

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: March 2, 2015

ITEM: Council Bill No. 2015-002 amending Chapter 82, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article III, of the Joplin City Code, by enacting a new section, Sec. 82-82, Domestic Assault., of the Joplin City Code.

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Legal Department.

ATTACHMENTS: Council Bill No. 2015-002.

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MUNICIPAL COURT:	Lamonte Ratcliff	DATE:

INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill amends Chapter 82 of the Joplin City Code by enacting a new section, Section 82-82, to add domestic assault as a specific violation of the Code.

DISCUSSION:

Currently, citations for domestic assault are issued under the City’s assault ordinance. The City’s Code of Ordinances does not differentiate between assault and domestic violence. By enacting an ordinance specific to domestic violence, the law and records thereof will be easier to understand and enforce, and will be more consistent with the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. The new Section 82-82 is modeled after RSMo., §565.074, the Missouri statute that covers misdemeanor domestic assault.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that this Council Bill be passed on an emergency basis.

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