

**CITY OF JOPLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM**

Council Bill 2021-519 – Approving the real property tax levy in the City of Joplin

**MEETING DATE**

August 16, 2021

**ORIGINATING DEPT**

Finance

**ATTACHMENTS**

CB 2021-519 Ordinance; Public Hearing Notice; and Average Property Tax Calculation

**REVIEWED BY**

Department Head: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

**SUMMARY**

This Council Bill approves the real property tax levy in the City of Joplin, including the Library property tax levy.

**BACKGROUND**

A public hearing was held earlier in the meeting to discuss the proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 property tax levy for the City of Joplin and for the affirmation of the tax levy of the Joplin Public Library District. The maximum authorized property tax levy is 54.0 cents and the CPI is 1.4% based on calculations by the State Auditor’s office. The property tax of the City of Joplin represents a very small portion of the overall property tax liability for the citizens of Joplin. Property tax provides nearly 1.7% of the general government revenue and is used to fund a portion of Health, Parks and Solid Waste activities.

Staff is recommending the acceptance of the amount calculated utilizing the State Auditor’s worksheet at \$.1746, which represents a small decrease in the City property tax rate from \$.1806. The library rate will also decrease slightly from \$.2545 to \$.2453 as set forth by Missouri Statute. The total rate will decrease from \$.4351 from \$.4199 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Property tax is expected to generate \$1,208,385.00 for the City and \$1,513,728 for the library. The property tax for a home with an assessed valuation of \$100,000 will decrease from \$82.67 to \$79.78 for both the city and the library portion of the property tax.

According to preliminary assessment valuations for 2021 released by the County Clerk’s Offices of Jasper and Newton Counties, the assessed valuations for each county for the city are:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Jasper County	\$520,635,871	\$557,515,098
Newton County	<u>158,044,568</u>	<u>163,409,777</u>
Total – Both Counties	\$678,680,439	\$720,924,875

**FUNDING SOURCE**

This item is not applicable for this agenda item.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of this council bill on an emergency basis. Property tax rates must be set by the end of August by state statute.