

CITY OF JOPLIN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM

Council Bill 2019-619 amending Chapter 62, Health and Sanitation, by adding a new Article X, Tobacco 21 Act.

MEETING DATE

December 2, 2019

ORIGINATING DEPT

Health Department

ATTACHMENTS

CB2019-619 Council Bill

REVIEWED BY

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SUMMARY

The Health Department requests consideration of Council Bill No. 2019-619 that authorizes an amendment to Chapter 62, Health and Sanitation, by adding a new Article X, Tobacco 21 Act.

BACKGROUND

In the 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) conducted by the local Community Health Collaborative (CHC) Lung Disease and Heart Disease were identified as two of the primary health issues affecting local residents. A companion document, the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) was developed in response to the identified health issues and a Tobacco 21 Ordinance was listed as an initiative that should be implemented to improve the lung and heart disease rates. Shortly after, the Vision Joplin 2022 effort included the Tobacco 21 Ordinance as a recommendation in their final report to the city council for consideration.

Recently, the CHC in its 2019 CHNA report again recommended the enactment of a Tobacco 21 Ordinance. Concurrently, Vision Joplin 2022 in conjunction with One Joplin began promoting the passage of a Tobacco 21 Ordinance. Over the past several months they worked with city staff to develop language for the ordinance presented tonight.

Tobacco 21 Ordinances (T21) are considered by the Centers For Disease Control (CDC) as effective measures that communities or states can enact to reduce the rate at which youth begin tobacco use. Studies have shown that most individuals that begin tobacco use (including vaping) do so when they are teenagers. Once they begin, it is very hard to stop use, due to the addictive nature of nicotine. T21 Ordinances essentially raise the age at which tobacco or vaping products can be purchased from 18 to 21. Studies have also shown that with this delay, young adults are less likely to take up the use of these products.

FUNDING SOURCE

The source of funding is the Health Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on First Reading.