CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill No. 2022-009 and 2022-010 approving an amendment to Sections 10-17 and 10-82 of the City Code allowing for axe throwing clubs to be exempt from the under 21 bar license requirement.

MEETING DATE
October 17, 2022

REVIEWED BY:
Peter Edwards, City Attorney; Leslie Haase, Finance Director; Nick Edwards, City Manager, Sloan Rowland, Police Chief.

SUMMARY:
This Council Bill approves an amendment to Sections 10-17 and 10-82 of the City Code allowing for axe throwing clubs to be exempt from the under 21 bar license requirement.

BACKGROUND:

A presentation and request was presented to the City Council at the October 3, 2022 informal council meeting by business owner Michelle Fowler of the Main Street Axe Company. The request was to allow her business, an axe throwing club, to be given an exemption under sections 10-17 and 10-82 to allow persons under 21 in her establishment because the business is licensed to sell intoxicating liquor and beer. She stated that she derives eighty percent (80%) of her income from the entertainment part of her business, that includes axe throwing, ping pong, skeeball and a soon-to-be added disc golf putting league. After the presentation, the City Council directed the City Attorney to bring an amendment to the Code to a future meeting to allow this exemption.

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends this Council Bill be passed on first reading.

ATTACHMENTS:
Council Bill No. 2022-009 and 2022-010