CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill No. 2025-003 – AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 82 – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, as it pertains to hunting within city limits; establishing regulations; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

MEETING DATE
May 19, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Legal Department

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill No. 2025-003

REVIEWED BY
City Attorney Peter Edwards; Police Chief Richard Pearson; City Manager Nicholas Edwards.

SUMMARY
This Council Bill amends Chapter 82-191, Unlawful Use of Weapons; Exceptions, of the Joplin City Code, as it pertains to hunting within city limits; establishing regulations related to bow hunting in the city; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BACKGROUND
The City of Joplin does not currently have measures in place to control the urban deer population. To help reduce the number of deer/vehicle collisions occurring on city streets, the City may allow archery hunting under specified conditions and by permit to allow bow hunters to hunt deer within the city limits to better manage the deer population in a safe and effective manner. The proposed ordinance provides many conditions that a person must meet in order to bow hunt on private land within the city limits.

FUNDING SOURCE
N/A

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends this Council Bill be placed on First Reading.