CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2023-614 – amending Article II. -Park Rules and Regulations in the Joplin City Code of Ordinances

MEETING DATE
December 4, 2023

ORIGINATING DEPT
Parks and Recreation

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2023-614 Ordinance; Exhibit "A" Park Rules and Regulations revisions and additions to the Joplin City Code of Ordinance

REVIEWED BY
Department Head: Leslie Haase; Parks Director: Paul Bloomberg; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill looks to amend Chapter 86, Article II, Park Rules and Regulations. These include Section 86-31 Applicability and enforcement, Section 86-33 Hours, Section 86-34 Use of picnic areas, Section 86-35 Use of designated paths and drives, Section 86-36 Unauthorized sales, Section 86-42 Protection of birds, and Section 86-44 Erection of tents or other structures.

This Council Bill also looks the addition of new rules and regulations to Chapter 86, Article II, Park Rules and Regulations. These include Section 86-47 Unauthorized sleeping, camping, or long-term shelters, Section 86-48 Restrooms and washrooms, Section 86-49 Discarding refuse and trash, Section 86-50 Use of mobility aids, Section 86-51 Metal detectors and geocaching, and Section 86-52 Special use permit.

BACKGROUND
The Parks and Recreation Department is currently reviewing all operations within every division, which obviously includes our rules and regulations. It is key to review such policies to make sure we are current with the ever-changing trends in the parks and recreation field and the needs in our community. These revisions and additions were presented at the November 2023 Park Board, with an approved motion to recommend these changes.

FUNDING SOURCE
This has no effect on the current budget.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of this council bill on first reading.