# CITY OF JOPLIN
# COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

**ITEM**
Council Bill 2023-539 – Approving certain fee changes in public works

**MEETING DATE**
November 20, 2023

**ORIGINATING DEPT**
Finance

**ATTACHMENTS**
CB 2023-539 Ordinance

**REVIEWED BY**
Department Head: Leslie Haase; Public Works Director: Dan Johnson; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

**SUMMARY**
This Council Bill changes certain existing fees in the public works 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 public works department fees.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Remove the sewer saddle/clay pipe fee of $200.00

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

**FUNDING SOURCE**
This is not applicable for this item.

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

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-539 ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 118-235, Permit fee, Connection Fee, and other Sewer Fees, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 7, Building Sewers, of Chapter 118, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin, and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 118-235, Permit Fee, Connection Fee, and other Sewer Fees, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 7, Building Sewers, of Chapter 118, Utilities, 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 change certain 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 118-235, Permit Fee, Connection Fee, and other Sewer Fees, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 7, Building Sewers, of Chapter 118, Utilities, be repealed and a new Section 118-235, Permit Fee, Connection Fee, and other Sewer Fees, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 7, Building Sewers, of Chapter 118, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin be enacted in lieu thereof to read as follows:

**"**ARTICLE II. SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Division 7. Building Sewers

**Sec. 118-235. Permit fee, connection fee, and other sewer fees.**

(1) *Fees.*

(a) A sewer reconnection permit and inspection fee of $100.00 shall be charged for any sewer reconnection service inside the limits of the City of Joplin.

(b) A sewer reconnection permit and inspection fee of $125.00 shall be charged for any sewer reconnection service outside the limits of the City of Joplin.

(c) A sewer new connection permit and inspection fee of $300.00 shall be charged for any new sewer connection service inside the limits of the City of Joplin.

(d) A sewer new connection permit and inspection fee of $400.00 shall be charged for any new sewer connection service outside the limits of the City of Joplin.

(e) A sewer extension permit and inspection fee of $300.00 shall be charged for any new sewer extension inside the limits of the City of Joplin.

(f) A sewer extension permit and inspection fee of $400.00 shall be charged for any new sewer extension outside the limits of the City of Joplin.
(g) There shall be an additional sewer riser locate permit fee of $100.00 for city personnel to inspect or locate a sewer connection point to the city sewer main."

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