

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM

Council Bill No. 2022-009 and 2022-010 approving an amendment to Sections 10-17 and 10-82 of the City Code allowing for axe throwing clubs to be exempt from the under 21 bar license requirement.

MEETING DATE

October 17, 2022

REVIEWED BY:

Peter Edwards, City Attorney; Leslie Haase, Finance Director; Nick Edwards, City Manager, Sloan Rowland, Police Chief.

SUMMARY:

This Council Bill approves an amendment to Sections 10-17 and 10-82 of the City Code allowing for axe throwing clubs to be exempt from the under 21 bar license requirement.

BACKGROUND:

A presentation and request was presented to the City Council at the October 3, 2022 informal council meeting by business owner Michelle Fowler of the Main Street Axe Company. The request was to allow her business, an axe throwing club, to be given an exemption under sections 10-17 and 10-82 to allow persons under 21 in her establishment because the business is licensed to sell intoxicating liquor and beer. She stated that she derives eighty percent (80%) of her income from the entertainment part of her business, that includes axe throwing, ping pong, skeeball and a soon-to-be added disc golf putting league. After the presentation, the City Council directed the City Attorney to bring an amendment to the Code to a future meeting to allow this exemption.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends this Council Bill be passed on first reading.

ATTACHMENTS:

Council Bill No. 2022-009 and 2022-010

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-009

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 10-17 – “Presence of underage persons in alcoholic beverage establishments” by adding an exemption for axe throwing clubs.

WHEREAS, the City Code currently exempts bowling alleys from Section 10-17; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that axe throwing clubs are an analogous use and desire to exempt them from Section 10-17.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 10-17 – “Presence of underage persons in alcoholic beverage establishments” is amended to read as follows:

“It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 21 years to linger or loiter in or about the premises of a business licensed to sell or dispense for consumption intoxicating liquor or intoxicating or nonintoxicating beer, except as provided in section 10-82, premises used primarily as a bowling alley **or an axe throwing club**, or premises licensed as provided in RSMo 311.480, or during the time when there is no alcoholic beverage on the premises or being consumed on the premises, or any person is of the age of 18 years but under the age of 21 years and is employed as authorized by RSMo 311.300.”

Note: language which is **bold, underlined** has been added.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

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