CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2024-116 Acquisition by Condemnation Proceedings for the N. Cox Avenue Drainage Improvement Project

MEETING DATE

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works-Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2024-116
Exhibit Drawing

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works: Daniel Johnson; Director of Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services: Troy Bolander; Finance Director: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; Asst. City Manager: Tony Robyn; City Manager: Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill approves an ordinance declaring a public necessity for the acquisition of real property from Dixi A. Villatoro-Reyes, by condemnation proceedings for the N. Cox Avenue Drainage Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND
In April, 2022, City Council authorized the filing of a One Year Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the City of Joplin's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program for fiscal year 2022. Included in the Action Plan were infrastructure improvements to the East Town Area which included the drainage way and box culvert system near 200 N. Cox Avenue.

Currently the City has been unable to reach an agreement with Dixi A. Villatoro-Reyes for the purchase of the North Half of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 9, Original Town of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. The property owner was offered $5,580.00, the fair market value as determined by professional opinion.

FUNDING SOURCE
Community Development Block Grant

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of Council Bill 2024-116 Acquisition by Condemnation Proceedings for the N. Cox Avenue Drainage Improvement Project be approved on an emergency basis, in that said ordinance provides for public improvements and is considered to be an emergency per 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. Furthermore, approval of this council bill will allow acquisition to be finalized, allowing construction to begin as scheduled, avoiding any unnecessary delays to the construction schedule, and is therefore an emergency.