

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: January 2, 2018

ITEM: Council Bill No. 2018-015, enacting changes to Chapter 42, Courts, Article II, Municipal Court, Section 42-35, Court costs and other fees, by repealing Section 42-35 subsections (f) and (i).

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Municipal Court

ATTACHMENTS: Council Bill No. 2018-015

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INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill enacts changes to Chapter 42, Courts, Article II, Municipal Court, Section 42-35, Court costs and other fees, by repealing Section 42-35 subsections (f) and (i), for the purpose of making the Joplin City Code consistent with Missouri state law.

DISCUSSION:

Section 42-35(f) of the Joplin City Code authorizes a warrant issuance fee of \$25.00. Section 42-35(i) of the Joplin City Code authorizes a booking fee of \$20.00. Recent changes to Missouri state law have made Section 42-35 inconsistent with state law. Specifically, the Municipal Court concurs with the opinion of the Office of State Courts Administrator that these types of fees are not authorized by any state statute or court rule. Section 42-35 subsections (f) and (i) should be repealed in order to make Section 42-35 consistent with state law.

Staff recommends this Council Bill be placed on First Reading.

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