CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM:
Council Bill No. 2025-006 – AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 26, Buildings and Regulations, Article X, Dangerous Buildings, Sec. 26-615. - Duties of building inspector; issuance of notices.

MEETING DATE
September 2, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Planning Department

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill No. 2025-00

REVIEWED BY
Director of Planning, Development, & Neighborhood Services Troy Bolander; City Attorney Peter Edwards; and City Manager Nicholas Edwards.

SUMMARY
The City of Joplin building inspectors identify dangerous buildings throughout the City and work with owners to improve the condition of the property. Building inspectors prioritize the most problematic and dangerous properties and report them to the Building Board. This amendment is a better reflection of the current and historical practice of the building department rather than a literal reading of the ordinance that all dangerous buildings be addressed with the Building Board of Appeals.

BACKGROUND
The Building Department posts all dangerous buildings and notifies interested parties in writing in compliance with City Code and 67.400, RSMo. Properties that are escalated to the Building Board of Appeals are vacant or instances where the owner has not shown acceptable improvement of dangerous conditions. In order to keep the agenda items manageable and board meetings to roughly three hours in length, properties that are poised for demolition are prioritized and listed as agenda items. In cases where the property owners are taking the initiative to improve dangerous conditions, the Building Department monitors progress until the property is no longer considered dangerous.

FUNDING SOURCE
N/A

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