COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-500 **ORDINANCE NO.**

AN ORDINANCE approving a Petition to Establish the Joplin Sports Facility Community Improvement District and creating the Joplin Sports Facility Community Improvement District; approving a Cooperative Agreement among the City of Joplin, Missouri, the Joplin Sports Facility Community Improvement District, and Prospect Village, LLC; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Joplin.

WHEREAS, Sections 67.1401 to 67.1571 RSMo, 2000, as amended (the "CID Act"), authorize the governing body of any city, upon presentation of a proper petition requesting the formation and after a public hearing, to adopt an ordinance establishing a community improvement district; and

WHEREAS, the City of Joplin, Missouri (the "City") is a charter city and a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, duly created, organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2024, property owners within the proposed community improvement district, collectively owning more than fifty percent (50%) by assessed value of the real property and fifty percent (50%) per capita of all owners of real property within the proposed community improvement district filed with the City Clerk a petition for the establishment of a community improvement district pursuant to the CID Act (the "Petition"), entitled the Joplin Sports Facility Community Improvement District (the "District"), said Petition recites the following facts:

(a) The legal description of the proposed District, including a map illustrating the district boundaries;

(b) The name for the proposed District;

(c) A notice that the signatures of the signers may not be withdrawn later than seven (7) days after the petition is filed with the City Clerk;

(d) A five-year plan stating a description of the purposes of the proposed District, the services it will provide, the improvements it will make and an estimate of costs of these services and improvements to be incurred;

(e) A statement that the District will be a political subdivision governed by a five (5) member board appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council;

(f) The total assessed value of all real property within the proposed District;

(g) That the Petitioners are seeking a determination that the proposed district, or any legally described portion thereof, is a blighted area;

(h) The proposed length of time for the existence of the District;

(i) The proposed method of financing for the District projects and services by implementation of a District Sales Tax on all retail sales made within the District which are subject to taxation pursuant to Sections 144.010 to 144.525, RSMo, at a rate not to exceed one percent (1%), upon an affirmative vote of the qualified voters of the District and in accordance with the CID Act;

(j) That the proposed District will have no power to submit a real property tax to the qualified voters for approval;

(k) That the proposed District will have no power to submit a special assessment to the qualified voters for approval;

(l) The limitations, if any, on the borrowing capacity of the District, the limitations, if any, on the revenue generated by the District, and any other limitations on the powers of the District; and

(m) Requesting that the District be established; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk verified that the Petition substantially complies with the CID Act, submitted the verified Petition to the City Council and set a public hearing with all proper notice being given in accordance with the CID Act or other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, none of the signatures of the signers of the Petition were withdrawn within seven (7) days after the Petition was filed with the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, all the real property included in the District is entirely located within the City of Joplin; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2025, the City Council held a public hearing at which all persons interested in the formation of the District were allowed an opportunity to speak; and

WHEREAS, a Cooperative Agreement among the City, the District, and Prospect Village, LLC has been negotiated and drafted for approval by the parties; and

WHEREAS, the City Council having considered the evidence and testimony given at the public hearing, desires to approve the Petition and establish the District, make such other findings as necessary, approve the Cooperative Agreement among the City, the District, and Prospect Village, LLC, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

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

Section 1. All terms used in this Ordinance shall be construed as defined in the CID Act and the Petition.

Section 2. The City Clerk has verified the Petition substantially complies with all submission

requirements of the CID Act.

Section 3. The District is hereby approved and shall be established within the City as a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, as provided in the Petition, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference. The District includes the contiguous tracts of real estate as described and shown in the attached Petition.

Section 4. As set forth in the Petition, the District shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of five (5) members, appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council in accordance with Section 67.1451.5 of the CID Act. The initial Board of Directors and their terms are as follows:

Ryan Stanley	4 years
Derek Edwards	4 years
Fred Palmer	2 years
Dustin Parker	2 years
Patty Vavra	2 years

Section 5. The District's Board of Directors shall have the authority to impose a sales tax as set forth in the Petition and in conformance with the CID Act.

Section 6. The District shall have and possess without limitation such powers authorized under the CID Act and as set forth or otherwise limited in the Petition.

Section 7. The District will continue to exist and function until the earlier of: (1) until all of the obligations (and accrued interest), as defined in the CID Act, of the District have been repaid, or (2) the date which is twenty-seven (27) years from the date of this Ordinance establishing the District. The City may extend the duration of the District pursuant to Section 67.1481 of the CID Act.

Section 8. Pursuant to Section 67.1401.2(3)(b) RSMo, the City Council hereby finds, determines, and declares that the area described in the Petition is a blighted area based on information included in and testimony related to the blight study submitted and presented at the public hearing on January 21, 2025. The City Council further finds and determines that the use of District revenues related to the construction of the improvements and services described in the Petition are reasonably anticipated to remediate the blighting conditions within the District and will serve a public purpose.

Section 9. The City Clerk is hereby directed to prepare and file with the Missouri Department of Economic Development (the "Department") the report specified in Section 67.1421.6 of the CID Act, substantially in the form provided by the Department.

Section 10. That the Cooperative Agreement among the City of Joplin, Missouri, the Joplin Sports Facility Community Improvement District, and Prospect Village, LLC, is approved in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and the City Manager is authorized to execute

said Agreement on behalf of the City.

Section 11. The City Manager, City Clerk and any other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take any action as may be deemed necessary or convenient to carry out and comply with the intent of this Ordinance and to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the City all certificates, instruments or other documents as may be necessary, desirable, convenient or proper to perform all matters herein authorized.

Section 12. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that each and every part, section and subsection of this Ordinance shall be separate and severable from each and every other part, section and subsection hereof and that the City Council intends to adopt each said part, section and subsection separately and independently of any other part, section and subsection. In the event that any part, section or subsection of this Ordinance shall be determined to be or to have been unlawful or unconstitutional, the remaining parts, sections and subsections shall be and remain in full force and effect, unless the court making such finding shall determine that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accord with the legislative intent.

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

day of _____, 2025, by a _____vote.

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Keenan T. Cortez, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney

Exhibit A

Petition to Establish the Joplin Sports Facility Community Improvement District

[see attached]

Exhibit B

Cooperative Agreement among the City of Joplin, Missouri, the Joplin Sports Facility Community Improvement District, and Prospect Village, LLC

[see attached]