City of Joplin City Council Agenda Item

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2017-455

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ATTACHMENT: COUNCIL BILL

Health Director: Dan Pekarek
Finance Director: Leslie Haase
City Attorney: Peter Edwards
City Manager: Sam Anselm

INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill approves a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) ordinance for the City of Joplin.

DISCUSSION:

For several years there have been efforts to enact a statewide PDMP law in the Missouri legislature, with no success. These efforts have been in response to the continuing trend both nationwide and in Missouri of high rates of opioid abuse and unfortunately, of high rates of opioid abuse deaths. Missouri remains the only state without a statewide PDMP law.

PDMP's are statewide electronic databases that track instances of prescribing and dispensing certain controlled substances. They are useful tools that can aid in identifying opioid abuse trends and hopefully allow for interventions on the part of opioid prescribers to prevent continued abuse among patients.

With the lack of success at the state legislative level in passing a state PDMP law, the St. Louis County Health Department in 2016 developed and passed a local PDMP ordinance for that jurisdiction. The ordinance was designed to allow for other cities and counties in Missouri to pass similar ordinances authorizing the joining of the St. Louis County PDMP program. Cities and counties that join the program do so by passing their local ordinance, and then signing a User Agreement with St. Louis County. Costs for joining the program are based on the number of registered health providers (doctors, pharmacists) in the city or county. It is estimated that the annual cost for Joplin is $2,687.87 which is based on one-half of the cost for Jasper County plus the Joplin portion of Newton County. The St. Louis County Health Department has applied for a grant to provide for these costs for the first year of operation and is waiting to see if the grant is successful. If the grant is not successful, staff would bring back a later ordinance authorizing the User Agreement including the approval of any fees.

RECOMMENDATION:
City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on an emergency basis.