

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM

Resolution 2023-013 – Approval of a modification to the City of Joplin Purchasing Policy

MEETING DATE

September 18, 2023

ORIGINATING DEPT

Finance

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2023-013; City of Joplin Purchasing Policy with proposed modification

REVIEWED BY

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

SUMMARY

This Resolution approves a modification to the City of Joplin purchasing policy.

BACKGROUND

Since the pandemic, purchasing vehicles for government entities has been a challenge. The City has been unable to replace several vehicles that have been budgeted for replacement over this time period. Production shortages have resulted in limited availability on dealership lots. Furthermore, government discounts for the purchase of vehicles have virtually been eliminated. As a result, the State changed the State bid process. Currently, the State Bid process provides a listing of approved dealerships. Entities purchasing from the State bid now send an email of their requested vehicle specifications to the dealers, then dealers respond if they have any vehicles to meet the specifications.

Many cities across Missouri have amended their purchasing policy to allow the City to follow this same process, but expand on the participating dealerships. The length of a formal sealed bid process no longer works due to the limited availability of vehicles on dealership lots. However, this streamlined process still solicits open bids in a timely manner, which will hopefully help the City capitalize on capturing vehicles on the lots.

This resolution approves the change to the current purchasing policy to follow the State bid process for the purchase of vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.