COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-606 **ORDINANCE NO.**

AN ORDINANCE approving the purchase of annual insurance premiums from multiple insurance carriers to provide property, casualty and liability coverage for the City of Joplin; authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement, and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, that on January 1, 2026 Higginbotham Insurance Agency went to market on behalf of the City of Joplin to purchase of annual insurance from multiple insurance carriers to provide property, casualty, and liability coverage for the City of Joplin; and,

WHEREAS, Higginbotham outlined the detailed cost breakdown for said insurance coverage and annual premiums;

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

Section 1. That the City enter into an agreement with Higginbothan Insurance Agency to renew the City's annual property, casualty and liability insurance coverage from multiple carriers, as outlined in the detailed cost breakdown in accordance with the proposal received March 9, 2026, a true and accurate copy of said costs being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A", be, and the same is, hereby approved.

Section 2. That the City enter into an agreement with Higginbotham Insurance Agency effective for a period of one year from April 7, 2026 at midnight until April 7, 2027 at midnight, upon mutual agreement of both parties, a true and accurate copy of the same being attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B" and the same is hereby approved.

Section 3. That the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Insurance Renewal Proposal Acceptance Contract/Purchase Order by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri.

Section 4. That this Ordinance shall become effective on April 7, 2026.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day

of _____, 2026, by a _____vote.

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Keenan T. Cortez, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney