

**REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** July 5, 2016

**ITEM:** Council Bill No. 2016-010 amending Chapter 2, Administration, Section 50, Code of Ethics; authorizing the City of Joplin to enact an ordinance establishing a waiver.

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**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Legal

**ATTACHMENTS:** Council Bill No. 2016-010

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**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Peter C. Edwards

**CITY MANAGER:** Samuel L. Anselm

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**INTRODUCTION:**

This Council Bill amends Chapter 2, Administration, Section 50, Code of Ethics. Specifically, the bill enacts an ordinance establishing a waiver to Section 50(f)(3), for service on an agency, board, or commission.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City's Code of Ethics currently states in Section (f)(3) that "a councilmember shall not be employed by the city, or any of its departments, boards or agencies, for a period of one year after leaving the position of councilmember." The City Attorney has historically interpreted this provision as prohibiting service as a volunteer on agencies and boards. This Council Bill creates a waiver to Section (f)(3), applicable only to service on an agency, board, or commission. A former councilmember may submit a written request to waive the one year prohibition. The City Council may waive the restriction if it finds that a waiver will serve the best interests of the City of Joplin.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff presents this Council Bill on First Reading.

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