

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION UPDATE

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Background of User Fees

- Summer of 2025, City staff performed the biennial user fee review
- The User Fee Evaluation was presented to City Council during the budget work sessions in September of 2025
- A new Business License fee for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations was recommended in the User Fee Evaluation
- City Council asked for additional discussion on this item

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Background of User Fees

- In Missouri, under the Hancock provisions, City's are allowed to recover their costs for providing specific services to specific users
- However, under the Hancock provisions, City's are not allowed to recover more than their costs for providing services or assess any type of tax without a vote of the people
- In Joplin, by Ordinance user fees and charges are required to be evaluated at least on a biennial basis

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Background of User Fees

- Evaluation includes a review of the cost of providing the service and a fee comparison to other cities or like organizations
- Charges for specific municipal services should recover most or all of the related cost of providing the service, so general taxpayer is not supporting services for specific users; ***and***
- Charges must also be set at a level as to continue to attract businesses, contractors and residents to our community versus choosing another City

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EV Charging Station Update

- It was recommended to add a new business license fee for EV charging stations set based on the gross receipts table as follows:

Gross sales or receipts	Fee	Plus
Up to and including $10,000	$30.00	
$10,001 through $100,000	$30.00	Plus .40 per $1,000 over $10,000
$100,001 through $200,000	$30.00	Plus .35 per $1,000 over $10,000
$200,001 through $300,000	$30.00	Plus .30 per $1,000 over $10,000
$300,001 through $700,000	$30.00	Plus .25 per $1,000 over $10,000
$700,001 through $2,000,000	$30.00	Plus .20 per $1,000 over $10,000
$2,000,001 to none	$30.00	Plus .15 per $1,000 over $10,000

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- Based on the gross receipts table, here are examples of the fee:
  - Sales of $10,000 Fee $30.00
  - Sales of $30,000 Fee $38.00
  - Sales of $50,000 Fee $46.00

- City of Independence, MO also assesses a business license fee for EV charging stations based on gross receipts, with a minimum fee of $75.00

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- Joplin's cost for licensing EV Charging Stations is $263.32 for one inspection each by Fire and Building, administrative services by Planning and Zoning for the zoning review and administrative services by Finance to process the license
- Since this is a new fee, Staff does not have any examples of what gross receipts of EV charging stations will be locally

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- In order to recover more of the cost of providing this service from what was originally proposed, there are two different business license fee options available for consideration:
  - This fee can be set as a flat fee per EV charging station: suggested flat fee of $200.00
  - Or, this fee can still be under the gross receipts calculation with a minimum fee added: suggested minimum fee of $200.00

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- Staff is seeking direction from City Council on how to proceed
- Ordinance will be brought to City Council on December 15, 2025 for consideration with an effective date of April 1, 2026 for new business license year

Questions?