JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025
5th FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
602 S. MAIN ST. JOPLIN MO
6:00 P.M.

This meeting can be viewed live on KGCS-TV channel 21 and regional cable television systems including Sparklight in Joplin; or livestream at http://www.joplinmo.org/182/Video-Multimedia

Persons wishing to address the City Council regarding an item on the agenda should complete a Request to Address Council and give it to the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. When your name is called, approach the podium, and state your name clearly for the record. If your request pertains to a Public Hearing item, you do not need to submit a request. You will have five (5) minutes to speak.

PLEASE NOTE: No outside electronic devices are allowed to be used on City equipment without prior City approval. If you have handouts, you must provide 12 copies of the material to the City Clerk.

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Reading Of The Special Called**
4. **Public Hearings**
    1. Public Hearing Procedures

        Documents:

        PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES.PDF

    2. Public Hearing On The 2025-2026 Property Tax Rate
5. **Ordinances - Emergency**
    1. COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-530
       AN ORDINANCE levying taxes in the City of Joplin, Missouri for the year 2025 in the amount of Seventeen and One Hundredths Cents ($0.1710) on One Hundred Dollars of valuation of all real property in said City, and levying taxes in the Joplin Public Library District for the year 2025 in the amount of Twenty-Three and Eighty-Two Hundredths Cents ($0.2382) on One Hundred Dollars of valuation of all real property in said District; and, containing an emergency clause.

        Documents:

        CB 2025-530 SUMMARY SHEET OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY.PDF
        CB 2025-530 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE.PDF
        CB 2025-530 LEGAL AD FOR 2026 PROPERTY TAX.PDF
        CB 2025-530 PROPERTY TAX LEVY CALCULATION.PDF

Notice posted at 10 a.m. on this the 21st day of August, 2025. (RSMo 610.020)

PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES

Persons wishing to testify before the City Council are requested to follow these rules:

1. Proponents of the issue will be asked to present their information, then the opponents will be asked to testify and then rebuttal testimony may be allowed by the Council.

2. Approach the podium and state your name and address clearly for the record.

3. Please give your testimony as briefly and completely as possible. By the rules of the City Council you have five (5) minutes within which to give your testimony. Please follow the clock on the dais in front of you. You must complete your testimony within the 5 minute time limit.

4. Please do not repeat testimony that has been given previously. We want you to state your facts, but limit your information to only new information.

5. Everyone is invited to speak, however, if you have a spokesperson please allow them to speak without interrupting for applause or other demonstrations.

6. When the Public Hearing is closed by the Mayor, no additional testimony is allowed except when invited by the Mayor or other members of the Council.

7. Remember that this is a Public Hearing and all sides have a right to give testimony. Please respect their right to do so.

8. The City Council of the City of Joplin through this introduction, accepts into evidence the 2012 Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Code of the City of Joplin, the Subdivision Regulations of the City of Joplin, the Telecommunications Ordinance, and the Stormwater Management Regulations of the City of Joplin being Appendices 29-A, 29-B, 29-D, 29-E and 29-F of the Joplin Municipal Code. Report of the Planning and Zoning Commission, recommendations of the City's staff, and other written documentation presented as that information applies to each public hearing.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-530 – Approving the real property tax levy in the City of Joplin

MEETING DATE
August 25, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2025-530 Ordinance; Public Hearing Notice; and Average Property Tax Calculation

REVIEWED BY
Department Head: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill approves the real property tax levy in the City of Joplin, including the Library property tax levy.

BACKGROUND
This is a public hearing to discuss the proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 property tax levy for the City of Joplin and for the affirmation of the tax levy of the Joplin Public Library District. The maximum authorized property tax levy is 54.0 cents and the CPI is 2.90% based on calculations by the State Auditor's office. The property tax of the City of Joplin represents a very small portion of the overall property tax liability for the citizens of Joplin. Property tax provides nearly 1.5% of the general government revenue and is used to fund a portion of Health, Parks and Solid Waste activities.

Staff is recommending the acceptance of the amount calculated utilizing the State Auditor's worksheet at $.1710, which represents a decrease of $.0036 in the City property tax rate from $.1746. The library rate will also decrease by $.0077 from $.2459 in 2024 to $.2382 in 2025 as set forth by Missouri Statute. The total rate will decrease by $.0113 to $.4092 from $.4205 per $100 of assessed valuation. Property tax is expected to generate $1,342,977.00 for the City and $1,666,549.00 for the library. The property tax for a home with an assessed valuation of $100,000 will decrease from $79.90 to $77.75 for both the city and the library portion of the property tax, which is an annual decrease of $2.15.

If the proposed rate is passed, the City's property tax revenue will increase $29,970 from the increase in new construction and territory, while revenue will increase $37,005 due to the amount allowed for reassessment under the approved CPI rate. The Library's property tax revenue will increase $21,045 as a result of new construction and territory, while revenue will increase $46,375 due to the amount allowed for reassessment under the approved CPI rate. Joplin's new construction and territory is $17,611,390, while the Library's value is $9,331,720.

According to preliminary assessment valuations for 2025 released by the County Clerk's Offices of Jasper and Newton Counties, the assessed valuations for each county for the city are:

	2024	2025
Jasper County	$588,413,328	$633,930,737
Newton County	172,851,110	184,158,730
Total – Both Counties	$761,264,438	$818,089,467

FUNDING SOURCE

This item is not applicable for this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this council bill on an emergency basis. Property tax rates must be set by the end of August by state statute.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-530 ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE levying taxes in the City of Joplin, Missouri for the year 2025 in the amount of Seventeen and One Hundredths Cents ($0.1710) on One Hundred Dollars of valuation of all real property in said City, and levying taxes in the Joplin Public Library District for the year 2025 in the amount of Twenty-Three and Eighty-Two Hundredths Cents ($0.2382) on One Hundred Dollars of valuation of all real property in said District; and, containing an emergency clause.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. There be and is hereby levied Five and Seventy Hundredths Cents ($0.0570) on One Hundred Dollars valuation of all such property as is assessed by the City and County Assessors jointly, except household property, as passed upon and equalized by the Board of Equalization for the purposes of creating a fund for Health and Welfare of the City of Joplin.

Section 2. There be and is hereby levied Five and Seventy Hundredths Cents ($0.0570) on One Hundred Dollars valuation of all such property as is assessed by the City and County Assessors jointly, except household property, as passed upon and equalized by the Board of Equalization for the purposes of creating a fund for Solid Waste Management of the City of Joplin.

Section 3. There be and is hereby levied Five and Seventy Hundredths Cents ($0.0570) on One Hundred Dollars valuation of all such property as is assessed by City and County Assessors jointly, except household property, as passed upon and equalized by the Board of Equalization for the purposes of creating a fund for Parks and Recreation of the City of Joplin.

Section 4. There be and is hereby levied Twenty-Three and Eighty-Two Hundredths Cents ($0.2382) on One Hundred Dollars valuation of all such property as is assessed by the City and County Assessors jointly, except household property, as passed upon and equalized by the Board of Equalization for the purpose of creating a fund for the Public Library District of the City of Joplin.

Section 5. That this Ordinance, fixing a tax rate or assessment of the City, is an emergency within the meaning of Section 2.12(5) of THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as an ordinance setting a tax rate and shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day of _____, 2025, by a _____vote.

_____
Keenan T. Cortez, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____
Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney

CITY OF JOPLIN
PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Joplin, Missouri will hold a public hearing during a special council meeting of the City Council on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Joplin City Hall located at 602 South Main Street, Joplin, Missouri.

The purpose of the hearing will be to obtain public input concerning the proposed real estate tax levy for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The tables below provide the preliminary assessed valuations for 2024 and 2025 of taxable real property located within the City of Joplin and the Joplin Library District for comparative purposes. Also presented are the estimated net tax collections for each of the funds for which a tax is levied. Final rates adopted by Council may change slightly due to final assessed values sent to the State by the County. The City of Joplin and the Joplin Library District only assesses real property tax. There is no assessment for personal property tax.

Entity	2024 Locally Assessed Valuation	2025 Locally Assessed Valuation	2025-2026 Estimated Tax Revenue	Estimated Delinquent Taxes (4%)	2025-2026 Estimated Net Tax Receipts
City of Joplin	$761,264,438	$818,089,467	$1,398,933	$55,957	$1,342,976
Joplin Public Library	$677,413,136	$728,794,516	$1,735,989	$69,440	$1,666,549
			$3,134,922	$125,397	$3,009,525

TAX REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR 2024-2025

Fund	2024 Tax Rate	Proposed 2025 Tax Rate	Estimated 2024 Net Tax Revenues	Projected 2025 Net Tax Revenues	Projected Increase in Tax Revenues
Health & Welfare Fund	$0.0582	$0.0570	$425,334	$447,659	$22,325
Parks & Recreation Fund	$0.0582	$0.0570	$425,334	$447,659	$22,325
Solid Waste Mgmt Fund	$0.0582	$0.0570	$425,334	$447,659	$22,325
Joplin Public Library	$0.2459	$0.2382	$1,599,129	$1,666,549	$67,420
TOTALS	$0.4205	$0.4092	$2,875,130	$3,009,525	$134,395

If proposed rate is passed, City of Joplin projected increase in revenue due to new construction and new territory	$29,970
If proposed rate is passed, City of Joplin projected increase in revenue due to reassessment	$37,005
If proposed rate is passed, Joplin Public Library projected increase in revenue due to new construction and new territory	$21,045
If proposed rate is passed, Joplin Public Library projected increase in revenue due to reassessment	$46,375

Leslie Haase, C.P.A., C.M.A.
Director of Finance
City of Joplin, Missouri

CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI
PROPERTY TAX LEVY CALCULATION
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

NEW TAX RATE

APPRAISED VALUE OF RESIDENCE	MULTIPLIED BY	ASSESSMENT RATIO FOR RESIDENTIAL	DIVIDED BY	PER $100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION	MULTIPLIED **CITY & LIBRARY** RATE	EQUALS	TAX LIABILITY PER YEAR
$ 100,000.00	X	19%	/	100	0.4092	=	$ 77.75

PRIOR YEAR TAX RATE

APPRAISED VALUE OF RESIDENCE	MULTIPLIED BY	ASSESSMENT RATIO FOR RESIDENTIAL	DIVIDED BY	PER $100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION	MULTIPLIED **CITY & LIBRARY** RATE	EQUALS	TAX LIABILITY PER YEAR
$ 100,000.00	X	19%	/	100	0.4205	=	$ 79.90

Total Decrease in Tax Liability **$ (2.15)**