City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: September 8, 2015

Item: Council Bill 2015-368
Originating Department: Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services

Attachments: 1) Amendment to Agreement Form
2) Original 2013 New Construction Agreement
3) Council Bill No 2015-368

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DISCUSSION:
The City of Joplin helped create a (Home Partnership Investment Program) HOME consortium with Jasper County and other communities in the County to bring more federal housing dollars to the area. The purpose of the consortium is to address housing needs in the area by bringing owner-occupied homes up to code, constructing new affordable housing, acquiring and rehabilitating homes, and providing homeownership assistance.

This amendment to agreement is with the Economic Security Corporation of Southwest Area (ESC) to act as owner and developer of a property for new construction of one single family home within the region. This program originally provided $90,000 in HOME funds for the construction of a home to be sold to a low-to-moderate income family.

However, the City of Joplin wishes to amend the approved project budget to a total of $114,879.25. The project will be funded through a combination of $63,120.75 of 2013 HOME funds that were already committed to ESC for New Construction projects, and the reallocation of $49,758.50 of 2008 HOME funds from a cancelled Homebuyer Assistance Program. The remaining $24,879.25 of the original $90,000 set aside for ESC New Construction projects in the 2013 Action Plan will be used towards ESC's 2014 New Construction project.

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends approval of the agreement with ESC to continue the new construction portion of the HOME Program on an Emergency basis, so ESC can continue to provide newly constructed housing for low-moderate income families, meeting the definition of Section 2.12(1) of the Home Rule Charter. These activities have received prior approval from the Council as part of the 2013 Action plan.