

**CITY OF JOPLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM**

Council Bill 2022-124 – amending Chapter 118 Utilities, by repealing Chapter 118 Utilities, and enacting a new Chapter 118 Utilities in lieu thereof.

**MEETING DATE**

June 6, 2022

**ORIGINATING DEPT**

Public Works - Operations

**ATTACHMENTS**

CB2022-124 Ordinance; Exhibit “A” New Chapter 118 Utilities; EPA Fact Sheet

**REVIEWED BY**

Interim Director of Public Works: Daniel Johnson; Director of Finance: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nicholas Edwards

**SUMMARY**

This Council Bill is an amendment to Chapter 118 Utilities, by repealing Chapter 118 Utilities to reduce the burden of technical and administrative requirements without undermining the environmental objectives of the Pretreatment Program.

**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 was reviewed, and a number of changes were needed and required. The ordinance needs to be updated and the appropriate changes incorporated into the City’s ordinances. With these changes, the City will be able to take advantage of the reduced regulatory burden the Rule affords by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Additionally, adoption of the Streamlining Rule changes is a condition of the new Shoal Creek and Turkey Creek operating permits. MDNR reviewed the City’s suggested changes, held this for a period for any feedback and then approved the City’s changes.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

Wastewater

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on first reading.