Joplin Fire Department
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Fire Chief Gerald Ezell

December 20, 2024

TO: Joplin City Council
From: Gerald Ezell, Fire Chief
City of Joplin Fire Department

Mayor Cortez and Council,

This letter is to serve as an explanation for the Emergency Ordinance put forth by the Joplin Fire Department in Ordinance 2025-603.
We were notified by our vendors that there would be a 10% increase in the cost of the hose package beginning on January 1, 2025. However, our vendor that provided the winning bid agreed to keep us at the lower cost until January 8, 2025, to give us time to garner council support for the purchase.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter, and we truly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Gerald S. Ezell, CFO, EFO
Fire Chief
Joplin Fire Department