CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM:
Council Bill No. 2026-008 - AN ORDINANCE exempting the City of Joplin from the provisions of section 311.2026, RSMo., relating to liquor licensees; and expediting the enactment of said ordinance.

MEETING DATE
June 1, 2026

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill No. 2026-008

REVIEWED BY
City Attorney, Peter Edwards; Chief of Police, Richard Pearson; Director of Finance, Leslie Haase; and City Manager, Nicholas Edwards.

SUMMARY
This council bill exempts the City of Joplin liquor licensees from the 23 hours a day temporary sale of liquor during the 2026 World Cup. For the duration of the 2026 FIFA World Cup Tournament, beginning on June 11, 2026, through July 19, 2026, under this provision, licensees are otherwise allowed to operate twenty-four hours a day and sell, serve, and allow for the consumption of alcoholic beverages between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day.

BACKGROUND
On July 11, 2025, the Governor of the State of Missouri signed into law House Bill No. 1041, effective August 28, 2025, which enacted a new Section 311.2026, of Chapter 311 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, authorizing businesses licensed to sell intoxicating liquors to operate "twenty-four hours a day" (24) and sell alcoholic beverages "twenty-three hours a day" (23) for the period beginning June 11, 2026, through July 19, 2026, (during the duration of the FIFA World Cup Tournament). Section 311.2026.4, RSMo. Supp. 2025 also provides that "[i]f any city … objects to the extension of hours within its jurisdiction … the governing body of such [city] may exempt itself by ordinance from the provisions" of Section 311.2026.

FUNDING SOURCE
N/A

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on an expedited basis.