

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



Agenda Item Number: B 234-14

Department Source: Community Development - BSD

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 4, 2014

Re: Amending Chapter 6 and Chapter 24 of the City's Code of Ordinances to revise sign permit and right of way permit fees.

Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council Memo

Resolution/Ordinance

Supporting documentation includes: Diagram (bar chart)

Executive Summary

The sign permit fee is currently \$45.00 for the first fifty (50) square feet plus \$0.15 for each additional square foot. Staff proposes to raise the permit fee to \$75.00 for the first fifty (50) square feet plus \$0.25 for each additional square foot. The sign permit fee was last changed in 2007.

The right of way permit fee is currently \$10.00. Staff proposes to raise the permit fee to \$50.00. The right of way permit fee was last changed in 1992.

Discussion

The sign permit fee was last changed in 2007 when the cost per additional square foot was changed from \$0.10 to \$0.15. Staff proposes to raise the permit fee to \$75.00 for the first fifty (50) square feet plus \$0.25 for each additional square foot. Staff researched several Missouri cities using a 100 square foot wall sign as the test case to determine a proper fee to propose. A bar chart is attached to show how the City would compare to those cities following adoption. The City's sign permit fee on the test case would go from \$52.50 to \$87.50.

The right of way permit was last changed in 1992 when the fee was raised from \$1.00 to the \$10.00 that it is today. A right of way permit is required to complete construction within the City's right of way. Common examples of right of way permits include a new drive approach, sidewalk, street repair, etc. Staff research indicated that as of 2012 the major cities within the State of Missouri had right of way permit fees which ranged as follows:

Springfield - \$56.00 to \$80.00

Kansas City - \$208.00 to \$250.00

Jefferson City - \$50.00 to \$200.00

St. Louis - flat fee of \$195.00

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Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The changes to the sign permit fee change the projected fiscal year 2015 revenue from \$18,000 to approximately \$31,500. The changes to the right of way permit fee change the projected fiscal year 2015 revenues from \$9,010 to \$45,050. Therefore staff estimates that these changes will result in an increase of approximately \$50,000 over previous projections.

Long-Term Impact: Consistent with the short-term impacts stated above.

Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Plan Impact: Financial Health

Comprehensive Plan Impact: Not Applicable

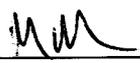
Suggested Council Action

Approval of the ordinance.

Legislative History

None.


Department Approved


City Manager Approved

Introduced by _____

First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 234-14

AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 6 of the City Code as it relates to sign permit fees; amending Chapter 24 of the City Code as it relates to right-of-way permit fees; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 6-17. Amendments.

The code adopted by this article is hereby amended by substituting the following sections in lieu of those sections with corresponding numbers in the code, or, where there is no corresponding section in the code, the following sections shall be enacted as additions to the code:

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109.2.3 Signs: The fee for signs, billboards and other display structures for which permits are required under the provisions of the Sign Regulations shall be ~~forty-five dollars (\$45.00)~~ seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for not more than fifty (50) square feet. For each sign over fifty (50) square feet - ~~forty-five dollars (\$45.00)~~ seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) plus ~~fifteen cents (\$0.15)~~ twenty-five cents (\$0.25) for each square foot over fifty (50).

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SECTION 2. Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 24-43. Fee.

An application for a permit hereunder shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00).

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after October 1, 2014.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor



SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS INCLUDED WITH THIS AGENDA ITEM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Diagram (bar chart)

Sign Permit Fee (Ex. 100 s.f. Wall Sign)

