City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: December 21, 2015

Item: Council Bill 2015-378
Originating Department: Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services

Attachments: 1) Amendment to Agreement Form
2) Original 2012 New Construction Agreement
3) Council Bill No 2015-378

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DISCUSSION:

The City of Joplin helped create a (Home Partnership Investment Program) HOME consortium with Jasper County and other communities in the County to bring more federal housing dollars to the area. The purpose of the Consortium is to address housing needs in the area by bringing owner-occupied homes up to code, constructing new affordable housing, acquiring and rehabilitating homes, and providing homeownership assistance.

This amendment to agreement is with Harry S. Truman Community Development Corporation (HSTCDC) to act as owner and developer of a property for new construction of one single family home within the region. This program originally provided $170,000 in HOME funds for the construction of two homes to be sold to low-to-moderate income families.

However, the City of Joplin wishes to amend the approved project budget to a total of $219,499.70. The project will be funded through a combination of $170,000 of 2009 HOME funds that were already committed to HSTCDC for New Construction projects, and the reallocation of $49,499.70 of 2010 and 2012 HOME funds from completed HSTCDC CHDO Projects.

The 2010 and 2012 HOME projects referenced above were projects located at 417 N Washington and 138 E Lewis that have been completed. The projects were acquisition – rehabilitation's that were completed and the homes are now occupied. As such, the funds are available to be reallocated to other eligible projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the agreement with HSTCDC to continue the new construction portion of the HOME Program on an Emergency basis as it is within the meaning of Section 2.12(1) of the Home Rule Charter of Joplin, MO. These activities have received prior approval from the Council as part of the 2011 Action plan.