

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2014-023

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-162

AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 94, Zoning, of the Joplin City Code, by enacting a new Article IV., Department of Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services., Sec. 94-91. Director of planning, development and neighborhood services; and Sec. 94-92. Powers and Duties.

WHEREAS, Urban Development issues and processes are increasingly important to the citizens and businesses located in and around the City of Joplin as the City and the surrounding area continue to grow; and

WHEREAS, planning and zoning play a key role in coordinating and administering the responsibilities of Joplin's development and planning functions, and this multifaceted task involves the establishment and regulatory implementation of local land use goals and objectives, and the review of land use projects; and

WHEREAS, the planning and zoning functions at the City have evolved and grown over the last decade as the City has seen shifts in population, land use and growth, and it is important to create a separate department and to define the role and responsibility of the department in order to more effectively handle these changes.

WHEREAS, the creation of a Department of Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services will better enable the City of Joplin to identify and address Urban Development issues by allowing for the superior delivery of services to the public, creating a more business and citizen-friendly development process, and increasing transparency.

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

Section 1. That Chapter 94, Zoning, of the Joplin City Code, be amended by enacting a new Article IV., Department of Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services., Sec. 94-91. Director of Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services., and Sec. 94-92. Powers and Duties., to read as follows:

“Sec. 94-91. Director of Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services.

There shall be a Department of Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services, the director of which shall be known as the Director of Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services. He shall be appointed by the city manager. He shall have such educational and experience qualifications as will enable him to understand and deal with the broad range of urban development issues and processes in the City and to organize and administer the work of a professional planning staff.

Sec. 94-92. Powers and Duties.

The Director of Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) Make recommendations with respect to city planning, zoning, land use and development to the planning and zoning commission, the mayor and council, the city manager and other departments and agencies of the City.
- (2) Direct and supervise staff in the Department of Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services.
- (3) Provide technical and expert assistance to the planning and zoning commission and the board of adjustment.
- (4) Solicit recommendations and secure data from other City departments and agencies relative to urban development issues and problems.
- (5) Direct the preparation and updating of a comprehensive or master plan for the orderly development and redevelopment of the City.
- (6) Discuss with and explain to the public the principles, policies and procedures of urban development and redevelopment and provide the city council and the planning and zoning commission, from time to time, with reports on new or current planning ideas and practices and land use control techniques.
- (7) Keep the records of the planning and zoning commission and the board of adjustment.
- (8) In the performance of his functions, the director, or his representative, may enter upon any land at reasonable times and after giving reasonable notice to make examinations or surveys.
- (9) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the city manager.
- (10) Perform those functions delegated to the director by ordinance.
- (11) Maintain liaison and cooperate with local, state, and federal government concerning development of the City.”

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 20th day of October, 2014.

Michael L. Seibert, Mayor

ATTEST: Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney