CITY OF JOPLIN COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2024-143 – Approving an Ordinance to update the Code of Ordinances; Section 114-822 Specific Speed Limits.

MEETING DATE
October 7, 2024

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Public Works - Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2024 - 143 Ordinance; Current Section of Code being amended

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works, Daniel Johnson; City Attorney, Peter Edwards; Assistant City Manager, Tony Robyn; City Manager, Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill approves an Ordinance to update the Code of Ordinances; Section 114-822 Specific Speed Limits.

BACKGROUND
The City of Joplin maintains speed limits based on engineering studies based on roadway geometry, crash history, and other factors. Over the years, some speed limits have been changed due to changes in conditions or due to construction projects changing the roadway geometry. There are also some streets that have been annexed that are not listed. This ordinance seeks to update the Code to match the posted speed limits.

There are streets in particular that are being updated that will change the speed limit from what is currently posted. The first street is Utica Street. It is currently listed as 35 MPH, and this proposes a change to 25 MPH. The other street is 44th Street between Connecticut and Range Line Road. The posted speed is currently 35 MPH, the current ordinance is listed as 45 MPH, and this amendment proposes 40 MPH.

Both of the above changes have been discussed with the Traffic Division of the Joplin Police Department and were presented to the Joplin Traffic Commission on September 12, 2024. The Traffic Commission voted to support the change, passing with a vote of 4-0.

FUNDING SOURCE
This item is not applicable for Ordinance Amendments.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of this council bill on an emergency basis as this ordinance is an emergency within the meaning of Section 2.12 (1) in that said ordinance provides for immediate preservation of public safety and is considered an emergency by the Council and as such shall become effective immediately upon this passage as provided by the Home Rule Charter for the City of Joplin.