# CITY OF JOPLIN
# COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

**ITEM:**
Council Bill No. 2025-002 – AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 82. Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 82-50. Receiving Stolen Property.

**MEETING DATE**
March 17, 2025

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT**
Legal Department

**ATTACHMENTS**
Council Bill No. 2025-002

**REVIEWED BY**
City Attorney Peter Edwards; Police Chief Richard Pearson; and City Manager Nicholas Edwards.

**SUMMARY**
This Council Bill amends Section 82-50. Receiving Stolen Property by adding a subsection to include shopping carts and language describing shopping carts.

**BACKGROUND**
Stolen and abandoned shopping carts throughout the city constitute a public nuisance by creating blighted areas and at times present safety hazards and environmental concerns. This ordinance allows for criminal prosecution under receiving stolen property when and if a shopping cart is evidence of a crime.

**FUNDING SOURCE**
N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**
Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on First Reading.