City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: September 8, 2015

Item: Council Bill No. 2015-369
Originating Department: PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Attachments: 1) Developer Agreement
2) Council Bill No 2015-369

Department Head: Troy Bolander
Finance Director: Leslie Haase
City Attorney: Peter Edwards
City Manager: Sam Anselm

INTRODUCTION:

The following agreement is between the City of Joplin and Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity for 2014 HOME Housing Developer funds.

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, construct new affordable housing, acquire/rehabilitate homes, and provide homeownership assistance.

The attached agreement is a continuation of the City's partnership with Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity (JAHFH) to act as owner and developer for the construction of new homes in the Joplin area. This program will provide $136,183.50 in 2014 HOME funds for the construction of approximately two (2) homes that will be sold to low-to-moderate income families.

RECOMMENDATION:

These activities have received prior approval from the Council as part of the 2014-2015 Action Plan.

Staff recommends approval of the agreement on an emergency basis, so JAHFH can continue with new housing construction under the HOME program.