COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-529 ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE approving an Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Missouri-American Water Company to terminate water service and discontinue the supply of water from its system to any premises which sewer bills are unpaid; authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and containing an emergency clause.

WHEREAS, the City of Joplin is engaged in supplying sewer service to the citizens and residents of the City and the adjacent area; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Joplin charges a fee for such sewer services and bills such fees on a periodic basis to its citizens and residents so served; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Joplin is obligated to collect delinquent sewer bills from its citizens and residents so served; and,

WHEREAS, Missouri-American Water Company is the owner and operator of a water distribution system serving customers in Joplin and Duquesne, Missouri, subject to the laws of the State of Missouri and the Jurisdiction, Rules and Regulations of the Missouri Public Service Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Water Company is authorized, at the request and direction of the City of Joplin pursuant to the provision of Section 393.015 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, to terminate water service and discontinue the supply of water from its system to any premises, at which the sewer bills for sewer services supplied by the City are unpaid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That the Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Missouri-American Water Company to terminate water service and discontinue the supply water from its system to any premises which sewer bills are unpaid, a true and accurate copy of the same being attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", be, and the same is, hereby approved.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri.

Section 3. This Ordinance is declared by the City Council to be an emergency within this meaning of Section 2.12, subparagraph (1), of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and as such shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day

of _____, 2023, by a _____vote.

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Douglas W. Lawson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney