

2022 CRUISING

Saturday, May 7 2022
15th & Main
7pm-10pm

Joplin Cruise Night!

Message us
on FB/Insta or
text 417.310.9687

Pick your Epic ride
and cruise Joplin
starting at \$99!

HISTORY OF JOPLIN CRUISING

- ▶ 1950's & 1960's, Joplin like many Cities throughout the United States had cruising going on through the downtown areas.
- ▶ With the popularity of automobiles, younger citizens used automobiles as a way to meet friends and provide meeting areas and to gather and show off rides. Some of these type of meets turned into cruising the Main streets showing off cars. At other times, people wanted to run drag races with the vehicles in City limits.
- ▶ In the Late 1980's there were gang activities associated with Cruising.
- ▶ 1990's The City Council passed an Ordinance against Cruising.
- ▶ 2021 Michael Hendrix brought up to Council about doing a Cruising Night because of the popularity. Council Approved the Event during 2021.
- ▶ 2022 Michael Hendrix sent requests to the City requesting the events this year.

ORDINANCE SECTION 114-205

- ▶ *Findings; purpose.* The city council hereby acknowledges and incorporates by reference the reports to the city council of the South Main Cruising Committee dated April 1989, the South Main Enforcement Project final report dated October 26, 1989, the South Main Enforcement Report dated May 1, 1990, and the Report of Youth Gangs in Joplin dated March 12, 1992, labeled "exhibit A" and on file in the office of the city clerk. The city council hereby finds that the practice of cruising, as defined in this section, has a negative impact on the health, safety and economic welfare of the community in the following respects:

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ▶ Public Works – Processed Paperwork for Cruises and sent out Invoices to charge for the Event.
- ▶ Joplin Police Department – Monitored the Cruising events to ensure that they didn't get out of hand.



CRUISING AREA & RESTRICTIONS

- ▶ Main Street between 10th street and 26th and on Joplin Ave.
- ▶ Turnaround Area is between 10th & 12th on Joplin Ave and between 22nd and 26th.
- ▶ Not allowing cruising vehicles into residential areas.



RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ Review the current ordinance that prevents Cruising within City limits.
 - ▶ Establish guidance on future of Cruising within the City limits.
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