CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Ordinance 2024-517 – Approving an agreement between the City and Joplin Regional Alliance of Healthcare and Health Sciences (JRAH) to assist the region in fostering economic development and promoting business growth.

MEETING DATE
October 21, 2024

ORIGINATING DEPT
City Manager

ATTACHMENTS
Ordinance 2024-517

REVIEWED BY
Department Head: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
This agreement establishes that JRAH will implement the TEConomy strategic plan developed between the JRAH and community stakeholders that aims to address the healthcare workforce shortage and improve community wellness and facility development in healthcare industries.

BACKGROUND
On February 21, 2023, the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Joplin and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) to pursue the development of a strategic roadmap to address economic development with a focus on healthcare and health sciences. The Chamber and JRAH selected TEConomy to develop the *Strategic Roadmap for Economic Development in Joplin Focused on Healthcare, Health Sciences, and Associated Educational Assets* roadmap. JRAH intends to implement the strategies stated in the strategic plan to further develop healthcare needs in the community.

This proposal was discussed as part of the FY25 budget process, held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024. Council voted eight in favor with one absent, to proceed with an agreement with JRAH.

FUNDING SOURCE
This agreement authorizes a 5-year contract with an annual cost of $50,000 per year utilizing funding from the General Fund Use Tax. This item is included in the FY2025 budget.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of this agreement.