CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-453– AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 18-Animals, as it pertains to animal housing and husbandry of dogs kept outdoors and establishing the date when this ordinance shall become effective.

MEETING DATE
October 06, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Health Department

ATTACHMENTS
CB2025-453-Council Bill

REVIEWED BY
Dept. Head: Ryan Talken; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; Assistant City Manager: Tony Robyn; City Manager: Nicholas Edwards.

SUMMARY
This Council Bill amends Chapter 18, Section 18-5 Animal Abuse and Neglect as it pertains to outdoor housing of animals. The updates will bring the Joplin City Ordinance to better align with the standards set by the State of Missouri, Department of Agriculture.

BACKGROUND
A presentation on outdoor animal housing was presented to The Joplin City Council by the Health Department with a recommendation to amend the Joplin City Code to align with the outdoor housing sections of the Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA) Chapter 30-Animal Health of the Code of State Regulations. The Joplin City Council directed the Health Department to present code changes based on the MDA regulations pertaining to outdoor housing.

The underlined wording in Council Bill 2025-453 are updates to the existing sections of current ordinance. The proposed ordinance will codify recommendations that are currently given by the animal control officers. The proposed council bill will raise the standards of care and improve living conditions for animals housed outdoors in the City of Joplin.

FUNDING SOURCE
N/A

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