CITY OF JOPLIN
ACTION PLAN PRIORITIZATION

Action Plan	GOAL	STRATEGY	RANK	FUNDING SOURCE	STATUS
Reduce Number of Vacant & Dangerous Buildings	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 6	1.1	General	New
Adequate Staffing	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 15	1.2	Public Safety	New
Neighborhood Improvement Zone	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 2	1.3	General	New
Review Building Codes	Improve Community Appearance	Strategy - 5	1.4	General	Partially in Progress
Fire Safety (Reduced Response Time)	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 13	1.4	Public Safety	New
Housing Revitilization Plan	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 1	1.5	General	Partially in Progress
Joplin Homeowners Assistance Program	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 9	1.5	General	New
Rental Property Inspection & Permitting	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 11	1.5	General	New
Positive Marketing of City	Increase Economic Development	Strategy - 3	1.5	General	New
Smart Cities	Increase Economic Development	Strategy - 4	1.5	General/TST/Grants	Partially in Progress
Maintain Private Properties	Address Homelessness	Strategy - 3	1.5	General	New
Traffic Safety	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 2	1.5	Public Safety	New
Home Repair Program	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 4	1.6	General	New
Review Signage Codes	Improve Community Appearance	Strategy - 4	1.7	General	Partially in Progress
Beautification Study	Improve Community Appearance	Strategy - 6	1.7	General	New
Downtown CID	Downtown Joplin Alliance	Strategy - 1	1.9	N/A	N/A
Training and Assistance	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 3	2.0	Public Safety	New
Develop Phased Approach	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 10	2.1	General/Public Safety	New
Adopt-A-Street	Improve Community Appearance	Strategy - 1	2.2	General	New
Donation Education	Address Homelessness	Strategy - 1	2.2	General	New
Business Accelerator Program	Downtown Joplin Alliance	Strategy - 2	2.2	N/A	N/A
Public Art Incentives	Improve Community Appearance	Strategy - 8	2.3	General	New
County Lot Transfer Program	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 8	2.3	General	New
Analytics	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 7	2.3	Public Safety	New
Museum and Cultural District	Resilient Revenue	Strategy - 2	2.3	N/A	N/A
Facilities	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 9	2.5	General/Public Safety	Partially in Progress
Residence & Business of the Month	Improve Community Appearance	Strategy - 2	2.7	General	New
Limb Drop Off	Improve Community Appearance	Strategy - 9	2.8	TST	New

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Reduce Number of Vacant & Dangerous Buildings	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 6	1.1	General	Partially In Progress
Update: Dangerous Building Inspector is hired. Demolitions are proceeding with additional funding. Vacant housing windshield survey completed for 2 census tracts. Additional staffing approved to fully implement in 2025/2026					
Neighborhood Improvement Zone	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 2	1.3	General	In Progress
Update: New Supervisor and additional Officers have been hired. The team is actively working in census track neighborhood priority zones.					
Review Building Codes	Improve Community Appearance	Strategy - 5	1.4	General	Complete!
Update: Building/Property Maintenance Code review is complete. Recommendations and new property maintenance code adopted by City Council.					
Annexation	Increase Economic Development	Strategy - 1	1.4	General	In Progress
Update: Representatives for the City have been actively approaching property owners along the City's corporate limits to determine interest in annexation. Property must be contiguous to existing corporate limits and requires the delivery of sewer infrastructure. City has annexed two significant residential areas. Two large tracts near I-249 and 7th Street were recently annexed. Additional properties near Wildwood Ranch will be annexed soon per agreement. Land recently purchased by JIDA for a new industrial park will be annexed within the next few months. Additional areas identified and approaching landowners on 32nd Street and 7th					
Modernize Revenue Sources	Resilient Revenue	Strategy - 1	1.4	General	In Progress
Update: Use Tax and Marijuana Tax passed. Staff is continuing to identify further revenue diversification opportunities. Prop B renewal is next opportunity. Outside review of user fees is an additional opportunity.					
Review Zoning Codes	Improve Community Appearance	Strategy - 3	1.5	General	Complete!
Update: The new Zoning Code was adopted by the City Council on August 1, 2022 and became effective on August 2, 2022.					
