



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 24-65 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title VIII, Fees, Chapter 805 ("Fee Schedule"), Section 805.050 ("Buildings And Zoning"), Section 805.080 ("Parks And Recreation Fees"), and Section 805.100 ("Utility Administration") of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri.

Submitted By: David Cameron, City Administrator

Date: November 19, 2024

Issue Statement

To amend the city-wide fees as part of the annual budget review process.

Discussion and/or Analysis

BUILDS Department changes:

Community Development Staff have updated the fee sheet as it relates to Title IV Land Use and Title V Building and Construction to more accurately reflect the cost of materials and labor expended by the City.

Notably, some building permit fees were raised. In all such cases, this change was made to better encompass the number of inspections required to close out a given permit. The cost of construction permitting was also raised. In this instance, fees are directly related to the installation and, later, dedication of new water and sewer mains, stormwater system components, and roadway/sidewalk. Fees are collected to assist in offsetting some of the costs for maintaining this infrastructure. To be effective, those fees must be commensurate with increases in the prices for materials. Similarly, the fees relating to the installation and purchasing of water meters has been updated to reflect our costs for labor and materials in 2024-25.

Parks and Recreation Department changes:

The Parks Department reviews its fees for all programs, events and facilities on a yearly basis. Through this process, we look at area trends, staffing costs, and operating costs among other factors. After reviewing fees for 2025, some increases were made in the areas of athletics, aquatics, and community programs. These increases are a direct response of a continued increase in commodity and operating costs as well as an increase in staffing costs to remain competitive in the market.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.