COUNCIL BILL NO. 2024-620

AN ORDINANCE approving a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Joplin Police Department and Ozark Center for the purpose of integrating a social work program within police department.

WHEREAS, The program will support law enforcement's efforts in addressing various social determinants of health, with a particular emphasis on mental health and substance use issues. The program's primary goal is to enhance the quality of life for individuals and communities by providing comprehensive support and interventions, ultimately fostering positive engagement with law enforcement and,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Joplin Police Department and Ozark Center for the purpose of integrating a social work program within police department, a true and accurate copy of said 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, upon recommendation and approval of the City Attorney, to execute said Contract, in substantially similar form, by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor and City Council.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 19th day of August 2024.

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Keenan T. Cortez, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney