COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-275 ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin, Missouri, to enter into an Agreement with ALLO Communications LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, for the purpose of leasing a certain land in the area commonly known as 1301 W 2nd Street, Joplin MO to ALLO Communications LLC to use the premises for a central office and/or data bunker, which is a building for utilities, computers and a generator using electricity, but without any temporary or permanent occupancy; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin.

WHEREAS, in the Smarter Joplin Roadmap expand internet access and improve connectivity was identified as a primary concern in a resident survey; and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Gap Analysis Report identified the specific challenges with connectivity in the city of Joplin including issues with availability, capacity and affordability; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has shown that residents need to be connected to be able to work, educate, and receive healthcare from home; and

WHEREAS, for the City of Joplin to remain competitive in the areas of business attraction and retention, transportation, education, health care and other sectors that rely on the exchange of data and information;

WHEREAS, Council Bill 2024-264 approved the Development Agreement with ALLO Missouri, LLC to construct a fiber optic network that is able to offer high quality, fiber optic broadband to substantially all residents, anchor institutions, and business in the City that are accessible using public rights-of-way and similar public easements, ways and extensions and additions thereto.

WHEREAS, this Council Bill deals generally with the placement of a Central Office on city property and the lease of that property from the City to ALLO.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows;

Section 1. That the Lease Agreement between the City of Joplin and ALLO Communications LLC, for the leasing of real estate located at 1301 W. 2nd Street, Joplin, Missouri, a true and accurate copy of said Lease Agreement being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit “A”, be, and the same is, hereby approved.

Section 2. That the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Lease Agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri.

Passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, this _____ day of_____, 2024, by a vote of_____.

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ATTEST: Keenan T. Cortez, Sr., Mayor

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney

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