

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM

Council Bill 2019-600 – establishing the Joplin Youth Council as an official advisory board to the Joplin City Council.

MEETING DATE

January 7, 2019

ORIGINATING DEPT

City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

CB 2019-600 Ordinance; Joplin Youth Council Bylaws

REVIEWED BY

City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Sam Anselm

SUMMARY

This Council Bill officially creates the Joplin Youth Council (JYC) and outlines the procedures for selection and operation. The JYC will consist of eleven members selected from public and private high schools in the City of Joplin and will serve as an advisory board to the City Council.

BACKGROUND

In July 2018 Van Johnson from the National League of Cities (NLC) presented to the Joplin City Council about creating a Youth Council. Councilmembers and City staff expressed an interest in pursuing the idea and created a committee made up of staff, Councilmembers Stanley and Colbert-Kean, and representatives from Joplin public and private schools. The committee met in October and has been working to develop the JYC to begin in the 2019-2020 school year.

This is the ordinance required to adopt the JYC as an official advisory board to the Joplin City Council. The attached bylaws outline the formation and operation of the JYC.

FUNDING SOURCE

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this Council Bill.