CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2019-127 – Approval of Abatement Order on Consent with DNR

MEETING DATE
May 20, 2019

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works – Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2019-127; Abatement Order on Consent No. 2019-WPCB-1565; Appendix A - The City of Joplin's 2026 Activities Plan of Its System Renewal & Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) Prevention Program; Appendix B – The City's SSO Warning Sign (Draft)

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SUMMARY
This Council Bill authorizes the City of Joplin to enter into Abatement Order on Consent (AOC) No. 2019-WPCB-1565 with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) and Wastewater Treatment Plant Bypasses.

BACKGROUND
Over the past few years, City staff have worked in partnership with DNR to address SSOs from its sanitary sewer collection system. In January 9, 2018, City staff presented a summary of City efforts from 2008-2017 to reduce the frequency of SSOs and bypasses. DNR representatives informed City staff of the option to enter into an AOC, which is a voluntary mutual agreement that covers the City for past SSOs and bypasses. After careful consideration, City staff recommend that Council accept the AOC, along with its plan of system renewal activities through calendar year 2026.

City staff have worked with its team of consultants to develop its "2026 Activities Plan of its System Renewal & SSO Prevention Program," which outlines the strategic approach to reducing inflow and infiltration (I&I) within various basins within the City's 400-mile sanitary sewer system. Appendix A to the AOC contains specific 3-year milestone quantities of work to which the City will be held accountable. Appendix B contains sample wording of a warning sign required by the EPA to be posted where SSOs occur in the collection system.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on an Emergency basis, being an ordinance relating to public improvement, within the meaning of 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.