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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:	Peter C. Edwards
CITY MANAGER:	Samuel L. Anselm
POLICE CHIEF:	Jason Burns
COURT ADMINISTRATOR:	Lamonte Ratcliff

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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COUNCIL BILL NO. 2016-005 ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 114, Traffic, Article II, Administration and Enforcement. In general, amending Section 114-121 of the Joplin City Code.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

WHEREAS, the City's Code of Ordinances currently specifies that the municipal court shall provide uniform traffic tickets; and

WHEREAS, by amending the ordinance specific to ticket books, the process of obtaining and inventory control of uniform traffic tickets will be streamlined and be more consistent with the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court Administrator and City of Joplin Police Chief are in agreement with this proposed change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 114-121, Ticket books, shall be amended as follows:

"Sec. 114-121-Ticket books.

(a) The municipality shall provide books containing uniform traffic tickets as prescribed by Supreme Court Rule No. 37.46. Said books shall include serially numbered sets of citations in quadruplicate in the form prescribed by Supreme Court Rule.
(b) Such books shall be issued to the chief of police or his duly authorized agent, a record shall be maintained of every book so issued and a written receipt shall be required for every book. The judge or judges hearing municipal ordinance violation cases may require that a copy of such record and receipts be filed with the court.
(c) The chief of police shall be responsible for the issuance of such books to individual members of the police department. The chief of police shall require a written receipt for every book so issued and shall maintain a record of every such book and each set of citations contained therein."

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day of _____, 2016, by a vote of _____.

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Michael L. Seibert, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney