CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2023-537 – Approving certain fee changes in the zoning subdivision regulations

MEETING DATE
November 20, 2023

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2023-537 Ordinance

REVIEWED BY
Department Head: Leslie Haase; Planning & Community Development Director: Troy Bolander; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill changes certain existing fees in the planning and zoning department.

BACKGROUND
The City recently completed the biennial user fee review, which was discussed with City Council at the budget work session on September 20, 2023. 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 planning and zoning department fees.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Change the subdivision plat fee from $150.00 to $200.00
- Change the lot split fee from $125.00 to $150.00

The fee changes will be effective on January 1, 2024.

FUNDING SOURCE
This revenue is included in the fiscal year 2024 community planning fund budget.

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

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-537 ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 9, Filing Fees, of the Subdivision Regulations, Appendix 29B as adopted by Ordinance No. 97-161 of the City of Joplin and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 9, Filing Fees, of the Subdivision Regulations, Appendix 29B 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.

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

Section 1. That Section 9, Filing Fees, of the Subdivision Regulations, Appendix 29B as adopted by Ordinance No. 97-161 be repealed and a new Section 9, Filing Fees, of the Subdivision Regulations, Appendix 29B of the City of Joplin be enacted in lieu thereof to read as follows:

"**CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI**
SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

SECTION 9

FILING FEES

1. Subdivision Plats: There shall be paid by all persons or corporations submitting preliminary plats for approval by the City a filing fee of Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00), plus Fifteen Dollars ($15.00) per lot. This fee shall be paid at the time that the preliminary plat is submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission and shall apply to approval of the preliminary plat and final plat, provided that the final plat, includes the same area to be subdivided as the preliminary plat.

2. Lot Splits: The filing fee for lot splits shall be One Hundred Fifty Dollars ($150.00).

3. 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 charge.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2024.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this

_____ day of _____, 2023.

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Douglas W. Lawson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney