CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2023-147 – amending Chapter 114, Traffic, Article IX, Pedestrians.

MEETING DATE
August 21, 2023

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Public Works

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2023-147 Ordinance; Pedestrian Safety Study

REVIEWED BY
Public Works Director: Dan Johnson; Interim Police Chief: Brian Lewis; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards.

SUMMARY
This Council Bill amends Chapter 114 of the City Code relating to traffic and pedestrians by adopting recommendations of the pedestrian safety study.

BACKGROUND
Council commissioned a pedestrian safety study with CJW Transportation Consultants, LLC, a copy of which is attached hereto. The study analyzed data from the Missouri Department of Transportation's Traffic Management System from 2018 through 2022. The analysis found that an average of 15.2 crashes with pedestrians occur per year, including at least one fatality. The analysis also found that 71.4% of crashes occur on arterial roadways. The study made a number of recommendations to improve pedestrian safety. This Council Bill adopts the study's recommendation to enact a revised pedestrian ordinance to strengthen regulations around pedestrian safety on arterial roadways.

Adoption of this Council Bill is consistent with the City's strategic priorities, including the goal to reduce crime and increase safety.

FUNDING SOURCE
N/A

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on First Reading.