility Charge Per Month		Volume Charge Per 1,000 Gal.	
	In City	Out of City	In City	Out of City
Present Rate	80.33	104.43	2.64	3.43
April 1, 2025	82.14	106.78	2.80	3.64
April 1, 2026	83.99	109.19	3.02	3.93
April 1, 2027	85.88	111.64	3.26	4.24
April 1, 2028	87.81	114.15	3.52	4.58
April 1, 2029	89.79	116.73	3.80	4.94

2 Inch Meter

Effective Date	Facility Charge Per Month		Volume Charge Per 1,000 Gal.	
	In City	Out of City	In City	Out of City
Present Rate	114.64	149.04	2.64	3.43
April 1, 2025	117.22	152.39	2.80	3.64
April 1, 2026	119.86	155.82	3.02	3.93
April 1, 2027	122.56	159.33	3.26	4.24
April 1, 2028	125.32	162.92	3.52	4.58
April 1, 2029	128.14	166.58	3.80	4.94

3 Inch Meter

Effective Date	Facility Charge Per Month		Volume Charge Per 1,000 Gal.	
	In City	Out of City	In City	Out of City
Present Rate	194.71	253.12	2.64	3.43
April 1, 2025	199.09	258.82	2.80	3.64
April 1, 2026	203.57	264.64	3.02	3.93
April 1, 2027	208.15	270.60	3.26	4.24
April 1, 2028	212.83	276.68	3.52	4.58
April 1, 2029	217.62	282.91	3.80	4.94

4 Inch Meter

Effective Date	Facility Charge Per Month		Volume Charge Per 1,000 Gal.	
	In City	Out of City	In City	Out of City
Present Rate	309.04	401.74	2.64	3.43
April 1, 2025	315.99	410.79	2.80	3.64
April 1, 2026	323.10	420.03	3.02	3.93
April 1, 2027	330.37	429.48	3.26	4.24
April 1, 2028	337.80	439.14	3.52	4.58
April 1, 2029	345.40	449.02	3.80	4.94

6 Inch Meter

Effective Date	Facility Charge Per Month		Volume Charge Per 1,000 Gal.	
	In City	Out of City	In City	Out of City
Present Rate	595.00	773.50	2.64	3.43
April 1, 2025	608.39	790.91	2.80	3.64
April 1, 2026	622.08	808.70	3.02	3.93
April 1, 2027	636.08	826.90	3.26	4.24
April 1, 2028	650.39	845.51	3.52	4.58
April 1, 2029	665.02	864.53	3.80	4.94

(b) A surcharge rate is established for each user which discharges wastewater into the city treatment works which contains excess strength biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and total suspended solids (TSS). Excess strength BOD and TSS are defined as wastewater with a BOD concentration in excess of 2.5 lb./1,000 gallons or a TSS concentration in excess of 2.5 lb./1,000 gallons. Surcharges for BOD and TSS shall be paid at the rates established in Rate Table II, and shall be paid in addition to the normally established rates listed in Rate Table I. The charges shall become effective on the dates listed in the table and shall be applicable through the subsequent year. The rate effective on April 1, 2025 shall be effective thereafter until changed.

RATE TABLE II

Effective Date	BOD Surcharge Rate	SS Surcharge Rate

	Per Pound		Per Pound	
	In City	Out of City	In City	Out of City
Present Rate	1.11	1.45	0.68	0.88
April 1, 2025	1.13	1.48	0.69	0.89
April 1, 2026	1.15	1.50	0.70	0.91
April 1, 2027	1.17	1.53	0.71	0.92
April 1, 2028	1.19	1.55	0.72	0.93
April 1, 2029	1.21	1.58	0.73	0.94

(c) An industrial pretreatment fee shall be charged to each permitted industrial user that is being monitored by city personnel. The fee shall consist of a monthly charge and become effective on the dates listed in Rate Table III, and shall be paid in addition to the established rates in Rate Table l and Rate Table ll. The rate effective on April 1, 2025, shall be effective thereafter until changed.

RATE TABLE III

Effective Date	Pretreatment Charge Per Month
Present Rate	------
April 1, 2025	150.00
April 1, 2026	156.00
April 1, 2027	162.24
April 1, 2028	168.73
April 1, 2029	175.48

(d) In addition to any fee or surcharge described hereinabove, any user which discharges any toxic pollutants which cause an increase in the cost of managing the effluent or sludge from the city's treatment works, or any user which discharges any substance which singly or by interaction with other substances causes identifiable increases in the cost or operation, maintenance, or replacement of the treatment works, shall pay for such increased costs. The charge to each user shall be as determined by the responsible plant operating personnel and approved by the city council.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day of_____, 2024, by a vote of_____.

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ATTEST: Keenan T. Cortez, Mayor

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney