CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-548 – Approving certain fee changes in the parks department

MEETING DATE
November 17, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2025-548 Ordinance

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

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

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Change the Green Fee 9 holes, weekday from $11.00 to $12.00
- Change the Green Fee 9 holes, weekend from $12.00 to $15.00
- Change the Green Fee 18 holes, weekday from $20.00 to $21.00
- Change the Green Fee 18 holes, weekend from $22.00 to $25.00
- Change the Green Fee 9 holes, weekday senior from $8.00 to $9.00
- Change the Green Fee 9 holes, weekend senior from $9.00 to $12.00
- Change the Green Fee 18 holes, weekday senior from $14.00 to $15.00
- Change the Green Fee 18 holes, weekend senior from $17.00 to $20.00
- Change the Weekday Twilight fee from $14.00 to $15.00
- Change the Weekend Twilight fee from $16.00 to $20.00
- Change the Student Green fee from $9.00 to $10.00
- Change the Golf Cart, 9 holes per person fee from $9.00 to $11.00
- Change the Golf Cart 18 holes per person fee from $16.00 to $18.00

- Change the pull cart fee from $5.00 to $7.00
- Change the Golf adult annual pass fee from $920.00 to $1,000.00
- Change the Golf adult with cart annual pass fee from $1,560.00 to $1,600.00
- Change the Golf family with one unlimited cart fee from $2,000.00 to $2,200.00
- Change the Golf senior annual pass fee from $720.00 to $800.00
- Change the Golf senior with cart annual pass fee from $1,360.00 to $1,400.00
- Change the Golf junior annual pass fee from $90.00 to $100.00
- Remove the Golf twilight pass fee
- Remove the Golf twilight pass with cart fee

- Change the Soccer Tournament Fee for College/High School/Youth from $80.00 per match to $100.00 per match

- Change the Season Pool Pass for Family from $200.00 to $225.00
- Change the Season Pool Pass for Youth from $90.00 to $100.00
- Change the Season Pool Pass for Seniors from $90.00 to $100.00
- Change Schifferdecker Adult Admission from $7.00 to $8.00
- Change Schifferdecker Child Admission from $6.00 to $7.00
- Change Cunningham Adult Admission from $6.00 to $7.00
- Change Cunningham Child Admission from $5.00 to $6.00

- Change the Museum Adult Admission fee from $5.00 to $6.00
- Change the Museum Military/Senior Admission fee from $4.00 to $5.00

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

FUNDING SOURCE
This revenue is included in the fiscal year 2026 parks fund budget and golf fund budget.

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

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-548 ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 86-5, Fees at Schifferdecker Golf Course, of Article I, In General, and Section 86-6, Fees for Parks Programs and Parks Facilities, of Article I, In General, and Section 86-72, Fees at Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum, of Article III, Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum, and 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 and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 86-5, Fees at Schifferdecker Golf Course, of Article I, In General, and Section 86-6, Fees for Parks Programs and Parks Facilities, of Article I, In General, and Section 86-72, Fees at Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum, of Article III, Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum, and 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 to implement certain fee changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the City performed the biennial fee review and the cost of services has increased and exceeds revenues; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Joplin desires to make certain fee changes to help recover the cost of services provided by the parks department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 86-5, Fees at Schifferdecker Golf Course, of Article I, In General, of Chapter 86, Parks and Recreation, be repealed and a new Section 86-5, Fees at Schifferdecker Golf Course, of Article I, In General, of Chapter 86, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin be enacted in lieu thereof to read as follows:

"ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 86-5. Fees at Schifferdecker Golf Course.

(a) Fees and charges at Schifferdecker Golf Course are as follows:

(1) *Green fees generally.* The green fees shall be $21.00 per player per 18 holes, except on week-ends and holidays, when the green fees shall be $25.00 per player per 18 holes. The green fees shall be $12.00 per player per 9 holes, except on week-ends and holidays, when the green fees shall be $15.00 per player per 9 holes.

(2) *Green fees for senior citizens.* The green fees for senior citizens shall be $15.00 per player per 18 holes, except on week-ends and holidays, when the green fees

for senior citizens shall be $20.00 per player per 18 holes. The green fees shall be $9.00 per player per 9 holes, except on week-ends and holidays, when the green fees shall be $12.00 per player per 9 holes.

(3) *Season passes.*

a. The single annual pass fee shall be $1,000.00 per person per year.

b. Senior citizen single annual pass fee shall be $800.00 per person per year. Senior citizen passes shall be for weekdays only and a week-end fee or holiday fee with an annual pass shall be a green fee of $20.00.

c. A single annual pass with unlimited cart use fee shall be $1,600.00 per person per year.

d. A senior citizen annual pass with unlimited cart use fee shall be $1,400.00 per person per year.

e. A student (also known as "junior" or "youth") annual pass fee shall be $100.00 per person per year. Student passes shall be for weekdays only and a week-end fee or holiday fee with an annual pass shall be a green fee of $10.00. Qualifications for participation shall be set by the director of the parks and recreation department.

f. A family annual pass with one (1) unlimited cart use fee shall be $2,200.00.

(4) *Green fees for students.* The green fees for qualified students (also known as "junior" or "youth") shall be $10.00. Qualifications for participation shall be set by the director of the parks and recreation department.

(5) *Green fees for leagues.* The green fees for league play shall be $15.00. To be eligible for league play, each league team must be sponsored by a company or not-for-profit organization chartered by the state, each league must consist of a minimum of ten players, and each league must provide a roster of all players, which shall be checked each week of play.

(6) *Twilight green fee.* The twilight green fee shall be $15.00 on weekdays and $20.00 on week-ends. The twilight time shall be set by the director of the parks and recreation department.

(7) *Pull cart rental.* The pull cart rental charge shall be $7.00 per day.

(8) *Power cart rental.* The power cart rental charge shall be $18.00 per 18 holes per seat. The power cart rental charge shall be $11.00 per 9 holes per seat.

(10) *Private powered golf carts.* No privately owned powered golf cart will be permitted for use at the Schifferdecker Municipal Golf Course. Except that any physically handicapped person may utilize a powered golf cart that has been modified or constructed so as to be accessible. The term "Physically Handicapped", as employed in this subsection shall include any of the disabilities as described in RSMo., 301.142.1 and 301.071, as may be amended from time to time.

(11) *High School annual fee.* The high school annual fee shall be $500.00 per school. Qualifications for participation shall be set by the director of the parks and recreation department.

(b) The director of parks and recreation may in his discretion temporarily reduce fees in an attempt to equalize the number of played rounds during the course of any given business day. Such “specials” shall be available to all persons seeking to utilize the course during the appropriate day and time.

(c) For purposes of this section "Family" is defined as a maximum of two adults and dependent children residing at one residence. "Dependent" has the same meaning as "dependent" under Federal Income Tax Law. A person shall not be considered a dependent under this section unless the person was claimed as a dependent on their Federal Income Tax Filing for the most recent tax reporting period.

(d) For purposes of this section, "Senior Citizen" shall mean any person permanently and totally disabled from employment at any age, or any person age 60 and above.

(e) For purposes of this section, “Student”, “Junior”, or “Youth” shall mean any person under the age of 18.”

Section 2. That Section 86-6, Fees for Parks Programs and Parks Facilities, of Article I, In General, of Chapter 86, Parks and Recreation, be repealed and a new Section 86-6, Fees for Parks Programs and Parks Facilities, of Article I, In General, of Chapter 86, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin be enacted in lieu thereof to read as follows:

"ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 86-6 Fees for parks programs and parks facilities.

(a) In addition to any fees or charges established pursuant to this chapter, the fees and charges for programs and facilities at the City of Joplin Parks and Recreation Facilities are as follows:

(1) *Tennis Programs at the Joplin Athletic Complex.*

a. The tennis tournament fee shall be $50.00 per court per day.
b. The high school age and college age tennis practice fee shall be $50.00 per player.

c. A tennis activity fee assessed for the usage of city facilities shall be $15.00 per participant per session.

(2) *Baseball programs at Joe Becker and the Joplin Athletic Complex.*

a. A college level and similar level baseball game shall be $300.00 per game.
b. A college level and similar level baseball practice shall be $75.00 per practice.
c. A high school age and similar level baseball game shall be $200.00 per game.
d. A high school age and similar level baseball practice shall be $50.00 per game.
e. A baseball activity fee assessed for the usage of city facilities shall be $15.00 per participant per session.
f. In the event a baseball tournament is cancelled within ten (10) days of the tournament date for any reason other than weather-related, field condition or at the request of the city, there shall be a cancellation fee of twenty-five percent (25%) of the tournament fee.

(3) *Soccer programs at the Joplin Athletic Complex and Dover Hill.*

a. A high school, college, youth level soccer tournament shall be $100.00 per match.
b. An adult soccer tournament shall be $100.00 per match.
c. A soccer activity fee assessed for the usage of city facilities shall be $15.00 per participant per session.

(4) *Softball programs.*

a. A softball game with lights shall be $125.00 per game.
b. A softball game without lights shall be $100.00 per game.
c. A softball activity fee assessed for the usage of city facilities shall be $15.00 per participant per session.
d. Additional fees.
    i. Additional bags of field drying agent are available at market cost (first four bags per field are provided).

(5) *Football programs.*

a. A football activity fee assessed for the usage of city facilities shall be $15.00 per participant per session.

(5) *Shelter facilities.*

a. The shelter facility rental fee shall be $50.00 per day.

(6) *Parks Special Event Permit.*

a. A special event permit fee of $200.00 for the usage of any city park shall be assessed per event.

(7) *Community Center Facility Rental.*

a. The community center facility rental fee shall be $50.00 per event.

(b) Fee review process. City Council shall review the costs of services associated with all user fees at least on a biennial basis during the budget process to determine the appropriateness of the fee charges.

(c) For purposes of this section "family" is defined as a maximum of two adults and dependent children residing at one residence. "Dependent" has the same meaning as "dependent" under Federal Income Tax Law. A person shall not be considered a dependent under this section unless the person was claimed as a dependent on their Federal Income Tax Filing for the most recent tax reporting period.
(d) For purposes of this section, "senior citizen" shall mean any person permanently and totally disabled from employment at any age, or any person age 60 and above."

Section 3. That Section 86-72, Fees at Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum, of Article III, Division I, Generally, of Chapter 86, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin be enacted to read as follows:

"ARTICLE III. JOPLIN HISTORICAL AND MINERAL MUSEUM

Sec. 86-72 Fees at Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum.

(a) The museum admission fee shall be $6.00 for anyone 13 years of age and over, and $5.00 for a Senior Citizen or a Military person.

(b) The museum special event or tradeshow rental fee shall be $100.00 per hour.

(c) The museum meeting room rental fee shall be $25.00 per hour.

(d) For purposes of this section "Senior Citizen or Military Person" shall mean any person age 60 and above, any person permanently and totally disabled from employment at any age, or any person that has served in the armed services.

Section 4. That Section 86-152, Admission Fee, of Article V, Swimming Pools, of Chapter 86, Parks and Recreation, be repealed and a new 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 in lieu thereof to read as follows:

"ARTICLE V. SWIMMING POOLS

Sec. 86-152 Admission Fee.

(a) The pool admission fee for Schifferdecker Family Aquatic Center shall be $8.00 for adults over 15 years of age, and $7.00 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 Cunningham Family Aquatic Center shall be $7.00 for adults over 15 years of age and $6.00 for children 15 years of age and under, except that children age two and under, shall be admitted without charge.

(c) The supervisor, with the approval of the parks and recreation board, shall have authority to set certain times when there shall be no admission fee for swimming in the municipal pools, and the park supervisor shall have the authority to place certain restrictions on free admission.

(d) Season passes for all municipal swimming pools.

(1) A family (three or more) season pass shall be $225.00 per family per year.

(2) An adult individual, aged 18 years and older, season pass shall be $100.00 per person per year.

(3) A youth individual, aged 17 years and under, season pass shall be $100.00 per person per year.

(4) A senior citizen season pass shall be $100.00 per person per year.

(e) For purposes of this section "family" is defined as a maximum of two adults and dependent children residing at one residence. "Dependent" has the same meaning as "dependent" under federal income tax law. A person shall not be considered a dependent under this section unless the person was claimed as a dependent on their federal income tax filing for the most recent tax reporting period.

(f) For purposes of this section, "senior citizen" shall mean any person permanently and totally disabled from employment at any age, or any person age 60 and above.

(g) The director of parks and recreation is hereby authorized to establish a program granting a reduced rate, up to 50 percent for pool memberships based upon family income."

Section 5. That this ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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Keenan T. Cortez, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney