

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2026 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL BUDGET FOR  
THE CITY OF JOLIET, WILL AND KENDALL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

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**WHEREAS**, after holding a public hearing and giving notice thereof in the manner provided by law and ordinance, the Mayor and City Council have examined the proposed Annual Budget for the City of Joliet recommended for the fiscal year 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council hereby find that the proposed Annual Budget is fiscally sound and adoption is in the best interests of the residents of the City of Joliet;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AND HOME RULE AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** That the 2026 Annual Budget for the City of Joliet, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted and approved. The expenditures specified in the Annual Budget are hereby authorized and appropriated for all purposes, including for the purpose of levying general real estate taxes. The 2025 fiscal year budget is amended to equal the estimated year end column of the 2026 adopted budget.

**SECTION 2:** That the allocations made in the foregoing Annual Budget for salaries and wages of the employees and officers of the City of Joliet shall not be considered as contracts or enforceable commitments. Expenditures under such accounts shall be further limited to employment of personnel only as needed, or as may be required, under the title of positions specified and not to exceed the specified maximum number to be employed. No officer or employee shall have the right to demand continuous employment and compensation by reason of the budget authorization if it becomes necessary on account of lack of work or lack of funds, to reduce personnel. If any office or position budgeted herein should be or become vacant, and in the judgment of the City Manager, as the case may be, the public interest is not served by filling that office or position, then the City Manager, is authorized not to fill such position.

**SECTION 3:** That the newly created positions in the 2026 Annual Budget shall be officially created and filled by the City Manager.

**SECTION 4:** That the Annual Budget approved by this ordinance shall collectively constitute an "Annual Budget" for the purposes of Section 8-2-9.1-1 through 8-2-9.10, inclusive, of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/8-2-9.1 et seq.), as amended, and as an annual appropriation ordinance as set forth in Section 8-2-9.4 thereof.

**SECTION 5:** That this Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the home rule powers granted the City of Joliet by Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois. In addition, this Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority and in

accordance with the procedures set forth by law. To the extent that this Ordinance conflicts with any provision of law, this Ordinance shall be construed so as to preempt such law pursuant to the home rule powers of the City of Joliet. This Ordinance shall be deemed severable.

**SECTION 6:** That this Ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**VOTING NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTING YES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOT VOTING:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor, City of Joliet,  
Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, City of Joliet,  
Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois

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