

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 62, Health and Sanitation, of the Joplin City Code by adding a new Section 62-31, Fees for communicable disease, general health and environmental services, of Article II. Administration, of Division I Generally, establishing authority for the director of public health and welfare to establish a schedule of fees for various communicable disease, general health and environmental services, and containing an emergency clause.

WHEREAS, the Joplin Health Department does provide various public health services to members of the community, and

WHEREAS, some services are provided free of charge due to outside funding sources or as appropriate to preserve the public health, and

WHEREAS, the Joplin City Health Department has the ability to provide certain public health services for a fee when services are desired and when outside funding sources are not available and where these fees will not impede the health of the community.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 62-31, Fees for communicable disease, general health and environmental services, of Article II. Administration, of Division 1 Generally, of Chapter 62 Health and Sanitation of the Joplin City Code be added to read as follows:

“Sec. 62-31. Fees for communicable disease, general health, and environmental services.

- (a) The director of the department of public health and welfare shall be authorized to establish fees for various communicable disease, general health, and environmental services, which shall be based upon actual cost of such services.
- (b) The schedule of fees shall be posted annually by the city clerk of the city in a public place and shall be posted on the city’s web site.
- (c) No resident of the city shall be denied essential communicable disease control services based on inability to pay. There shall be a presumption that clients are able to pay the fees established by this ordinance. A client who claims to be unable to pay the fees may present proof to the Joplin City Health Department that the client is unable to pay the fees. If the Joplin City Health Department finds that the client is unable to pay the fees, the Joplin City Health Department

may reduce its administrative charge fees set annually by the department, and based upon criteria defined by the director.

- (d) Nothing in this ordinance shall prevent the city health department to raise or lower “outside costs” as may be deemed financially or legally necessary during the course of the fiscal year. Outside Costs means those costs incurred by the Joplin City Health Department for goods and services provided to the Joplin City Health Department by private and/or public laboratories, testing facilities, clinics, physicians or other health care providers, vaccine manufacturers or providers, including but not limited to laboratory charges, testing supplies, vaccine purchases and screening supplies.”

Section 2. That this Ordinance dealing with public health, is an emergency within the meaning of Section 2.12(1) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and, as such, shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption and approval.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 18th day of February 2014, by a vote of 9-0.

Melodee Colbert-Kean, Mayor

ATTEST: Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Brian W. Head, City Attorney