

AN ORDINANCE

amending Section 42-35, Court costs and other fees, of Article II, Municipal Court, Division I, Generally, of Chapter 42, Courts, 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 has the ability to assess an additional court fee to help offset the cost of operating the jail services, and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Joplin desires to establish this new fee 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 42-35, Court costs and other fees, of Article II, Municipal Court, Division I, Generally, of Chapter 42, Courts, be amended by the addition of subsection (i) which shall read as follows:

Sec. 42-35. Court costs and other fees.

(i) In addition to all other court costs described in this section, upon order of the Judge of the Municipal Court an additional cost of \$20.00 shall be assessed to every person who shall be committed to the municipal jail, by lawful authority, for any offense or misdemeanor, upon a plea of guilty or a finding of guilt for each offense to offset the expense of carrying him or her to said jail, and also his or her support while in jail. 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.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2010.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 2nd day of November, 2009.

Gary L. Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST: Barbara L Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Brian W Head, City Attorney