

AN ORDINANCE

amending Subsections (c) and (d)(1) of Sec. 54-63 of Chapter 54, Environment, Article II., Nuisances, and Subsection (4)(e) of Sec. 82-234., Removal of graffiti by property owner or city. Article VI., Graffiti Abatement, for the purpose of making certain changes.

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

Section 1. That Subsection (c) of Section 54-63. Abatement by city of the Joplin City Code, be amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 54-63. Abatement by city.

(c) *Determination of costs; payment to contractors.* Following the cutting and removal of vegetation referred to in this section, the City shall ascertain the cost against each lot or tract of ground, and if the services have been performed by an individual or independent contractor, payment shall be made to him from General Fund Account No. 32-317.”

Section 2. That Subsection (d)(1) of section 54-63. Abatement by city., of the Joplin City Code, be amended to read as follows:

“(d)(1) *Payment of costs; costs declared lien; special tax bill.* The cost of cutting and removing weeds, brush and other rank vegetation, and the abatement of the nuisances caused thereby, may be assessed and collected as a lien on the property affected thereby. As soon as the costs of the cutting and removal of weeds and rank vegetation and the abatement of the nuisance caused thereby shall be determined, the City shall notify, by letter deposited in the United States mail, the owners, lessees or agents in control of the property of the cost. If after 30 days after the mailing of the notices the costs of cutting and removing the weeds, brush and rank vegetation and the abatement of the nuisance caused thereby is not paid, the City shall assess and charge against the tracts of land from which the weeds, brush and rank vegetation have been cut or removed the cost of the cutting or removal, which assessment shall be a lien on the property charged from the date of the issuance of a special tax bill, which shall bear interest at the rate of seven percent per annum until paid. Within 30 days after the issuance of the tax bill, the director of finance shall record the tax bill in the special tax record, showing the property assessed, the date of issuance and the rate of interest thereon.”

Section 3. That Subsection (4)(e) of Section 82-234. Prohibited Acts. Article VI., Graffiti Abatement, to read as follows:

“Sec. 82-234. Removal of graffiti by property owner or city.

(4)(e). *Lien.* As to such property where the responsible party is the property owner, if all or any portion of the assessed eradication charges remain unpaid after 30 days, the portion thereof that remains unpaid shall constitute a lien on the property that was the subject of the eradication effort. The City shall certify the cost of same and the director of finance shall issue a special tax bill against the property in question.”

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 18th day of November, 2013.



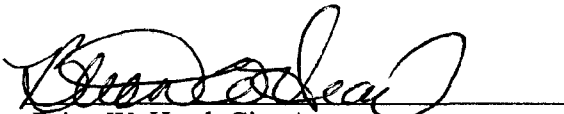
Melodee Colbert-Kean, Mayor

ATTEST:



Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Brian W. Head, City Attorney

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