CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2020-012 – authorizing the City of Joplin to approve an Employment Agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Charles Lonardo for the purpose of employment as an Associate Municipal Judge for the City of Joplin.

MEETING DATE
December 7, 2020

REVIEWED BY
Peter Edwards, City Attorney; Leslie Haase, Finance Director; Nicholas Edwards, City Manager.

SUMMARY

This Council Bill authorizes the City of Joplin to enter into an Employment Agreement with Charles Lonardo for the purpose of employing him as an Associate Municipal Judge for the City of Joplin.

BACKGROUND

The Council approved in its 2020-21 Budget, a part-time position for an Associate Municipal Judge. The position will be paid $6,000.00 annually, and the Associate Judge will be an independent contractor. The appointment of this Judge will give the Court a new judge to assign cases to in the event a change of judge is requested or needed and will eliminate monthly trips by Staff to Carthage, Missouri, where the Jasper County Associate Circuit Judge handles the change of judge cases. Charles Lonardo possesses all of the qualifications of a Municipal Judge and has been endorsed by Municipal Judge, John Podleski.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends this Council Bill be passed on an Emergency basis.

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2020-012
Exhibit “A” – Employment Agreement