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**Requested Council Meeting Date: October 2, 2017**

**Item: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2017-275**

**Originating Department: PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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Attachments: 1) Copy of Council Bill 2017-275  
2) Planning Report  
3) Commission Minutes

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Planning/Community Development Manager: Troy Bolander

Finance Department: Leslie Haase

City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards

City Manager: Samuel L. Anselm

Board or Commission: Planning and Zoning Commission Date: 09/11/17

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Recommended Action: Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 5 In Favor, 2 Absent

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**SUMMARY/REQUEST:**

Case 027-17: Jackson Ave, intersecting Glendale Rd. and Riverside Dr. – A request to apply District HP (Historic Overlay District) to Jackson Avenue Low Water Bridge – Roderick Harsh.

**STAFF SUMMARY:**

The Low Water Bridge on Shoal Creek is reflective of a utilitarian, pragmatic method of construction. The bridge is constructed of a large slab of reinforced Portland cement that rests on reinforced supports secured into bedrock. While the bridge is not the most aesthetically pleasing, it has served its purpose well for nearly 100 years.

Per the regulations of the historic preservation ordinance, the structure must meet one or more of the criteria for nomination as a local historic landmark. Staff believes the Jackson Avenue Low Water Bridge on Shoal Creek, meets Criteria C, H, and I. Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the community, county, state, or country. Its unique location or singular physical characteristics that make it an established or familiar visual feature; and Its character as a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, including, but not limited to farmhouses, gas stations, or other commercial structures, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.

The Historic Preservation Committee recommended approval of Case 027-17.

Staff recommends approval of Case 027-17.

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:**

Roderick Harsh, 1200 North Range Line Rd., Joplin, MO. The bridge has served its role for 98 years. Per the City Public Works Department, the bridge sees over 800 crossings per day. It has been through 100's of floods and has no weight restrictions. This historic structure needs to be saved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.