CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-155 authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Mercury Voice and Data, L.L.C. d/b/a Optimum Communications ("Optimum") for the purpose of Optimum installing, maintaining and operating facilities for communications related capabilities within the City's Rights-of-Way and ensuring compliance with the City's requirements of such use of City property.

MEETING DATE
December 1, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works - Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2025-155; Rights-of-Way use Agreement for Communications Facilities.

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

SUMMARY
This council bill authorizes the City of Joplin to enter into an agreement with Optimum for the purpose of Optimum installing, maintaining and operating facilities for communications related capabilities within the City's Rights-of-Way and ensuring compliance with the City's requirements for such use of City property.

BACKGROUND
Optimum, a cable broadband provider, desires a Right-of-Way use agreement with the City of Joplin to expand their network to the Joplin area with a fiber-to-home network. Optimum will predominantly be an aerial network, with plans to co-locate on existing power poles. There will be cabinet structures installed behind the curb line at select locations.

With the approval of this agreement, construction is anticipated to begin after the second quarter of 2026. Preliminary plans are for the installation of a "backbone" fiber loop in the northwest area of the city.

FUNDING SOURCE
N/A

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommend approval of Council Bill 2025-155 on first reading.