

**CITY OF JOPLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM**

Council Bill 2022-503 – Adopting the Housing Revitalization Plan to be used as a guideline for the Action Plan to help Address Declining Neighborhoods

**MEETING DATE**

February 22, 2022

**ORIGINATING DEPT**

Finance

**ATTACHMENTS**

CB 2022-503 Ordinance; Housing Revitalization Plan Documents

**REVIEWED BY**

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

**SUMMARY**

This Council Bill adopts the Housing Revitalization Plan to be used as a guideline for Strategy One of the Action Plans to help Address Declining Neighborhoods and amending the budget to fund this Action Plan.

**BACKGROUND**

Since the passage of Proposition Action which approved the use tax, city staff has been working to build and refine the Action Plans previously set forth. The Housing Revitalization Plan has been further developed and is included for your review. Under this program, an incentive is awarded to a builder/developer based upon the assessed value of the new home that is built. Requirements of the program include:

- The new home must replace an existing single-family home
- Home design must complement the existing neighborhood
- Incentive paid upon initial assessment by County Assessor

Acceptance of applications for this program will begin on April 1, 2022, with the review of the first group beginning on June 1, 2022. The first round will be limited to approval of five applications. This program is just one of the twelve Action Plans developed to help address declining neighborhoods and is intended to augment the other Action Plans by focusing on the tear down of dilapidated homes by a builder/developer and the subsequent rebuild of a new home.

This program aims to minimize the long-term negative impact of underperforming real estate, improve the housing supply, and strengthen the tax base to benefit the local taxing jurisdictions. The Proposition Action Committee reviewed and discussed the updated Action Plan at their February 2, 2022 meeting. This Action Plan is being funded through the fund balance of the general fund. As such, this ordinance includes a budget amendment for \$1 million.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

This item includes a budget amendment to fund the Action Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of this council bill on an emergency basis to help improve and revitalize the community.