Maintain City Properties	Address Homelessness	Strategy - 2	1.5	General	Partially In Progress
Update: Staff has created a city map of active/inactive, public/private illegal encampments. A GIS layer is complete and being regularly updated. Encampment cleaning procedure has been developed and line item budgeted. Cleaned public properties are incorporated into ongoing operations like recently completed 4th and Murphy, smaller encampments on park properties. Eight additional locations identified for abatement/enforcement. Large Maiden private property under disucssion.					
Homeless Service Provider Dialogue	Address Homelessness	Strategy - 4	1.5	General	In Progress
Update: City funded strategic plan completed 2024. Commission founding is complete, organization bylaws completed. Council funding approved for Commission. Position interviews currently underway 2025. Mental Health/Social Outreach CRU police officers in place with Ozark Center; MarCom video created. Fire Dept. Emergency Medical Outreach Support planned 2026.					
Housing Revitalization Plan	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 1	1.5	General	In Progress
Update: Reimbursement for 11 demolitions and for the construction of 11 new homes have been completed. Another 9 properties are in construction or waiting for a the home to be sold before reimbursement is paid.					
Joplin Homeowners Assistance Program	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 9	1.5	General	Complete!
Update: Program received State and City ARPA Grant Funding. $3,000,000 has been deployed for down payment and closing cost assistance.					
Rental Property Inspection & Permitting	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 11	1.5	General	In Progress
Update: Full implementation of property maintenance code will occur in 2025. New project manager is researching other communities' rental licensing and inspection programs.					
Positive Marketing of City	Increase Economic Development	Strategy - 3	1.5	General	Partially In Progress
Update: Team is fully staffed. Department plan presented to Council in July 2024. Research phase of website redesign complete. Findings to be reported to council June 9 and letting RFP out for proposals by end of June 2025. Multiple communications efforts underway. Print newsletter has been redesigned to be more reader-friendly. Monthly email newsletters for community launched for November 2024. Monthly email newsletter for city staff also launched in November 2024. Video content plan developed and several episodes have been shared with the public, more coming. Expansion and coordination of social media activity in progress. Planning inaugural State of the Community Event to be held Jan 14, 2026 with videos and print publications. The department is in progress on development/drafting of policies and procedures, to launch monthly data reporting soon, in progress to begin developing marketing plans for each city department to assist in meeting their goals. Will seek to establish professional service contracts for supplemental publication design, video, and photography services where needed in order to achieve strategies to be identified for each department's marketing plan. Will also seek to get an ad buyer/placer under contract to assist with advertising spend for our various marketing campaigns. Content for marketing campaigns may be written and designed by MarCom staff or by contractors, but should be approved by the MarCom Director and the relevant department heads before applying any advertising spend.					
Smart Cities	Increase Economic Development	Strategy - 4	1.5	General/TST/Grants	In Progress
Update: Allo Broadband Agreement approved March 2024 and construction is currently underway.					
Maintain Private Properties	Address Homelessness	Strategy - 3	1.5	General	In Progress
Update: Properties are targeted through normal Code Enforcement operations. Large properties are addressed through correspondence, cleanup, in collaboration with Police and trespass affidavits.					
Home Repair Program	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 4	1.6	General	In Progress
Update: Program received State and City ARPA Grant Funding. $2,000,000 was approved for home repairs. City signed an agreement in Aug. 2024 with ESC to help the city manage the program. ESC received over 125 applications. Over sixty inspections were performed. Twenty-four projects have been completed. Approximately $500,000 has been expended.					
Review Signage Codes	Improve Community Appearance	Strategy - 4	1.7	General	In Progress
Update: Sign Code review process has been outlined. Citizen Stakeholders Committee formed to assist with the review. Review will begin 2025.					
Beautification Study	Improve Community Appearance	Strategy - 6	1.7	General	In Progress
Update: Public Works infrastructure improvements now include beautification minimum standards. The next Comp Plan will include additional infrastructure guidelines.The first major beautification project at 4th and Murphy is currently underway. A standardized Tree Maintenance and Planting Policy is completed and Main Street Tree Replacement Project is complete. 10th and Main Project is under design. City limit signage replaced and banners program implemented with installs on Officer Jake Reed Memorial Bridge, Broadway/Langston Hughes, and in Murphysburg. Main Street 15th-32nd install is imminent, and Arts District Banners pending for B St.-1st and 7th and Main downtown gateways. Other areas being considered 2026.					
