COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-264 ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE approving the Development Agreement with ALLO Missouri, LLC to construct a fiber optic network that is able to offer high quality, fiber optic broadband to substantially all residents, anchor institutions, and businesses in the City that are accessible using public rights-of-way and similar public easements, ways and extension and additions thereto. The Network facilities shall be owned and operated by ALLO Missouri and located within the corporate limits of the City; authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract by and on behalf of the City of Joplin.

WHEREAS, in the Smarter Joplin Roadmap expand internet access and improve connectivity was identified as a primary concern in a resident survey; and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Gap Analysis Report identified the specific challenges with connectivity in the city of Joplin including issues with availability, capacity and affordability; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has shown that residents need to be connected to be able to work, educate, and receive healthcare from home; and

WHEREAS, for the City of Joplin to remain competitive in the areas of business attraction and retention, transportation, education, health care and other sectors that rely on the exchange of data and information;

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

Section 1. That the Development Agreement includes a not to exceed amount of Five Million and 00/100 dollars ($5,000,000.00) provided for the construction of an additional and redundant CO, a fiber drop to the City's anchor institutions, and a buried "Mainline Fiber" backbone. This additional request is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) with a deadline of August 31, 2026.

Section 2. That following the execution of the Development Agreement, an additional Council Bill will be presented approving the Non-Exclusive Public ROW License Agreement.

Section 3. That the City Manager or designee, of the City of Joplin, Missouri, is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement(s), or agreement(s) substantially similar in form, for and on behalf of the City of Joplin.

Passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, this _____ day of_____, 2024, by a vote of_____.

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ATTEST: Douglas W Lawson, Mayor

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney

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