

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-512

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE Calling an Election in the City of Joplin, Missouri to authorize the levy and imposition annually for municipal purposes of a tax which shall not exceed the maximum rate of one dollar on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation; and containing an emergency clause.

WHEREAS, the City Council heard the needs of the public safety departments through the Fire Department Resource Allocation Study in October of 2021 and the Police Resource Allocation Study in April of 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the City needs to attract and retain quality public safety personnel for the overall good of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the City has developed an updated pay plan to help position the public safety departments to attract and retain quality staff; and,

WHEREAS, the updated pay plan will require additional funding resources through a general property tax and a portion of the use tax proceeds; and,

WHEREAS, the use tax proceeds generated by the portion of the ½-cent general sales tax dedicated to public safety will fund Crime and Safety Action Plan numbers two, three and seven, with all remaining proceeds to be used to fund commitments presented; and,

WHEREAS, upon passage of the property tax and implementation of the plan, all remaining action plans identified to be funded through the use tax proceeds generated by the portion of the ½-cent general sales tax dedicated to public safety will be considered implemented and complete; and,

WHEREAS, all funds collected from this tax shall be used for public safety purposes as determined by the City Manager and City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the City is authorized, subject to voter approval, by Section 94.400 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended, to levy and impose annually for municipal purposes upon all subjects and objects of taxation within the City's corporate limits a tax which shall not exceed the maximum rate of one dollar on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation; and,

WHEREAS, the City does not currently levy and impose any such tax for municipal purposes as authorized by law; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has held discussions on May 2 and May 9 to address the public safety needs; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to seek voter approval to levy and impose such tax to provide additional funding for the betterment of overall public safety in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. An election is hereby ordered to be held in the City on August 2, 2022, on the following question:

Proposition Public Safety

Shall the City Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, be authorized to levy and impose annually for municipal purposes upon all subjects and objects of taxation within its corporate limits a tax which shall not exceed the maximum rate of one dollar on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation?

Section 2. The form of the Notice of Election for said election, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to notify the County Clerks of Jasper County and Newton County, Missouri, of the adoption of this Ordinance no later than 4:00 P.M. on May 24, 2022, and to include in said notification all of the terms and provisions required by Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended.

Section 4. This Ordinance, being an Ordinance submitting a tax levy question to the voters, is an emergency within the meaning of Section 2.12(2) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and as such shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and approval.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day of _____, 2022, by a vote of _____.

Douglas W. Lawson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney

NOTICE OF ELECTION

CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Joplin, Missouri, that the City Council has called an election to be held on August 2, 2022, commencing at 6:00 A.M. and closing at 7:00 P.M., on the question contained in the following sample ballot:

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI**

AUGUST 2, 2022

PROPOSITION PUBLIC SAFETY

Shall the City Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, be authorized to levy and impose annually for municipal purposes upon all subjects and objects of taxation within its corporate limits a tax which shall not exceed the maximum rate of one dollar on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation?

YES

NO

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: If you are in favor of the question, place an X in the box opposite "YES." If you are opposed to the question, place an X in the box opposite "NO."

The election will be held at the following polling places in the City:

PRECINCT

POLLING PLACE

DATED: _____, 2022

County Clerk of _____ County,
Missouri