City of Joplin

City Council Agenda Item

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2017

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2017-536
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Department Head: Leslie Haase
Public Works Director: David Hertzberg
City Attorney: Peter Edwards
City Manager: Sam Anselm

INTRODUCTION:
This Council Bill changes certain existing sewer permit fees.

DISCUSSION:
The City recently completed the biennial user fee review, which was discussed with City Council at the budget work session on September 6, 2017. 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 fees need to be increased to recover more of the costs associated with providing these services. Staff proposed various changes to the sewer department fees.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Increase the waste hauler fee from 0.02 per gallon to 0.03 per gallon
- Increase the sewer reconnection fee inside the city from $75.00 to $100.00
- Increase the sewer reconnection fee outside the city from $100.00 to $125.00
- Increase the sewer new connection fee inside the city from $200.00 to $300.00
- Increase the sewer new connection fee outside the city from $300.00 to $400.00
- Increase the sewer riser locate fee from $30.00 to $75.00

The fee changes will be effective on February 1, 2018.

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