

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 2, Administration, Section 2-50, Code of Ethics. In general, creating a new Section 2-50(n) of the Joplin City Code.

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

WHEREAS, the City's Code of Ethics currently states in Section (f)(3) that "a councilmember shall not be employed by the city, or any of its departments, boards or agencies, for a period of one year after leaving the position of councilmember."

WHEREAS, service on an agency, board, or commission is on a volunteer basis. There is no compensation or other consideration.

WHEREAS, this Council Bill creates a waiver to Section (f)(3), applicable only to service on an agency, board, or commission. A former councilmember may submit a written request to waive the one-year prohibition. The City Council may waive the restriction if it finds that a waiver will serve the best interests of the City of Joplin.

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

Section 1. That a new Section 2-50(n), Waiver, be enacted to read as follows:

(n) Waiver. Any former councilmember may submit a written request for a waiver of section (f)(3) of the code of ethics; specifically, and limited to, that a former councilmember serve on a board or commission without waiting one (1) year after leaving the council. The City Council is empowered to grant a waiver if it finds that the waiver will serve the best interests of the City. The City Council shall consider the reasons contained in the written request, any undue hardship on the councilmember or other compelling or exceptional circumstances. The City Council shall hear the merits of the waiver at its next regular council meeting and it shall be open to the public. The City Council shall either issue or deny the waiver and may condition the waiver on any terms they deem reasonable or necessary.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 15th day of August, 2016, by a vote of 5-4. Nays: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Shaw and West.

ATTEST: Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Peter C. Edwards