CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2026- 108 authorizing the purchase of property for the Grand Falls Visitor Parking area and authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a real estate purchase agreement with Stephen M. Matlock and Alex E. Matlock for approximately one acre of land and authorizing the City Manager of his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective.

MEETING DATE
February 2, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works - Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2026-108; Real Estate Purchase Agreement

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works, Daniel Johnson; Finance Director, Leslie Haase; City Attorney, Peter Edwards; Assistant City Manager, Tony Robyn; City Manager, Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY
This council bill authorizes the City of Joplin to enter into a real estate purchase agreement for the purchase of land for the Grand Falls Visitor Parking area.

BACKGROUND
Grand Falls has been a recreational draw for residents and our area communities. It has been listed by the State Historical Society of Missouri as the state's tallest continuously flowing natural waterfall. In August of 2011, voters renewed the Parks and Storm Water ¼ cent Sales Tax, which included the Grand Falls Trail project, a one-mile paved pedestrian and bike trail. As part of the continued improvements to the Grand Falls area, the proposed property acquisition will allow for the construction of restroom facilities and visitor parking. The compensation amount was determined by a professional appraisal of the property

FUNDING SOURCE
This purchase was included in the Fiscal 2026 Parks and Stormwater Budget.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommend approval of Council Bill 2026-108 on first reading.