CITY OF JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: January 4, 2016

ITEM: Council Bill No. 2016-001 amending Chapter 82, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article III, Offenses Against Public Peace; authorizing the City of Joplin to enact an ordinance specific to illegal drug use in the form of inhalants.

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legal
ATTACHMENTS: Council Bill No. 2016-001

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INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill amends Chapter 82, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article III, Offenses Against Public Peace. Specifically, the bill enacts an ordinance specific to drug use in the form of inhalants.

DISCUSSION:

The City's Code of Ordinances does not include an offense specific to illegal drug use in the form of inhalants. This offense has become more common which has forced other Missouri cities to enact similar ordinances. By enacting an ordinance specific to illegal drug use in the form of inhalants, the law and records thereof will be easier to understand and enforce, and be more consistent with the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff presents this Council Bill on an Emergency basis.

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