City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: April 02, 2018

Item: CDBG-DR Developer Agreement with Joplin Bungalows, LLC
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT**:** Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services

ATTACHMENTS: 1) Council Bill No. 2018-408
2) Joplin Bungalows Developer Agreement

Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services Director:	Troy Bolander
Finance Director:	Leslie Haase
City Attorney:	Peter C. Edwards
City Manager:	Sam L. Anselm

Recommended Action: Approval of Council Bill No. 2018-408

INTRODUCTION:

The following Council Bill is for a developer agreement between the City of Joplin and Joplin Bungalows, LLC a wholly owned subsidiary of Economic Security Corporation of the Southwest Area whose mission is to alleviate the conditions of poverty and provide individuals and families with opportunities that will enable them to achieve economic security. This bill will provide for the development of permanent, affordable housing for senior citizens, homeless veterans, and disabled individuals. The project will also provide supportive services to those who have suffered from homelessness. City Council previously approved this activity in the Round I Community Development Block Grant Program – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Amendment 3 to the Initial Action Plan on November 17, 2014.

DISCUSSION:

This project entails the design and construction of eight (8) fourplexes consisting of thirty-two (32) units on approximately 2 acres of land. The project will provide affordable, long term housing. The eligible demographics include senior citizens, homeless veterans, and disabled individuals. The housing project will also include a recreational area and provide supportive services to those who have suffered homelessness. The project is neighbored by two City parks, including the newly constructed Mercy Park. A Senior Center is also being constructed on the neighboring block. A number of medical services are also located in the surrounding area. This previously disaster impacted area of Joplin is being revitalized by these and other proposed developments will soon be thriving with activity.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends the approval of a developer agreement with Joplin Bungalows, LLC in the amount of $4,000,000.00 for the development of the Joplin Bungalows project on an emergency basis. Therefore, the City hereby declares that based on Section 2.12 (6) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and as such, this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.