COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-612 ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to participate in the Missouri Fire Fighters Critical Illness Trust and Pool; authorizing the Mayor to execute such documents as may be necessary for the City's participation therein; and, amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as adopted by Ordinance 2023-158 on October 16, 2023.

WHEREAS, The Missouri Fire Fighter Critical Illness Trust and Pool (herein "MFFCIT") has created a critical illness pool as authorized by Sections 320.400 and 537.620, RSMo, to create an alternative for public sector agencies seeking to control rising costs due to critical illnesses, including cancers, in firefighters.

WHEREAS, Missouri statutes require such an entity to be formed by agreement of at least three public sector agencies.

WHEREAS, upon a proper application, a new entity has been created and approved by the Director of the Division of Commerce and Insurance and Missouri Secretary of State.

WHEREAS, the new entity, called "Missouri Fire Fighter Critical Illness Trust and Pool," is a separate body corporate and trust, under the oversight of a Board of Trustees and the participating agencies.

WHEREAS, MFFCIT will safeguard, manage, and provide for administrative services for MFFCIT.

WHEREAS, by agreeing to be one of the agencies participating in MFFCIT, the City of Joplin, Missouri, is not forever bound to participate in MFFCIT, but does so by agreement, and the City will review this participation annually.

WHEREAS, upon proper consideration, the City of Joplin, Missouri, based on the current financial analysis performed by the City of Joplin, believes that participating in the MFFCIT risk pool is in the best interests of the City based on the current policy premium amounts.

WHERES, at present there are eight-five (85) firefighters that would be eligible to participate in MFFCIT and this has an annual budget impact of approximately $14,025.00.

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That the City of Joplin, Missouri, hereby declares its intent to become a member of MFFCIT and to participate therein upon approval of Board of Trustees of MFFCIT, subject to annual appropriations approved in its budget.

Section 2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign all documents necessary or expedient for the City of Joplin, Missouri, to participate in the MFFCIT, including Trust/Pool Agreement 2 and Bylaws, agreeing to adhere to the rules of said documents, and to be bound together with other members thereby.

Section 3. That the City of Joplin, Missouri staff are hereby authorized and directed to provide such assistance as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this ordinance.

Section 4. That fiscal year 2023-2024 budgeted appropriations as adopted by Ordinance 2023-158 be amended by increasing appropriations by the total amount of Seven Thousand Dollars and No Cents ($7,000.00).

Section 5. That the Director of Finance is hereby directed to make all necessary entries on the City records to show the increase in appropriations.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day of _____, 2024, by a vote of _____.

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Keenan T. Cortez, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney