COUNCIL BILL NO. 2026-008 ORDINANCE NO. _____

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.

WHEREAS, the City of Joplin is authorized to make and enforce ordinances for the regulation and control of the sale of all intoxicating liquors within the City; and

WHEREAS, 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" and sell alcoholic beverages for "twenty-three hours a day" for the period beginning June 11, 2026, through July 19, 2026, (during the duration of the FIFA World Cup Tournament); and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Joplin finds and determines it to be in the best interests of the City and citizens and the health, safety and welfare of the City's residents to object and exempt itself by ordinance from the provisions of Section 311.2026.2, RSMo. Supp. 2025;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Joplin hereby expresses its objection to the extension of hours of operation for licensees in its jurisdiction for alcoholic beverage sales authorized by House Bill 1041 (2025) and the provisions of Section 311.2026.2, RSMo. Supp. 2025, and hereby exempts the City of Joplin and its licensees from those extended hours of operation pursuant to the authority of Section 311.2026.4, RSMo. Supp. 2025.

Section 2. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Council that each and every part, section and subsection of this Ordinance shall be separate and severable from each and every other part, section and subsection hereof and that the Council intends to adopt each said part, section and subsection separately and independently of any other part, section and subsection. In the event that any part of this Ordinance shall be determined to be or to have been unlawful or unconstitutional, the remaining parts, sections and subsections shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day of _____, 2026, by a vote of _____.

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Brian “Rob” O’Brian, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney