CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2018-616 – approving an Interstate Mutual Aid Agreement template.

MEETING DATE
November 5, 2018

ORIGINATING DEPT
Police Department

ATTACHMENTS
CB2018-616 Ordinance; Interstate Mutual Aid Agreement Template

REVIEWED BY
Dept. Head: Matt Stewart; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Sam Anselm

SUMMARY
This Council Bill approves an interstate mutual aid agreement template for the specific counties and municipalities of Cherokee County Kansas, Ottawa County Oklahoma, and Delaware County Oklahoma. This will allow the Joplin Police Department to enter into an interstate Mutual Aid Agreement with specific agencies within the counties mentioned above.

BACKGROUND
In August 2018 a new Missouri State Statute went into effect allowing Missouri Law Enforcement agencies in Newton and Jasper County to enter into an interstate mutual aid agreement with Law Enforcement agencies located in Cherokee County Kansas, Delaware County Oklahoma, and Ottawa County Oklahoma. Prior to this legislative change, our agency could respond across state lines in order to assist with a natural disaster type of event, but we were not covered as a law enforcement agency if a law enforcement critical incident existed in a neighboring state nor were they covered if we requested their assistance in an critical incident type of situation. According to RSMO 44.098 a critical incident is defined as "an incident that could result in serious physical injury or loss of life".
To view RSMO 44.098:
http://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=44.098&bid=35640&hl=

FUNDING SOURCE
There will be no financial impact on our budget by passing this ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on an Emergency basis; being an ordinance dealing generally with public peace and safety, to be an emergency within the meaning of 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.