CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM:
Council Bill No. 2025-010 - AN ORDINANCE dissolving the Solid Waste Advisory Commission and transferring any remaining functions, powers, or duties to the Public Works Department and the City Manager.

MEETING DATE
September 15, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Public Works

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill No. 2025-010

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works, Dan Johnson; City Attorney Peter Edwards; and City Manager Nicholas Edwards.

SUMMARY
This council bill dissolves the Commission and transfers any remaining duties of the Solid Waste Advisory Commission to the Public Works Department. Any matters concerning procedures or practices that involve the collection, storage and disposal of solid waste generated within the city limits have been transferred to a third party or city staff, such that the Commission has no useful function.

BACKGROUND
The Solid Waste Advisory Commission has become an unnecessary entity that has historically been difficult to find members. Staff have taken over any advisory role needed, as they are much better situated to advise Council on trash collection and recycling. The trash collection is handled by a third party, and requires little oversight. Council ultimately approves that contract.

FUNDING SOURCE
N/A

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

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-010 ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE dissolving the Solid Waste Advisory Commission and transferring any remaining functions, powers, or duties to the Public Works Department and the City Manager.

WHEREAS, trash collection has not been a function handled by the City in many years and is now handled solely by a third party; and

WHEREAS, the original functions of the Commission have been replaced over time by the Public Works Department, such that duties of the Commission have become obsolete; and

WHEREAS, the dissolution of the Solid Waste Advisory Commission will improve the efficiency of the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15.16 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, the Council retains the authority to abolish the functions, powers and duties of Boards and Commissions and transfer to another board or to a department of the city government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Joplin, Missouri, hereby dissolves the Solid Waste Advisory Commission.

Section 2. The City of Joplin, Missouri, staff are hereby authorized and directed to provide such assistance as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective twenty (20) days after its passage.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day of _____, 2025, by a vote of _____.

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Keenan T. Cortez, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney