

**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2014-025**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-183**

**AN ORDINANCE**

amending subparagraph (e), Section 42-35, Court costs and other fees, Article II, Municipal Court, of Chapter 42, Courts, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin.

WHEREAS, the State has passed legislation that allows the court to increase certain existing fees for shelters for victims of domestic violence, and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Joplin desires to increase these fees in order to better support victims of domestic violence.

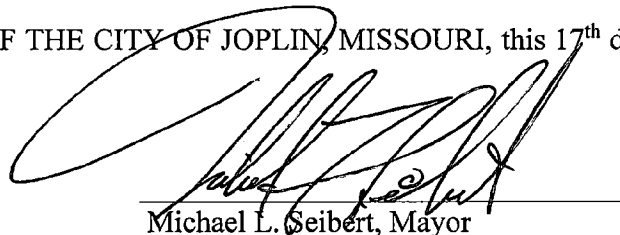
BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. That subparagraph (e), Section 42-35, Court costs and other fees, Article II, Municipal Court, of Chapter 42, Courts, be amended to read as follows

(e) In addition to all other court costs described in this section, additional costs of \$4.00 shall be assessed as costs in all cases filed in municipal court. The judge may waive assessment of such costs in those cases where the defendant is found by the judge to be indigent and unable to pay the costs. Such costs shall be collected by the clerk and disbursed at least monthly for deposit in a fund for the provision of operating expenses for shelters for battered persons pursuant to RSMo 488.607 in such proportion as the city council shall from time-to-time decide. The funds shall stand appropriated upon receipt for such use. No fee as described in this subsection shall be collected in any proceeding when the proceeding or defendant has been dismissed by the court.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2015.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.



Michael L. Seibert, Mayor

ATTEST:



Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney