CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-600 – Amending Chapter 114, Traffic, Article III, Operation of Vehicles.

MEETING DATE
January 6, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Police Department

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2025-600

REVIEWED BY
Dept. Head: Police Chief Richard Pearson; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nicholas Edwards.

SUMMARY
This Council Bill amends Chapter 114 of the City Code relating to traffic by adopting an ordinance to mirror state statute RSMo section 304.822.

BACKGROUND
The state of Missouri adopted statute 304.822 on August 28, 2023. The statute prohibits Electronic Communication Device use while driving. This statute allows for the imposition of fines for violating the statute, effective January 1, 2025. Missouri Department of Transportation encourages municipalities to adopt ordinances mirroring this statute to mitigate traffic crashes and increase safety for motorists and pedestrians and staff feels that this requirement could be needed to get MODOT grant funding in the future. In addition, staff feels that the passage of the ordinance is good for the increasing vehicle and pedestrian safety.

FUNDING SOURCE
N/A

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on First Reading.