CITY OF JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: February 16, 2016

ITEM: Council Bill No. 2016-005 amending Chapter 114, Traffic, Article II, Administration and Enforcement; authorizing the Joplin Police Department to obtain, store, and track uniform traffic tickets.

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legal
ATTACHMENTS: Council Bill No. 2016-005

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INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill amends Chapter 114, Traffic, Article II, Administration and Enforcement. Specifically, the bill amends the ordinance to allow the Joplin Police Department to buy, store, and track uniform traffic tickets, a responsibility currently assigned to the Municipal Court.

DISCUSSION:

The City's Code of Ordinances currently stipulates that the Municipal Court is responsible for obtaining and storing ticket books. This practice is fairly unique in the industry, as most cities allow their police departments to order, store, and track ticket books. By amending the ordinance, this process can be assigned to the Joplin Police Department and streamlined; the tracking of the tickets, which is required by statute, will also be centralized and more accurate.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that this Council Bill be passed on First Reading and advanced to Second and Third Reading.

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