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**REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: MARCH 21, 2016**

**ITEM: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2016-507**

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

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**Department Head: Leslie Haase**

**Public Works Director: Nick Heatherly**

**City Attorney: Peter Edwards**

**City Manager: Sam Anselm**

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**INTRODUCTION:**

This Council Bill changes certain language related to utilities.

**DISCUSSION:**

Following the bi-annual user fee review, certain fee increases and changes were implemented with an effective date of January 1, 2016. The language for the sewer connection fee was inadvertently reversed between district sewer and public sewer. This ordinance changes 1(a) to district sewer and 1(b) to public sewer to ensure the appropriate terminology for the related fees.

The fee language change will be effective on May 1, 2016.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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 other language changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Joplin desires to make language changes to help ensure effective and efficient operations.

**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Sewer Fees, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 7, Building Sewers, of Chapter 118, Utilities, be repealed and a new Section 118-235, Permit Fee, Connection Fee, and other Sewer Fees, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 7, Building Sewers, of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 \$75.00 shall be charged for any district sewer reconnection service.
- (b) A sewer reconnection permit and inspection fee of \$100.00 shall be charged for any public sewer reconnection service.
- (c) A sewer new connection permit and inspection fee of \$200.00 shall be charged for an inside the city new sewer connection service or \$300.00 shall be charged for an outside the city new sewer connection service.
- (d) An additional connection fee of \$1,500.00 shall be charged for each inside the city public sewer tap or \$2,500.00 shall be charged for each outside the city public sewer tap, which fee shall be in consideration of the perpetual rights to the use of the public sewer system by the applicant and his successors in interest, however, subject to the conditions, restrictions and

limitations contained in the permit issued therefore. Whenever any person connects with a sanitary sewer and pays a fee, a sanitary sewer tax or special tax bill for constructing a sanitary sewer that is legally levied, and in case his property that is so connected with a sanitary sewer is placed in another sewer district or joint sewer district, he shall be required to pay his proportionate part for constructing the sewer. The previously paid fee shall then be refunded.

- (e) There shall be an additional fee of \$175.00 as determined by the director of public works when sewer connection work as described in this section is performed on concrete and/or clay pipes.
- (f) There shall be an additional sewer riser locate permit fee of \$30.00 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 May 1, 2016.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Michael L. Seibert, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney