



# Missouri Ethics Commission

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**Commission Action: MEC No. 24-0021-I:** City of Joplin, Doug Lawson, Mayor

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The Missouri Ethics Commission received a complaint against the City of Joplin, Doug Lawson Mayor on March 13, 2024. Missouri statutes required that an investigation be completed within 90 days of receipt and presented to the Commission for a determination of whether there are reasonable grounds for a violation or whether it should be dismissed. Section 105.957, RSMo.

Missouri statute, Section 105.955.6, RSMo requires at least four commission members are necessary for a quorum, and at least four affirmative votes shall be required for any action or recommendation of the Commission.

Because there were not four Commissioners able to consider the investigation within the statutory timeframe, the Commission could take no action on this complaint.

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