Operational Assessment	Increase Economic Development	Strategy - 2	1.8	General	Complete!
Update: Operational Assessment is complete. First recommendation advanced was to add 7 positions in Planning, Community Development and Building to address Action Plans, which is complete.					
Vacant Lot Inventory	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 7	1.9	General	In Progress
Update: Position filled May 2024; Land Bank currently being updated. Surplus Property sales underway.					
Review Other City Codes	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 3	2.1	General	In Progress
underway.					
Litigation Tools	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 12	2.1	General	In Progress
Update: Legal position hired. Internal workgroup reviews high priority cases.					
Adopt-A-Street	Improve Community Appearance	Strategy - 1	2.2	General	Not Started
Update: Reviewing other city example programs and pilot areas.					
Donation Education	Address Homelessness	Strategy - 1	2.2	General	Partially Complete
Update: Signage finalized and deployed in September 2023 encouraging support to non-profit organizations. Leadership Team being organized and coordinating with strategic plan workgroups and Coalition partners. State did not approve full implementation of signage on MODOT ROW. Signage placed in Parks, on shelters, and facilities.					
Public Art Incentives	Improve Community Appearance	Strategy - 8	2.3	General	In Progress

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Update: Coordinate a discussion with partners and area non-profits. RFP for 10th St. and Main St. underway and other locations considered. Discussed update to current beautification standards in Comprehensive Plan. Disucssion meetings scheduled summer 2025.					
County Lot Transfer Program	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 8	2.3 General		In Progress
Update: Finance position hired; City is working with County on developing the transfer program parameters.					
Tenant Bill of Rights	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 13	2.3 General		In Progress
Update: Creating new tenant informational brochure.					
Museum and Cultural District	Resilient Revenue	Strategy - 2	2.3 General		Not Started
Residence & Business of the Month	Improve Community Appearance	Strategy - 2	2.7 General		Not Started
Recruitment and Retention	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 11	1.1 Public Safety		Partially In Progress
Update: A recruitment incentive program was created and approved by the City Council in June 2021. The program granted a $5,000 pay incentive to sworn police officers transferring to the Joplin Police Department. The program was updated to a $10,000 pay incentive effective April of 2022. Collective Bargaining five-year agreement has been adopted, improving pay and outlining the ability to retain Pension Plan employees, transitioning to LAGERS. There are currently 14 Officer positions unfilled. Currently 14 openings as of June 3, 2025.					
Adequate Staffing	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 15	1.2 Public Safety		Partially In Progress
Update: Resource allocation study that identified potential improvements for PD's staffing and operations was completed and presented in March 2022. City is working to incorporate those findings into this action plan. The Police Department added one Sergeant and one Corporal position, along with a full-time Bailiff and a full-time Crime Analyst. The recommended authorized strength for the PD is now 132. Current authorized with two additional positions for Budget year 2025 is 115. Positions will be filled based on increased authorized strength as approved by city management. $10,000 hiring incentive implemented.					
Fire Safety (Reduced Response Time)	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 13	1.4 Public Safety		In Progress
Update: Station 7 officially opened on February 1, 2024 and is staffed 24/7/365. The Use Tax provided us with 3 new Swing Captain positions that are utilized to maintain full staffing levels. The result of these changes initially is that we are providing a 4th person more often at Station 6, than in the past. However, we still are not in a position that we can guarantee a 4th person every day, as the Swing Captain position moves around to cover for leaves of absence. We are still actively working towards always having the 4th person on Engine 6. Collective Bargaining is in the beginning stages of a new contract development to improve wages and benefits.					
Community Outreach & Education	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 1	1.4 Public Safety		In Progress
Update: Sgt. completed CPTED training April 2024. Current City Facilities are under review by Community Engagement personnel for CPTED.					
Drug Enforcement	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 10	1.4 Public Safety		Complete!
