

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM

Council Bill 2019-001 – amending Chapter 82, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I, In General, by repealing Section 82-17, Misuse of the emergency telephone system; and enacting a new Section 82-17, Misuse of the emergency communications system.

MEETING DATE

February 4, 2019

ORIGINATING DEPT

Police Department

ATTACHMENTS

CB2019-001 Ordinance

REVIEWED BY

Dept. Head: Chief Stewart; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Sam Anselm

SUMMARY

The Joplin Police Department has implemented a text to 911 system within its Emergency Communications Center. However, Section 82-17, Misuse of the emergency telephone system, is limited to misuse of the emergency telephone system. This amendment will make Section 82-17 applicable to misuse of the emergency communications system, including the emergency telephone and text systems.

FUNDING SOURCE

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on an Emergency basis, being an Ordinance dealing with the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety or morals within the meaning of Section 2.12(1) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and, as such, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage. Specifically, this Ordinance deals with abuse of the emergency communications system.