CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill No. 2023-008 – amending Chapter 10 – Alcoholic Beverages, Article I – In General, by enacting a new Section 10-19 – Prohibition of shooters.

MEETING DATE
May 15, 2023

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Legal

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill No. 2023-008

REVIEWED BY
City Attorney Peter Edwards; Police Chief Sloan Rowland; City Manager Nicholas Edwards.

SUMMARY
This Council Bill amends Chapter 10 of the City Code relating to alcoholic beverages by enacting a prohibition of shooters/miniature alcohol bottles.

BACKGROUND
Alcoholic beverages in containers less than or equal to 100 milliliters, commonly referred to as "shooters," have become prevalent in the City.

Due to their small size, shooters are easier to conceal and transport, and disproportionately contribute to violations of the City Code, including prohibitions against littering, open containers, and public intoxication.

Adoption of this amendment is consistent with the City's strategic priorities, including improving community appearance, addressing declining neighborhoods, addressing homelessness, and reducing crime and increasing safety.

FUNDING SOURCE
N/A

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on First Reading.