

**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2006-017**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2006-103**

**AN ORDINANCE**

amending Article I., In General, of Chapter 82, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, by enacting a new section, Section 82-20, Making false report., of the Joplin City Code.

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

Section 1. That Article I. of Chapter 82, of the Joplin City Code be amended to include a new section, Section 82-20, Making false report., to read as follows:

"Sec. 82-20. Making false report.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly:

- (1) Give false information to any person for the purpose of implicating another person in a crime; or
- (2) Make a false report to a law enforcement officer that a crime has occurred or is about to occur; or
- (3) Make a false report or cause a false report to be made to a law enforcement officer, security officer, fire department or other organization, official or volunteer, which deals with emergencies involving danger to life or property that a fire or other incident calling for an emergency response has occurred or is about to occur.

2. It is a defense to a prosecution under subsection 1 of this section that the actor retracted the false statement or report before the law enforcement officer or any other person took substantial action in reliance thereon.

3. The defendant shall have the burden of injecting the issue of retraction under subsection 2 of this section."

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 17th day of July, 2006.

Jon Tupper, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brian W. Head, City Attorney