Update: Leased vehicles have been obtained and funding has been provided. Funding has also been approved for the hiring of two additional police officer positions to staff a "Flex Platoon" which will focus on neighborhood level issues such as drugs, thefts, and other public nuisances. Those 2 positions have been filled internally.					
Traffic Safety	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 2	1.5 Public Safety		Complete!
Update: HMV grant is ongoing to help with traffic safety and officers are receiving double time through the grant for special traffic enforcement details.					
Community Engagement	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 4	1.5 Public Safety		Complete!
Update: Safe shopping Saturdays, The Beat Video Series, Coffee with the Chief, 3rd Thursday Bike Patrols, Kids Academy for Joplin Summer School Students, Citizens Police Academy, and Summer Block Parties.					
Police Visibility	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 5	1.5 Public Safety		Complete!
Update: License Plate Readers have been purchased and installed in locations around town (12). Both Pole cameras have been purchased as well. New park facilities also incorporating LPR. As police staffing allows, bicycle officers will be deployed along the downtown business corridor to address public safety concerns and foster community outreach.					
Habitual Offender Identification	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 8	1.7 Public Safety		Partially In Progress
Update: Working with Probation and Parole to identify offenders who have violated probation/parole. Also working with the US Attorney Western District Office to target gun and violent crime offenses.					
Technology	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 6	1.8 Public Safety		In Progress
Update: Forensic Investigation Software has been purchased for FY2024 budget. One detective has been reassigned to be trained for this position as well (Year 2 of 3 for training). Drone has been purchased and is in service.					
Training and Assistance	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 3	2.0 Public Safety		Complete!
Update: Full-time Bailiff position has been added and position is filled.					
Analytics	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 7	2.3 Public Safety		Complete!
Update: Crime Analyst position was made full-time with the addition of an administrative assistant to help with CALEA. Both positions have been filled.					
Develop Phased Approach Rentals	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 10	2.1 General/Public Safety		Not Started
Facilities	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 9	2.5 General/Public Safety		Partially In Progress
Update: SFS, partnering with Corner Greer, has been engaged to complete the facilities assessment. The assessment has been completed and presented to City Council. Early facility maintenance priorities were identified with City Hall, Museum, Justice Center, and Central Garage Improvements underway and proposed. Advancing Museum HVAC and Central Garage upgrades. Justice Center plumbing, windows, sidewalks, and HVAC updates underway and overall facility renovation/replacement on hold. Funds have been allocated to engage the services of an architectural consultant to draw up plans for a new training building at the police firing range. Looking ahead to Recycling Center/Solid Waste Facility, intending grant funded support.					
Downtown CID	Downtown Joplin Alliance	Strategy - 1	1.9 N/A		N/A
Business Accelerator Program	Downtown Joplin Alliance	Strategy - 2	2.2 N/A		N/A
Park Security Position	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 14	1.3 Parks/SW Sales Tax		Complete!
Update: We filled our 3rd Park Ranger position in February 2025. We have received their truck and waiting on it to be wrapped. Parks public hours are now completely covered, including an hour after close. Additonal needs will be evalutes as appropriate.					
Environmental Design of Public Properties	Reduce Crime & Increase Safety	Strategy - 12	2.2 Parks/SW Sales Tax		Partially in Progress
Update: Park Security Lighting has been included in the FY 2025 budget and initial system design initiated with Ewert Park rehabilitation. We are currently finishing the RFP for lighting and should be adverstised end of June 2025.					
City Properties Maintained	Address Declining Neighborhoods	Strategy - 5	1.5 TST/Parks/SW		Partially in Progress
Update: Park Maintenance Operations and Standards have been developed. Beautification positions were added to the FY 2023 budget. The positions have been filled. Beautification plans are being incorporated system-wide and a tree planting and maintenance policy was adopted.					
Complete Streets	Improve Community Appearance	Strategy - 7	1.3 TST/CIP		Complete!

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Update: The City Council approved a complete streets ordinance in January 2022. This ordinance will help guide the design of future capital improvement projects.					
Limb Drop Off	Improve Community Appearance	Strategy - 9	2.8 TST		Complete!
Update: Frequency of drop off site access hours being increased. Signage being developed. Drop Gate replaced.					

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Downtown Joplin Alliance Plans