

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-503

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE reaffirming the gross receipts tax to be imposed upon gas corporations conducting business within the City and matters relating thereto and containing an emergency clause.

WHEREAS, the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) has granted a tariff increase in excess of 7 percent to Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire (“Spire”); and

WHEREAS, tariff increases in excess of 7 percent trigger certain requirements under Section 393.275.1, RSMo. to either roll back the rate of gross receipts taxes imposed by cities on Spire or to pass an ordinance maintaining the existing rates despite the increase in the gross receipts to Spire as a result of the tariff increase; and

WHEREAS, Section 393.275.1, RSMo. requires cities to roll back the rate of the gross receipts tax within 60 days of the effective date of the tariff increase unless such cities pass an ordinance to maintain the existing rate; and

WHEREAS, the PSC has established the effective date of the tariff increase granted to Spire as December 26, 2022, and 60 days from that date is February 24, 2023.

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

Section 1. The gross receipts tax imposed upon gas corporations, including but not limited to Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire, pursuant to Section 30-143 of the Joplin City Code, shall be maintained at its existing rate of six (6) percent, despite the tariff increase awarded by the PSC to Spire effective on December 26, 2022.

Section 2. This Ordinance is declared by the City Council to be an emergency within this meaning of Section 2.12 (1), of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, in order to comply with State Law and as such shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Douglas W. Lawson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney