

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM

Resolution 2022-003 – A RESOLUTION allowing the Joplin Public Works Department to proceed in developing new permits for all permitted industries in the City of Joplin and changes to the City of Joplin’s ordinance of Section 118 per the Environmental Protective Agency’s (EPA) General Pretreatment Regulations and Streamlining Rule.

MEETING DATE

January 18, 2022

ORIGINATING DEPT

Public Works - Operations

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2022-003, Streamlining Facts Sheet and Streamlining Rules for Required Changes

REVIEWED BY

Director of Public Works: David Hertzberg; Director of Finance: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nicolas Edwards

SUMMARY

This Resolution provides authorization to proceed in sending proposed changes to Missouri Department Natural Resources (MDNR) for Public Comment or questions as per the EPA’s Streamlining Regulations and Program to adopt the EPA’s Revised Streamlining Rule.

BACKGROUND

The Rule revises several provisions of Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) General Pretreatment Regulations. The objective of the Rule is to reduce the overall regulatory burden on industrial users and the Control Authority (in this case, the City of Joplin). The Rule gives the City flexibility to reduce the burden of technical and administrative requirements while still meeting the environmental objectives of the General Pretreatment Program. The EPA has identified 13 changes contained in the Rule that are more stringent than the original provisions of the General Pretreatment Regulations. The City’s existing pretreatment ordinance must be reviewed, and a determination made as to which of these 13 changes apply to Joplin. It may be that not all 13 changes will be necessary, but undoubtedly a number of changes will be required. If the ordinance is not updated to incorporate the appropriate changes, the City will not be able to take advantage of the reduced regulatory burden the Rule affords. Additionally, it is a condition of the new Shoal Creek and Turkey Creek operating permits that the Streamlining Rule changes be adopted.

FUNDING SOURCE

Wastewater

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Resolution.