CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM:
2025-279 – Text Amendment

MEETING DATE:
October 6, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:
Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services

REVIEWED BY:
Director of Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services – Troy Bolander
Director of Finance – Leslie Haase
City Attorney – Peter Edwards
Assistant City Manager – Tony Robyn
City Manager – Nicholas Edwards

FUNDING SOURCE:

Not applicable for this item.

SUMMARY REQUEST:

Case 030-25: Text Amendment - A request to review amendments to Appendix 29-A of the Joplin Municipal Code, Joplin Development Code – City of Joplin

BACKGROUND:

The City of Joplin adopted a new development and zoning code in July of 2022. Following three years of implementation and application of this new code, staff is proposing amendments to add items that were not carried over from the prior zoning code, adopt revised policies to create better solutions for development regulations that present problems in practice and enforcement, and clarify ambiguities.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:

Mr. Bellairs presented the proposed changes listed in the staff report and the ordinance. Mr. Bellairs stated that this will be brought before City Council in October for a public hearing and a work session, and that it will come back to the Commission in October. Ms. Harrington asked how long staff has been working on this. Mr. Bellairs stated that this has been working on this since he started in 2022. Mr. Bolander stated that this was an entirely new code and that they knew there would be some issues once we started implementing it. He stated that he was sure that we will run into something else as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT;

There was none.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Staff recommends a continuance for Council Bill 2025-279
Planning & Zoning Commission recommends tabling Case 030-25 (7 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Absent)

ATTACHMENTS
Staff Planning Report
P&Z Commission Minutes
Applicant Materials
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