



# THIS IS EL DORADO

## SMOKE ALARMS

Make Them **WORK For You!**™



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## Fire Prevention Week focuses on Smoke Alarms

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, Oct. 6 through 12, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!™" strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

### Smoke Alarm Big 3: Install, Test and Replace

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace Batteries (unless 10-year batteries) during time changes as a schedule.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or stop responding when tested.

Make sure your smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities. Smoke alarms can be found in various pitches/tones, with flashing/strobe lights, and many other varieties to alert you and your loved ones.

It is important for everyone in your family to know the sounds of your smoke alarms so they can react quickly and get out safely.

## What's Happening in El Dorado

- Nov. 4 & 18 - City Commission Meetings
- Nov. 4 - Community Potluck @ Senior Center
- Nov. 6 - Chamber Chat
- Nov. 7 - Thankful Thursday
- Nov. 11 - City Offices closed for Veterans Day  
*Monday trash will be picked up on Wednesday*
- Nov. 12 - Downtown Assembly @ Charley's Appliance
- Nov. 19 - Coutts Brown Bag Program
- Nov. 19 - Library Book Club
- Nov. 21 - Back 2 Country Dane @ El Dorado Senior Center
- Nov. 28 - City Offices closed for Thanksgiving  
*Thursday trash will be picked up on Wednesday*

Sign up for event notifications online at [www.eldoks.com](http://www.eldoks.com)

Also, be sure everyone knows two ways out of each room. Finally, have a family meeting place once everyone is outside of your home.

Smoke alarms are more important today than ever. Thirty years ago, the average American had 14-17 minutes to escape their home during a fire. Today, with the current building materials used, it's only around two minutes. Smoke alarms give you the biggest advantage to get out quickly and safely with early warnings.

According to NFPA, smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half (54 percent). Meanwhile, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

During Fire Prevention Week, El Dorado firefighters visited the schools in El Dorado to talk to the kids about fire safety.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In an effort to keep pumpkins from taking up space or sliming your trash cart, Public Works is holding a **Pumpkin Drop Off**

Oct. 25 - Nov. 4  
at 222 E. Locust (driveway off of Vine St.)  
A dumpster will be marked **PUMPKINS ONLY** for your convenience.



## Plans set for Trick or Treat Main Street, Veterans Day parade

Due to the water project that continues on Central Avenue, the City had to come up with some alternate options for events that involve the downtown area this Fall.

The first event coming up is Trick or Treat with Main Street. With Central now being closed at Main Street, Trick or Treating has been moved to North Main. It will begin at the alley beside Couetts Museum in the 100 block of North Main. Barricades will be set up just south of the alley, so people can still access Main from the back parking lots. It will then continue north to Third Avenue. Businesses will be able to set up in the 100 blocks of east and west First and Second avenues up to the alleys in those blocks. They will need to sign up with Main Street. People will need to park north of Central to attend.

Then on Nov. 9 is the Veterans Day parade. This parade route will begin at the Kansas Workforce Center parking lot in the 500 block of North Main Street. It will head south on Main Street to First Avenue, where it will turn west and continue to Taylor Street. Parade entries not staying at the Performing Arts Center for the activities are asked to exit by turning from Taylor onto Central.

Thank you for your patience with these events as the construction continues.

## Commission approves 2025 budget for \$35.34 million

In September, the El Dorado City Commission approved a budget of \$35.34 million or 57.922 mills for 2025. This budget did exceed the revenue neutral rate, which was calculated by the Butler County Clerk as 55 mills. This was significantly lower than what was first presented to the Commission after staff looked for ways to keep the mill levy the same as 2024.

Spending authority for each operating fund is as follows:

Mill Levy Funds: General Fund: \$16.45 million, Debt Service Fund: \$2.01 million, Airport Fund: \$110,004, Industrial Mill Levy Fund: \$120,064, Library Fund: \$618,511

Other Funds: Water Fund: \$4.7 million, Sewer Fund: \$3.3 million, Refuse Fund: \$1.78 million, Major Street: \$1.57 million, Internal Services (Data Processing): \$1.09 million, Excess Sales Tax: \$850,000, Ordinance Street Sales Tax: \$700,000, Experience El Dorado (Tourism): \$319,172, Stormwater: \$228,299, Senior Center: \$159,694, Prairie Trails: \$99,000, Compressed Natural Gas: \$36,650, Special Alcohol and Drug: \$32,000, Special Parks and Recreation: \$28,500, Building Demolition: \$25,000

## City of El Dorado Title VI Information: Ensuring Equal Access for All

### What is Title VI?

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is a federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance.

### Who is Covered?

Title VI protects everyone, including residents and visitors. It applies to city services, programs, and activities that receive federal funding.

### Your Rights

Under Title VI, you have the right to:

- Access city services without discrimination
- Be treated fairly, regardless of race, color, or national origin
- File a Title VI complaint if you believe you've been discriminated against

### How to File a Complaint

If you believe you've experienced discrimination, contact us:

- Phone: 316-321-9100
- Website: [www.eldoks.com](http://www.eldoks.com)

### City of El Dorado's Commitment

We are committed to ensuring that all residents and visitors have equal access to city services and programs. Discrimination will not be tolerated.

For more information, visit us online at [www.eldoks.com](http://www.eldoks.com) or contact us using the information below.

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Address: 220 E. 1st Ave., El Dorado, KS 67042



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- The Commission issued proclamations for Warbeard Day on Oct. 9 in recognition of Walnut River Brewing Company and the tourism it attracts to El Dorado and Constitution Week Sept. 17 through 23, recognizing the 237th anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution.
- The Commission approved the amendment to the Municipal Code relating to ATVs and UTVs, changing the width to 78 inches or less and gross vehicle weight of 5500 pounds or less so it includes more vehicles. These vehicles are required to complete registration at the Police Department.
- The Commission held public hearings for the city's intent to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and for the 2025 proposed budget.
- The Commission approved a Resolution to levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. The mill levy will remain at 57.922 mills.
- The Commission approved the 2025 Budget establishing a maximum spending authority of \$35.34 million for all operating funds.
- The Commission approved an ordinance rezoning 319 S. Taylor from R-1 to R-2 (Residential Medium-Density District).
- The Commission approved authorizing Commissioner Kelly Tetrick to work with a grass roots group to start the planning process for funding a new pool.

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