CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2021-408 – approving a Complete Streets ordinance for the City of Joplin.

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Planning, Development, and Neighborhood Services

MEETING DATE
December 20, 2021

REVIEWED BY
Director of Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services- Troy Bolander, Director of Finance-Leslie Haase, City Attorney- Peter Edwards, City Manager-Nicholas Edwards.

SUMMARY
Complete Streets are designed and operated to provide safety and accessibility for all users of our roadways and trail systems, including pedestrians, bicyclists, trolley users, motorists, emergency vehicles, freight and commercial vehicles, and people of all ages and abilities. Complete Streets principles contribute to the safety, health, equity, and economic viability of a community by providing accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation, and retail destinations and improving the transportation environment throughout the City of Joplin.

This ordinance formalizes the planning, design, operations, and maintenance of our streets so they are safe for all ages and abilities and provide a multimodal transportation network.

BACKGROUND
In 2020, the City of Joplin was selected to participate in the Active Living Community of Practice program through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. This program provided technical support for Missouri communities to adopt active transportation policies and create plans for activity friendly routes that link everyday destinations. These resources were used to develop a draft Complete Streets ordinance for the City of Joplin.

The Joplin Complete Streets ordinance creates a formalized process for reviewing transportation projects to ensure context-sensitive design for all users of the roadway. Additionally, the ordinance forms a Complete Streets Committee made up of City of Joplin staff and external community stakeholders to review transportation projects and ensure alignment with Complete Streets principles.

FUNDING SOURCE
No additional funding is required for this ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of the Complete Streets ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS
CB2021-408; Complete Streets ordinance, “Exhibit A”