

**REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** April 18, 2016

**ITEM:** Council Bill No. 2016-003 amending Chapter 42, Courts, Article II, Municipal Court, Division 1, Generally, Section 35, Court costs and other fees. In general, repealing Section 42-35(g) of the Joplin City Code.

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**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Legal

**ATTACHMENTS:** Council Bill No. 2016-003

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**INTRODUCTION:**

This Council Bill amends Chapter 42, Courts, Article II, Municipal Court, Division 1, Generally, Section 35, Court costs and other fees. Specifically, it repeals Section 42-35(g) of the Joplin City Code.

**DISCUSSION:**

Section 42-35(g) of the City’s Code of Ordinances provides that “In addition to the warrant issuance fee, an arrest fee of \$50.00 shall be assessed against any person who is physically arrested pursuant to such warrant.”

The Municipal Court has not assessed this fee in many years. According to court records, the ordinance stopped being enforced in 2006. The non-enforcement of Section 42-35(g) was raised in the recent State audit of the Municipal Court. Following a review of the audit by the administrator and court clerk, it has been requested that this sub-Section of the Code be repealed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff presents this Council Bill be placed on First Reading.

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