



THIS IS EL DORADO

A Christmas celebration!

The annual El Dorado Main Street Old Fashioned Christmas was held at the start of December, including the Christmas parade.



What's Happening in El Dorado

- **Jan. 1** - City Offices closed for New Year's Day
All trash routes will run normally
- **Jan. 6 & 21** - City Commission Meetings
- **Jan. 6** - Community Potluck @ Senior Center
- **Jan. 8** - Chamber Chat
- **Jan. 9** - Thursday Speaker Series @ Kansas Oil Museum
- **Jan. 16** - Live Band @ El Dorado Senior Center
- **Jan. 20** - City Offices Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
Monday trash picked up on Wednesday
- **Jan. 21** - Coutts Brown Bag Program
- **Jan. 21** - Library Book Club

Sign up for event notifications online at www.eldoks.com

Get involved in local boards, committees

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in the community? The City of El Dorado has several committees and boards that are made up of residents. They include:

Board of Appeals/Code Review - Discusses building code adoption, methods of construction and training. Meets as needed.

Experience El Dorado Committee - Makes recommendations to the Commission regarding programs and expenditures for the promotion of conventions and tourism. Meets bimonthly.

El Dorado Inc. - Recommends plans for identifying potential incentives to increase commercial and industrial development. Meets bimonthly.

Library Board - Assists in policy and future plans. Meets monthly.

Planning Commission - Reviews planning and zoning actions and provides recommendation to Commission. Meets monthly.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee - Provides advice about recreational programming and park and recreational improvements to the Commission.

Sales Tax Advisory Committee - Discusses proposals for use of uncommitted sales tax from city staff. Meets 2-3 times per year.

You can learn more and apply for a committee online at: www.eldoks.com/136/Advisory-Boards-Committees



Protecting El Dorado: Understanding floods

El Dorado is enriched by natural waterways, including the West Branch of the Walnut River, the Walnut River, Constant Creek, and numerous unnamed tributaries and drainage channels. While these features enhance our landscape, they also present flood risks. To safeguard residents and properties, the City enforces floodplain development standards and participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This involvement provides access to flood insurance, disaster assistance, and hazard mitigation opportunities.

Understanding Flood Zones in El Dorado

Flood zones identify areas with varying flood risk levels, guiding building and development practices. In the City of El Dorado, the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) encompasses regions with a 1% annual chance of flooding, commonly known as the 100-year floodplain. Properties within the SFHA are subject to specific building standards, and those with federally-backed mortgages must carry flood insurance.

To determine your property's flood zone, visit the FEMA Flood Map Service Center. By entering your address, you can access the official flood map for your area.

Why Floodplain Management Matters for El Dorado

The City of El Dorado's commitment to floodplain management and participation in the NFIP, brings several benefits:

- 1. Access to Affordable Flood Insurance:** Through the NFIP, property owners in El Dorado can purchase federally-backed flood insurance, often more affordable than private options.
- 2. Eligibility for Disaster Assistance:** NFIP participation qualifies our community for federal disaster assistance, which is vital during flood events.
- 3. Hazard Mitigation Opportunities:** The NFIP offers hazard mitigation grants to fund projects that reduce long-term flood risks.

Environmental Benefits of Floodplain Regulation

Beyond protecting lives and property, regulating floodplain development offers significant environmental advantages: preservation of natural habitats; water quality improvement;

2025 animal licenses begin January 1

All dogs and cats are required to be licensed and immunized with a rabies vaccination, which provides protection throughout the licensing period, upon reaching 4 months of age. The licensing period begins January 1 and lasts for one year.

Application for a license may be made 30 days before and not more than 60 days

after the beginning of the licensing period. A penalty of \$2 per month is charged for each month after March 1 for late licensing. The licensing fees are as follows: Each Sterile Animal: \$5; Each Non-Sterile Animal: \$40; Replacement Tag: \$5. Verification of sterilization by a licensed veterinarian is required.

Licenses can be purchased at your vet, or by cash or check at the Animal Shelter or City Hall.



Groundwater recharge; and erosion control.

Best Practices for Managing Flood Risk in El Dorado

- 1. Contact the City's Engineering Department:** Our team can guide you through and provide information on floodplain development permits, which are required for any activity within the SFHA—from building to as simple as storing items.
- 2. Understand the 50% Rule and Do Your Due Diligence:** If you own or plan to purchase a home in the SFHA, always do your due diligence. In the event of significant damage, such as from hail, fire, or a tornado, repairs and improvements to structures in the SFHA are restricted if the work costs more than 50% of the home's current market value.
- 3. Prepare for Localized Flooding and Runoff:** Heavy rain can cause localized flooding from runoff. Ensure downspouts direct water away from foundations and keep drainage channels clear.
- 4. Elevate Critical Systems:** Consider raising utilities like HVAC systems, water heaters, and electrical panels above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) to prevent damage during floods.
- 5. Stay Informed and Ready:** El Dorado residents can sign up for local flood alerts and prepare an emergency plan.

Supporting a Safe and Resilient El Dorado

The City of El Dorado's floodplain management efforts aim to build a safe, resilient community that can withstand and recover from flooding. The Engineering Department is here to provide the knowledge, resources, and guidance needed to protect your property and understand your flood risks.



- Following a public hearing, the Commission approved an ordinance levying special assessments on the sanitary sewer improvements at Garcia Court.
- The Commission approved an ordinance authorizing the city to issue Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds for Gordy Heritage, LLC.
- The Commission approved an exclusive right to sell or lease contract with Landmark Commercial Real Estate for the purpose of marketing the El Dorado Business Park.
- The Commission approved a request to rezone 119 W. Ash from C-1 General Business to C-2 Central Business District.
- The Commission approved an ordinance to designate the city website as the official newspaper of general circulation for publications for the Planning Commission.
- The Commission approved amendments to designate the Planning Commission to function as the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- The Commission approved a resolution for placement of stop signs on Park Avenue at Summit Street.

Watch the full meetings at eldoks.com/135/Agendas-Minutes-and-Videos