CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2026-128 – Approving an Occupancy License Agreement between Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad Company Inc. and the City of Joplin

MEETING DATE
May 18th, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works – Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
CB2026-128 Ordinance, Agreement, Exhibit Map

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works, Daniel Johnson; Director of Finance, Leslie Haase; City Attorney, Peter Edwards; Assistant City Manager, Tony Robyn; City Manager, Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill will approve the execution of an Occupancy License Agreement between Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad Company Inc. (MNA) and the City of Joplin, as it pertains to construction of an underground sanitary sewer pipeline crossing related to the 7th Street Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project across railroad right-of-way; establishing certain obligations for the continuation of the occupancy, including payment of an annual fee of Nine Hundred Sixty and 00/100 Dollars ($960.00).

BACKGROUND
In support for the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) roadway improvements project, several City-owned sanitary sewer manholes located within MoDOT's right-of-way must be relocated outside of the project limits. City Council has previously approved a construction agreement with Asbell Companies to complete the sanitary sewer relocation work. The project includes a bored crossing with a 20-inch steel casing installed beneath the railroad right-of-way to accommodate the relocated sewer line.

This agreement authorizes the installation of improvements within the railroad right-of-way and allows the City to maintain and operate the sanitary sewer infrastructure following construction.

FUNDING SOURCE
The annual cost of $960.00 is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Sanitary Sewer Budget. The total budgeted amount for the line-item Fees & Permits is $25,000.00. Adequate funds are available in the Sanitary Sewer Fund for this expenditure.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommend approval of this Council Bill on first reading.