



# THIS IS EL DORADO

## Commission approves 2025 rate increases

The City Commission approved the 2025 fee schedule at a December meeting. Among the rates impacted by this new fee schedule were those for water, sewer and trash. The increases began on January 1, 2025 and you will see the increase on your February bills. See the 2025 rates below:

### 2025 Utility Rate Increase

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Water Usage                  | 10 cents per 1,000 gallons |
| Water Readiness-to-Serve Fee | 11 cents                   |
| Sewer Usage                  | 14 cents per 1,000 gallons |
| Sewer Readiness-to-Serve     | 13 cents                   |

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| Monthly Average Water & Sewer Increase* | \$2.08 |
| Monthly Trash Rate Increase             | \$1.00 |

*\*Average bill based on using 5,600 gallons per month for water and sewer.*



## El Dorado's landfill voucher program continues in 2025

The City of El Dorado will again be offering vouchers to the Butler County Landfill for 2025. You can call after Jan. 20 to see when they will be available or watch for the announcement on the City's Facebook page.

Through this program, two vouchers for free trips to the landfill will be provided to residents for each address within the El Dorado City Limits. These are not available for commercial properties or landlords. The vouchers do not cover the cost of mattresses or box springs. The county charges \$12 per mattress or box spring.

Residents can visit Public Works, 222 E. Second Ave., or City Hall, 220 E. First Ave., to pick up their vouchers for the Landfill. Residents will need to bring their driver's license showing they live at the address for which they are collecting the vouchers. The vouchers can then be used at your convenience through the end of the year. For more information or questions, call Public Works at 316-322-4481. You can learn more about the Butler County Landfill hours and regulations at [www.bucoks.com/274/Landfill-Recycling](http://www.bucoks.com/274/Landfill-Recycling).

## What's Happening in El Dorado

- Feb. 3 & 17 - City Commission Meetings
- Feb. 3 - Community Potluck @ Senior Center
- Feb. 5 - Chamber Chat
- Feb. 12 - Gardening Class: Seed Starting @ Bradford Library
- Feb. 13 - Thursday Speaker Series @ Kansas Oil Museum
- Feb. 18 - Coutts Brown Bag Program
- Feb. 18 - Library Book Club
- Feb. 20 - Live Band @ El Dorado Senior Center
- Feb. 27 - Chamber Annual Dinner



- Following a public hearing, the Commission approved amendments to the 2024 budget.
- The Commission approved a resolution establishing Urban Area Boundary Lines.
- The Commission approved the Urban Functional Classification System.
- The Commission approved a resolution removing the two-hour parking restriction for on-street parking in the downtown area.
- The Commission approved an agreement for airport taxiway edge lighting upgrades. The city will pay for 10 percent of the project, with 90 percent coming from a federal grant.
- The Commission approved an Ordinance terminating the El Dorado Investors Community Improvement District and related development agreement.
- El Dorado Main Street presented their quarterly report.
- The Commission approved a resolution redefining the boundary limits of the City of El Dorado.
- The Commission approved the 2025 Fee Schedule.

Watch the full meetings at [eldoks.com/135/Agendas-Minutes-and-Videos](http://eldoks.com/135/Agendas-Minutes-and-Videos)



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# PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

Here's a look at the larger projects for the City of El Dorado in 2024.



## Ballpark Improvements

**1** McDonald Stadium and Central Avenue and East Park ball fields received a number of upgrades that began in 2023 and continued throughout this year, including new fencing, turf, scoreboards, concessions/restrooms and more!



## Central Avenue Water & Wastewater

The City received a \$3 million B.A.S.E. grant, administered through the Kansas Department of Commerce to increase the carrying capacity of the water lines leaving our water treatment plant to better serve the city. At the same time, the City also received a \$1 million KDOT Cost Share Program grant for stormwater improvements to help reduce the potential of street flooding issues in our downtown area.

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## Automated Meter Infrastructure

**3** The Public Utilities Department was looking at alternative means to read water meters in order to enhance accuracy, aid in succession planning, convert to a single billing cycle, and address an outdated system. The Automated Meter Infrastructure was installed throughout the city in 2024, providing improved reliability and accuracy.



## Constant Creek Sewer Interceptor

The Constant Creek Sewer Interceptor Project is replacing an existing 15-inch, 75-year-old clay pipe sewer interceptor that runs along Constant Creek going toward the Wetlands and Water Reclamation Facility. The new sewer interceptor will be increased to a 24-inch pipe diameter to better meet existing flow along with future flows with growth.

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## Gold Fest New Location

**5** The 3rd annual Gold Fest posed a new set of challenges to bring the celebration to the community while the downtown area was in the middle of the Central Avenue Project. Staff worked with many community partners to not only find a new location, but bring all of the fun the community has come to expect.



## Mural Plaza Completion

El Dorado's Mural Plaza was completed with the addition of the three-foot tall concrete ELDO sculpture by Brickmob. This joined the murals by Brickmob and City of El Dorado Staff to complete the area, located at 110 W. First Ave. An additional baseball mural was added this year as well at McDonald Stadium.

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## Transportation Master Plan

**7** This project included a study of the local transportation network that looked at: existing traffic conditions; review and ranking of Capital Improvement projects related to the transportation network; future residential and industrial growth and its impact on the local transportation network; and transportation network capacity planning for existing roads based on future land uses and growth.