CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2023-154 Agreement for Sewer Service; and containing an emergency clause.

MEETING DATE
October 16, 2023

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works / Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2023-154 Ordinance; Agreement for Sewer Service; Exhibit Map.

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works, Daniel Johnson; Director of Finance, Leslie Haase; City Attorney, Peter C. Edwards; Assistant City Manager, Tony Robyn; City Manager, Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill approves an Agreement with B.T.B. Homes, LLC for Sewer Service to property located at Apricot and Coyote.

BACKGROUND
B.T.B. Homes, LLC owns property located at Apricot Dr. and Coyote Dr., near the City's Filmore Bridge lift station (see Exhibit map for reference). In June of this year, B.T.B. Homes first approached City staff about connecting to City sewer; the Owner still desires that the City of Joplin treat the sewage from this property. Joplin city staff support the idea, in exchange for payment of one-time plan review and permit fees, inspection of the new publicly owned gravity sewer system and BTB Homes' connection to it, along with payment of regular sewer bills for the treatment and collection of the sewage. City staff have created an Agreement for Sewer Service which allows the Owner to connect to Joplin's sanitary sewer. The Agreement stipulates user rates, inspection fees, and that the Owner shall construct the on-site sewer system to City of Joplin standards. The Agreement also contains a clause concerning future annexation into the corporate limits of the City of Joplin. Approving this Agreement is consistent with Public Works' goal of providing the most reliable sewer service to the most possible users at the least possible cost.

FUNDING SOURCE
Privately funded by the Owner

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill, approving a sewer use agreement on an emergency basis, in that said ordinance provides for the preservation of public health and safety and is considered to be, an emergency per section 2.12(1) of the HOME RULE CHARTER of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and as such, this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage. Specifically, approval of this council bill on an emergency basis allows the owner to move forward with financing as quickly as possible.